

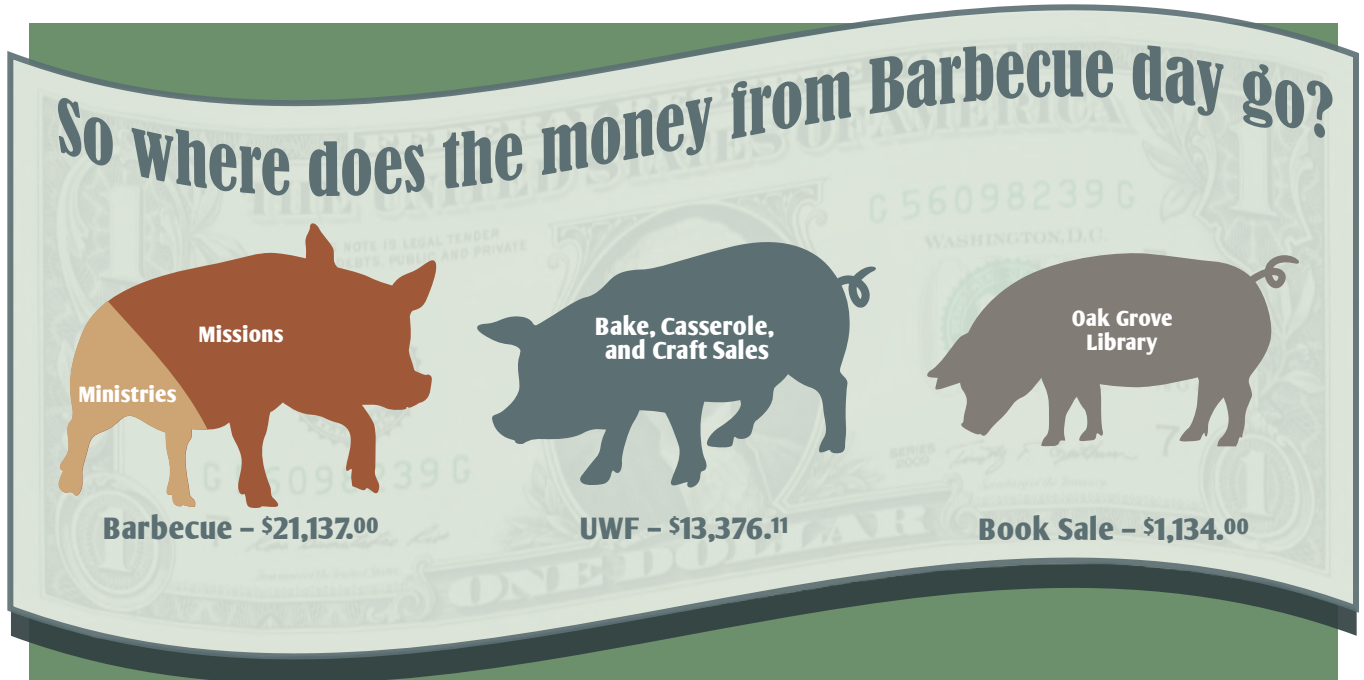


OAK GROVE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 18, 2024

First Sunday in Lent



We are glad you asked this question! 70% of the Barbecue money is allocated by our Serving Ministry Team to support mission ministries that serve people outside the church. Missions such as BreakThru House (a recovery residence for women located in south Dekalb County), Oak Grove's Mobile Soup Kitchen (provides lunch each week for unhoused individuals), Blessing Bags (weekend food bags for students at Montclair Elementary), our Refugee Family Ministry (working with New American Pathways to help new refugee families settle in the Atlanta area), and many more.

The remaining 30% of the Barbecue proceeds is distributed, by the Board of Stewards, to ministries inside Oak Grove, such as the Scouting ministries, Modern and Traditional Worship programs, Youth, Children, and Older Adult ministries, and any other internal programs that request additional funding.

In addition to the money raised by the Barbecue meal portion of the event, the United Women in Faith (UWF) also raise funds through their bake sale, casserole sale, and craft sale. These funds are distributed by the UWF to their mission partners here in the US and around the world. Finally, the Oak Grove Library committee also raises money for our Oak Grove Library through the book sale that coincides with the Barbecue.

So, the Barbecue is more than just a great day of food and fellowship! It is also a wonderful way to raise money to support our mission partners. We are proud of this long standing tradition and look forward to its continuation into the future with your support.



Connect with Oak Grove

Thank you for participating in worship today. We're glad you're here.

Open your camera app and scan the QR code to visit ogumc.org/connect to

- register your attendance
- ask to speak to a pastor
- sign up for congregational emails
- request to join the church
- or give online.

8:30 AND 11 A.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Gathering Music

Prelude on *Lobe den Herren*
James Pinder, Guest Organist

J. Walther

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Joseph McBrayer

Introit

God So Loved the World
Chancel Choir

J Stainer

*God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life.
For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.*

*Call to Worship

Dr. Beth LaRocca-Pitts

Even now, says the Lord, Return to me with all your heart.

Tear your hearts and not your clothing.

Return to the Lord your God,

for God is gracious and merciful.

*Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

UMH 139

*(At the 11:00 a.m. service, children in Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 1st grade are invited to leave for Children's Church during the last stanza of this Hymn. Children will return to the service on the final hymn. **If you are new to Oak Grove, please come with your child to the gathering area at the front and someone will assist you in getting your child checked in.)***

*Affirmation of Faith

from 1 Timothy (UMH 889)

Dr. LaRocca-Pitts

There is one God and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus, who came as a ransom for all,
to whom we testify.

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, and was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory. Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen.

Music

Swan and Morning Dew
Bryan Wysocki, vibraphone

M Fujita

A Morning Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Dr. McBrayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Anthem (11:00)

Grace

arr. M Hayes

Afternoon Choir

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound; that saved a wretch, a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now am found; I once was blind, but now I see. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and that same grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour when I first believed. Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already safely come; this grace hath brought me safe thus far, and surely grace will lead me home. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the glorious sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than since the day we first begun.

Psalter Lesson

1 Peter 3:18-25

(8:30) Dr. McBrayer

The Word of God for the people of God.

(11:00) Ruth Primm

Thanks be to God.

*Hymn

Stand By Me

UMH 512

Offertory Prayer

Dr. McBrayer

Our God, there is nothing we can give you to equal the sacrifice of your only Son our Lord. Therefore receive whatever we may give out of our poverty of spirit, to the glory and honor of His name. Amen.

Offertory Anthem

Morceau de Concours

G Faure

*Doxology

Brianna Slone, flute

Hamburg

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 9:8-17

Rev. Melissa Kime-Hall

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

**Now is the Time
...to Preserve Life**

Rev. Kime-Hall

*Hymn

Children of the Heavenly Father

UMH 141

(Those who wish to join the church are invited to come forward.)

*Benediction

Rev. Kime-Hall

*Postlude

Song 22

C.V. Standford

James Pinder, Guest Organist

MUSIC NOTES BY JOHN COWDEN

This morning we begin a new series: now is the time! We start by reading the story of Noah and consider God's preservation of life. Listen for the ways our hymns and service music reference God's care for us and preservation not just of our lives, but our health and well-being.

Today we welcome members of the Atlanta Contemporary Music Collective. They will perform a concert at Oak Grove on Saturday, March 2 at 7:30 pm. The Collective aims to bring contemporary classical music to audiences in Georgia by producing eclectic programming in unique venues, presenting world premieres of new works, and highlighting the incredible talent of our local freelance composers and performers.

*Congregation stand as able. **UMH: United Methodist Hymnal / TFWS: The Faith We Sing**
Children's Worship bags available at the front of the sanctuary to the right.
Nursery care available for children ages 3 and under in all worship services.

Worship Times and Locations

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.: Traditional (Sanctuary)
10:45: Modern (Fellowship Hall)

ONLINE: 10:45 a.m. – Modern Worship
ONLINE: 11:00 a.m. – Traditional Worship.
Facebook: [facebook.com/ogumc.org](https://www.facebook.com/ogumc.org)
YouTube: [youtube.com/ogumc](https://www.youtube.com/ogumc)

Our Pastors

Dr. Beth LaRocca-Pitts – *Senior Pastor* ext. 211
Dr. Amy Morgan – *Pastor of Service and Nurture* ext. 210
Dr. Joseph McBrayer – *Pastor of Connection and Digital Ministry* ext. 212
Bishop Larry M. Goodpaster – *Bishop in Residence*

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Leanne Herrmann – *Organist*

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Submitting Articles to the Oak Grove News:

Please be reminded that Thursday 12 pm is the deadline for information that you would like to add to the Oak Grove News. This will enable your article to appear in the following week's bulletin.

VISIT the Oak Grove website: ogumc.org and pull down "FORMS".
Fill out your information. Articles will run TWO times and may be edited for space. Indicate the two editions you prefer when the article is submitted. Thank you!

Connect With Us

Check the Oak Grove website for up-to-the-minute news on all events: www.ogumc.org/news

Make Sure You Stay in Constant Contact

Information on our ministries, news, and upcoming events is shared through our ConstantContact weekly congregational email. If your email address changes during the year, please contact Diane O'Steen, Membership/Database Admin., (dosteen@ogumc.org or 404-636-7558 ext.221)



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