

Oakland United Methodist Church  
5901 Mineral Hill Road  
Sykesville, MD 21784

February –April 2021



# Oakland Trumpet

## PASTOR’S CORNER

2021! A New Year has begun! While remnants of the past year still affect us, we are moving closer to resolutions that mean more than desired change in our personal lives. We will see a new term of government begin, we will see millions of vaccines injected, and hopefully we will see positive movement in the realization of real justice for all people in our nation and states.

For most of us as regular citizens we will not be involved in systemic change in any of the major issues which burst onto the scene in the previous year or reached their tipping point. We do not have the power, authority or position, to make policy or enforce civil law or cultural change. However, that does not leave us in the margin or dismiss us to the irrelevant. Our commission is to do more than contribute to social change by being instruments of eternal change.

The hard thing for me (I am sure I am not alone) is to realize that people are not the problem. The enemies greatest weapon is deception. Those who are still lost in their sin and even some well-meaning people of faith are deceived by the enemy’s humanistic ideologies and philosophies that draw so many away from the honoring of the one true God. Those who are deceived see the answer to the problems of the world in the institutions of government, education and social action, while the only true eternal resolution comes through faith and obedience to the God’s leading. He has given us His word to inform us and His Spirit to guide and empower us so that His will may be done on earth.

Our greatest weapon coming into the New Year will be prayer. We must pray for His leading to guide us to share His message of love. We must pray for His Spirit to lead us in generously ministering to those who most need compassionate love that will lead them to our Savior. We must pray as directed in the Word for our governmental leaders regardless of party affiliation. We must pray for God to reign supreme in our own hearts and reveal to us what is limiting our own experience of Him and turn away from those things. I look forward to our time of fasting this year to join you in an increased reliance on His Spirit and an increased corporate prayer for God’s glory in our lives.

Many have celebrated the ending of last year, but my hope is not in a new number on a page, it is in my God who is bigger than all the calendars of the world and who will live beyond the very concept of calendars altogether. My hope is not in a vaccine that prevents disease,



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**Rev. Robert Wellman**

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**HALL CALENDAR  
REMINDER**

We have heard nothing about whether the hall/kitchen will be open for any type of activity. Things change at the drop of a hat. All I can say is check with me and I will try to have an answer for you.

**Myrna**

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but a Savior who heals body and soul. My confidence is not in a governmental system that inconsistently attempts to help its people, but in an Eternal Kingdom ruled by a King who never changes.

I have high hopes for our New Year, and I hope you do too. My hopes are firmly grounded in the promises of one who is eternally faithful. I look forward to sharing all that the Lord will bring to our lives in this season. Continue to pray and see what God will do.

Pastor Bob

**WORSHIP**

The 2021 Flower Calendar is up. If you would like to dedicate the altar vases (\$30) or altar bowl(\$25) in memory or in honor of a friend or family member please contact Lois Mathis at 410-7950-3810. We still have Sundays available.

With the Lent/Easter season upon us we also have special bulletins you can dedicate in memory or in honor of a friend or family member. We will have special bulletins on Palm Sunday (3/28), Easter Sunday - Sunrise and Traditional service (4/4). The cost is \$15 per dedication. If you are interested please contact Jaelyn Wilson at jwilson@oaklandumc.org or 410-236-2442.

**LENTEN SERVICES** - All services are at the church unless noted.

Palm Sunday— March 28th —10:30 am

Holy Thursday — April 1st—7:00 pm

Easter Sunday – April 4th

6:30 am Sunrise service—hopefully at Liberty Boat Dock

10:30 am Traditional Easter Service

We will not be holding an Ash Wednesday or Good Friday Service due to Covid-19.

Know someone who is GRADUATING? Let us know! We will be honoring those accomplishments in June.

**2020 CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY BAZAAR UPDATE**

As you know due to covid-19 we cancelled the traditional **2020 37th Christmas In The Country Bazaar.**

We hope the world will be “healthy” again and we can plan on a traditional **2021—“Christmas in the County Bazaar”.**

More details will follow in the coming months so stay tuned.

**Co-Chairs: Diane Harpine, Martha Wilford, Myrna Tracey**

*“I am only one, but still I am one, I cannot do everything but I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something I can do.”*

*Chicken Soup for the Christian Soul*

## DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please do not forget to let the church secretary (**Jaclyn Wilson, 410-236-2442, [jwilson@oaklandumc.org](mailto:jwilson@oaklandumc.org)** or place your information in her “**secretary folder**” in the church office or the membership secretary (**Myrna Tracey 410-795-2029 [mjrcrafts2412a@aol.com](mailto:mjrcrafts2412a@aol.com)**) know of **any and all changes** in membership information. Remember we are not mind readers. Our records are only as good as you help us keep them. If your birthday or anniversary is not listed in the newsletter and you would like for it to be, please let us know. Thanks!

*No one is where they are by accident and chance plays no part in God’s plan.*

### **ADDITIONS TO THE 2019 DIRECTORY: \*indicates members**

#### **ADD:**

**KRATZMEIER, Elizabeth** , 410-552-8718  
1810 Vincenva Drive, Eldersburg, MD 21784

**SYMPATHY** is extended to the families of **Sue Hush, Mary Frank, Janet Kapraun, and Joann Prell.**

#### **PRAYERS FOR**

**Nancy Beltz-Debbie** Plummer’s cousin as she continues breast cancer treatment;  
**Tootsie Gibbs and family** in Conover, NC in the passing of her husband  
**Thomas E. Gibbs.**

The following welcome cards and notes and continue to need our special prayers:

**Tom & Teresa Brown**, (Tom Brown’s parents), 130 Lassiter Cir., Finksburg, MD 21048

**Bob Bruce**, 2821 Old Liberty Road, Sykesville, MD 21784

**Wanda Crestani**, (Myrna Tracey’s sister), 4210 14<sup>th</sup> Ave. EAST, Bradenton, FL 34208

**Brenda Gretzinger\***, P.O. Box 135, Sykesville, MD 21784

**Nancy Kelly\***, 2016C Rudy Serra Drive, Eldersburg, MD 21784

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**Edna Lander**, 2021C-1C Rudy Serra Drive, Eldersburg, MD 21784

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\*members

***“As people journey through life, they leave footprints wherever they go...***

***Footprints of kindness and love, courage and compassion, humor and inspiration, joy and faith. Make a resolution to make a difference in someone’s day.”***

***Morning is God’s way of saying one more time:***

***GO make a DIFFERENCE,***

***TOUCH a HEART,***

***ENCOURAGE a MIND,***

***INSPIRE a SOUL and***

***ENJOY the DAY!!***

***Mindful Christianity Today***

***AND ABOVE ALL REMEMBER TO SHOW:***

***RESPECT even to people who don’t deserve it.***

***RESPECT is a reflection of your character, not theirs.***

## OAKLAND BAKERS

In this issue is the **Advance Order Forms** for our delicious **Homemade Soups** and our beautifully handmade **Easter Eggs**. We thank you for your loyal support in all our fundraisers.

**Gail Martin**  
**410-795-8252/**  
**410-795-3833**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The finance committee is in need of a few individuals that would be willing to count the offering on Sunday mornings after church. It usually takes between 15 to 30 minutes to complete the count, complete the bank deposit slip & deposit bag, and take the funds to the bank. This could be on an on-call basis or a scheduled week/month of the year. If you are interested, please contact Daphne Dressler at (410) 596-7989. Thanks in advance for your consideration.

## THAT'S MY BRICK FUNDRAISER COMING SOON . . .



The finance committee has approved a “THAT’S MY BRICK” fundraiser for the beginning of March. More details to follow. Please keep your eyes open for this endeavor to help us raise money for our church and to be able to memorialize our love ones, celebrate special people in our lives, honor people that mean something to us, congratulate or give a gift that lasts forever.

If you are interested in finding out more before the Big reveal, please contact Daphne Dressler at 410-596-7989. We are hoping for brick loads of success so please keep your eyes & hearts open!! Remember, every fundraiser we hold is so that we are able to continue to praise our Lord.

## OUTREACH

Quick recap of 2020. We provided 16 Easter Baskets and a spring/summer outfit for the children in West Virginia. We also delivered several loads of used clothing, school supplies, new and used books for the Home School Library at the Church. At Christmas we were able to provide toys and some new clothing for 12 children and 3 bags of food for each of the families.

During the beginning of the pandemic two of us ladies we’re able to make and donate 160 masks for Doctors and Nurses at Mercy Hospital. We also sold enough masks to donate almost \$600.00 to Carroll County Food Sunday. We are now selling toddlers, kids, preteen, and men’s masks at church with all proceeds going to Carroll Food Sunday.

For Board of Child Care we were able to donate \$50.00 a month for Birthday presents and collected \$600.00 for Christmas presents. Do to the Pandemic the Board of Child Care requested money instead of us purchasing items from the angel tree.

We were able to stuff and ship 78 shoeboxes for Christmas Child. This was quite a feat since we had a month to collect and stuff the boxes due to the pandemic.

The Church also collected Food for a local family that was delivered before Christmas. Thanks to everyone who donated and helped with these projects.

For the month of February we will be collecting Tooth Brushes and Holders for shoeboxes. March we will be collecting Soap and Soap Holders. April we will be collecting water bottles or plastic glasses. This year we are trying to collect items each month. There will also be envelopes you can pickup to make a donation. Or add your donation to the weekly offering marking it on your envelope Xmas Child. Just \$1.00 here or there can make a difference.

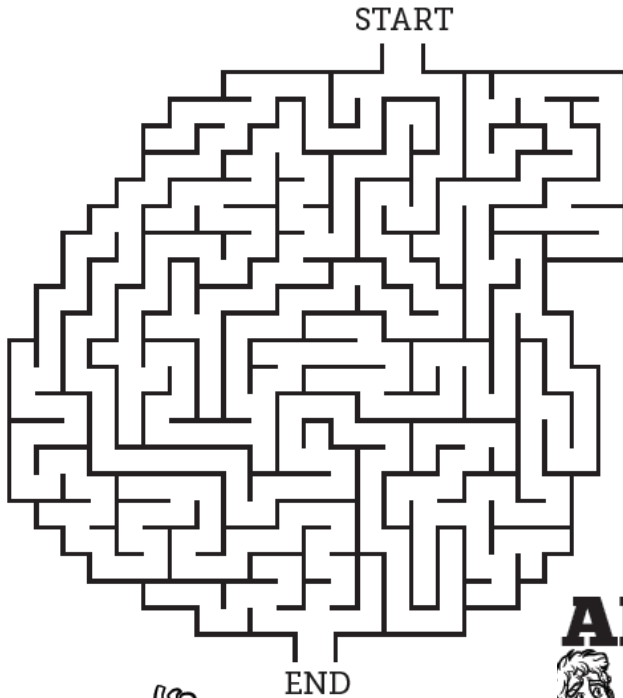
The first 3 Weeks in March we will be collecting items for Easter baskets for the West Virginia Mission. A list of items needed, will provided in your weekly Bulletins.

### **West Virginia Family Update**

In this newsletter I would like to highlight a teenage girl we helped for several years named Marlee. Marlee was 16 in 2015 when we got her on the Xmas list. She was very active in church helping with VBS, Sunday School just helping where ever needed. This girl was having a very hard time at home, helping take care of her grandfather and stepfather who just had a liver transplant. Her grandmother had just passed. Mom was working a lot of overtime to pay for the mounting medical bills. Marlee was left with all the household chores. Miss Fran took a Special interest and adopted Marlee for 2 Years. Marlee received a scholarship to WVU School of Nursing. The 1st year of school she did very well but the beginning of the second year, her grandfather passed. Just 3 months later her stepfather passed and Marlee quit school moved back home and went into a deep depression. Luckily, she received some great help from a Psychologist which got her back on track. Marlee and her Mom moved halfway between her Mom’s job and college. Marlee is now enrolled in a Psychology program, she wants to help other kids like she was helped. She has told Cara (minister’s wife) numerous times how much not just the Xmas presents, school supplies and college dorm items we sent meant to her, but just knowing that someone cared when she was overwhelmed. Marlee is now doing well in school and her part time job.

# Children's Corner

Guide Jesus to the young boy.



And Jesus said to him,  
"If you can!  
All things are possible  
for one who believes."  
Mark 9:23

## ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE

Discover the hidden words.



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### Word Bank

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|--------|-------|
| JESUS  | GOD   |
| CROWD  | DEAD  |
| BOY    | HEAL  |
| SPIRIT | DROWN |
| EVIL   | FIRE  |
| CAST   | WATER |

## 2021 VETERAN'S DINNER UPDATE

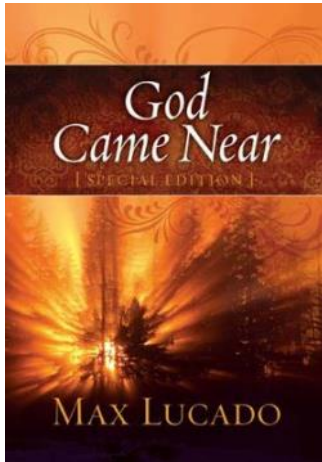
We are keeping our fingers crossed that we will be able to host the **2021 VETERAN'S DINNER**. Many conditions have to make a positive and healthy change.

**"You may never understand a veteran's sacrifice. But you can always show gratitude for it."**

**Gail Martin 410-795-8252/410-795-3833**

**GOD BLESS AMERICA!!!**

## BOOK CORNER



It all happened in a moment -- a most remarkable moment.  
God came near.

He came not as a flash of light or as an unapproachable conqueror, but as One whose first cries were heard by a peasant girl and a sleepy carpenter. The hands that held him were not manicured, but callused and dirty.

No silk. No ivory. No hype. No party. No hoopla. God had come near ... for you.

Travel back in time and relive Christ the Son of God becoming man. Come with Max as he brings to life the most important event in history ... when God came near. And as you catch a vision of this incredible moment, let it mark the beginning of a new life for yourself.

God came near. If he is who he says he is, there is no truth more worthy of your time.

## HERITAGE CORNER

### OUR FORGOTTEN HISTORY

Here at Oakland, we are privileged to be a part of local history. Our "old church" was built around 1860 as part of a growing community. It served many Methodist Episcopal families. It was built on land donated by William and Cecelia Beam and funded by local members of the community.

The beautiful stained-glass windows were donated by folks like the Melville's, Parkers, Brandenburg's and one window bears the name of the Reverend Thomas Wood.

As part of a county wide article, the latest newsletter of the Historical Society of Carroll County featured our historical church on the cover.

As your Historian, I bring you this information at this time, because I believe our history has been forgotten, or slowly slipping away.

For the last several years, the building has been used as a flea market for our annual Bazaar.

The pulpit where preachers delivered God's holy word is now piled with flea market items. The altar rail where babies were baptized, children were confirmed, and couples united in marriage is now piled with boxes and items waiting for sale. The altar chairs where clergy sat, are tossed aside in the "slave gallery".

I recently sent a written note to the church council to request a clean out of this sacred place so that we can once again celebrate our heritage. The council discussed hosting a Spring flea market that will dispose of more items, but no plans were made for a full clean out.

While I like a good flea market as I'm sure you do too, using this historic building as a storage shed, year after year, is slowly burying our past, I pray that our collective eyes will be opened soon, and we will be able to see where our ancestors knelt in prayer and paved the way for us to do the same.

Your Historian,

Cecelia Kelly

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*Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to our Friends and Members in February, March, and April!*

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY'S

4-Heidi Paetow  
6-Joshua Mixter  
7-Scott Adolph  
8-Melissa Pfaff  
9-Aaron Andrews  
9-Joshua Priest  
11-Daniel Graham, Jr.  
11-Scott Merkle  
14-Aidan Stevens  
16-Wendy Bopst-Streif  
17-Kelly Washington  
18-Roger Tracey  
20-JoAnn Keyser  
22-Gracelynn Martin-Runkles  
23-Joyce Ellis  
23-Jacob Mielke  
23-Brad Nicholson  
24-Chrissy Huether  
24-Justin Rouse  
25-Joshua Ambrose  
25-Dawn Goldrick  
28-Shellie Harpine  
29- Tiffany Miller

MARCH BIRTHDAY'S

2-James Hush  
2-Rob Stevens  
3-Kari Watt  
4-Robert Plummer, Jr.  
4- Megan Raines  
5-Johanna Pickett  
8-Jimmie Poole  
8-Rhett Nicholson  
8-Kristin Yates  
10-Cecelia Kelly  
10-Callie Streif  
11-Gordan Serrao  
11-Mary Wilson  
12-Kara Ruch  
13-Debbie Wisner  
13-Olivia Ruch  
14-Scott Kick  
15-Gary Serrao  
16-Brenda Cummings  
16-Camdyn Parrott  
17-Dale Frye  
18-Robyn Crum  
19-Sam Kendrick  
20-Eric Prematta  
24-Lindsay Davis  
25-Kendra Ruch  
25-Michael Finecey  
27-Catherine Agoris  
27-Madison Thompson  
28-Nicole Bogas Harper  
28-Donna Kiple  
29-Natalie Fountain

APRIL BIRTHDAY'S

1-Benjamin Ambrose  
2-Allison Helmick  
3-Cameron Harpine  
4-Susan Bouma  
4-Justin Watt  
7-Joy Watt  
8-Lisa Poole  
9-Mike Blum  
9-Sandra Ricks  
10- Elise Langrehr  
11-Susan Harris  
12-Tom Brown, Sr.  
12-Connie Burgoon  
13-Chris Paetow  
14-Mason Plummer  
15-Jamie Bouma, Sr.  
15-Rose Edmondson  
15-Tim Gehrke  
16-Dean Frye  
16-Larissa Nicholson  
18-Amy Gavrishv  
18-Sharon Tracey  
21-Christopher Anderson  
21-Amanda Plummer  
22-Andy Keller  
23-Debbie Anderson  
23-Mike Polk  
24-Mary Meadows  
24-Mary Jo Ridgely  
24-Lillian Wilson  
25-Judy Stansfield  
28-Bruce Anderson  
30-Jamie Bouma, Jr.  
30-Michael Meadows

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

3-Gene and Lee Stuples  
10-Brian and Melissa Pfaff  
13-Priss and Breeze Reed  
17-Scott and Lisa Merkle

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

19-Kim and Nick Thompson  
23-Mike and Debbie Blum  
28-Mary & Rich Franklin

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

7 - Harold and Peg Ludwig  
11-Deanne & Ryan Bellin  
14 - David and Judy Stansfield  
22 - Scott and Daphne Dressler  
24- Don and Danielle Yates

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“A CHURCH FOR ALL SEASONS SERVING GOD AND COMMUNITY”

**THINGS TO REMEMBER**

*As long as we have **memories** yesterday **remains***

*As long as we have **hope** tomorrow **awaits***

*As long as we have **love**, today is **beautiful***

*As long as we have **GOD**, anything is **possible***



Oakland Church  
 ADVANCE ORDER FORM  
**HOMEMADE SOUPS**

Something to warm you up is coming your way! Once again, we are offering you the opportunity to place advance orders for delicious homemade soups by the Oakland Bakers. Deadline to order is **February 7th**. The cost and what kind is listed below. All orders **MUST** be picked up **February 21st at the Hall**. If you can't pickup your soups this date, please order them frozen.

Please indicate below how many you would like. Give this form to Gail or call her at 410-795-8252 or 410-795-3833.

	PTS	QTS	FROZEN
Veg Beef \$5/\$10	___	___	___
Crab \$6/\$12	___	___	___
Chicken Noodle \$4/\$8	___	___	___
Tomato Basil \$4/\$8	___	___	___

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Oakland Church Bazaar  
 Advance **Easter Egg** Orders

Easter is just around the corner, so hop to it and place your orders. Deadline to order is **Feb 28th**. They will weigh a quarter pound, cost **\$3.00** and be available for pickup Sunday, **March 14th**.

Please indicate below how many and what flavor(s) you are interested in. Give this form to Gail or call her at 410-795-8252/410-795-3833.

Hand Dipped in Chocolate

Dark Choc ___	Milk Choc ___	Vanilla Butter Cream
Dark Choc ___	Milk Choc ___	Choc Butter Cream
Dark Choc ___	Milk Choc ___	Peanut Butter
Dark Choc ___	Milk Choc ___	Coconut
Dark Choc ___	Milk Choc ___	Cherry Nut

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

*2021 Speeggtacular Easter*  
**egg hunt**

Join Us For An Afternoon Of  
Fun For Ages 1 Through 6th  
Grade With Prizes &  
Surprise Bags! Please Bring  
Your Own Basket & Masks!!!

Saturday April 3, 2021 1-2 pm  
Oakland United Methodist Church Field  
5901 Mineral Hill Rd Sykesville MD 21784  
RSVP with # of children attending:  
Cherie Stevens (443-280-4716)

