

Oakton Church of the Brethren

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November 30, 2014

Music for Gathering

Announcements

Prelude *10,000 Reasons* **Insert**

* Call to Worship

* Opening Prayer

* **Hymn** *Give Thanks* **Insert**

*(Please bring your work/school/etc item(s)
to the front of the altar during this hymn)*

Children's Story

(After which, children aged 4 to 5th grade are invited to join Children's Church)

Scripture: Luke 1:26-48

Pew Bible NT pg. 56

Response *The angel Gabriel* **#180**

Invitation

Silent Prayer

Solo *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Statement

Offertory *Rejoice Medley*

(Ushers will collect the offering beginning at the back of the sanctuary)

Prayer

***Response** *Come Ye Thankful* **Insert**

(To the tune of Come, ye thankful people - #94)

Proclamation: The Light of Gratitude

Hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth* **#89**

(verses 1, 2, 3)

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

* **Hymn** *For the Beauty of Earth* **#89**

(verses 4,5)


* Benediction

* Postlude *To God Be the Glory*

* Please stand in body or spirit

WELCOME! If you are visiting today, we invite you to sign the guest book in the entryway and take home a newsletter and Oakton Church mug.

Large Print Materials and hearing assistance devices are available in the narthex.

 Bulletins may be recycled in the blue container in the narthex.

Today's Leadership

Sermon: *Randy Yoder*

Worship Leader: *Leslie Connolly*

Children's Story: *Jan Burket*

Readers: *Ellie Kosek, Bobby Schultz*

Acolyte: *Carter MacKinnon*

Children's Church: *Debbie Seidel and Cortland Comer*

Coffee Time: *Kim Ferrari*

Counters: *Harry Biddle and Leslie Connolly*

Organ: *June Fischer*

Bass: *Steve Schultz*

Musician: *Jan Fischer Bachman*

Solo: *Esri Lowe*

Song Leaders: *Hannah Seidel, Casey*

Comer, Emma Bachman

Nursery (SS): *Jan Burket*

Nursery (Worship): *Kay Lee, Casey*

Comer, Hannah Seidel

Greeters: *Kim Ferrari and Shirley Roth*

November Sanctuary Partner: *Kim Ferrari*

Sound System Technician: *Shanna Spangler*

The candle on the organ is lit in solidarity with our sister church, the *Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hope, Ramallah, West Bank*.

The green candle on the organ is dedicated to our brothers and sisters in the Nigerian Church of the Brethren.

November On-Call Deacons: *Shirley Roth and John Shafer*

December On-Call Deacons: *Vern Wingert and Jane Meadows*

Announcements

Children Attending Worship Service

Children's Church for ages 4 to 1st grade is held in the fall. Children are invited to the Children's Church room each Sunday after the children's story for age-appropriate worship and activities. Worship activity totes are provided for children who remain in the worship service. Nursery care is provided during worship as well.

BDM Spring Break Volunteer Group

Brethren Disaster Ministries has assigned the week of March 29-April 4 to our congregation. This is Easter week and spring break for Fairfax County public schools. We are putting together a team of volunteers for the Spotswood, NJ project. The minimum age is 14 accompanied by parent (15 without a parent). There is no cost to volunteer other than travel; BDM provides housing and food. If you can't do construction type work or manual labor, they often need a cook or cook's assistant, assistant household manager or errand runner. If you are potentially interested, contact Jan Fischer Bachman as soon as possible (janfischerbachman@yahoo.com).

On-call, ordained pastoral care is available by contacting the church office or pastor@oaktonbrethren.org

Upcoming Events (Church Office Hours Mon-Fri, 9AM-Noon)

Schedule Each Sunday: 9:00A Choir; 15A Coffee Time; 9:45A Sunday School; 11:00A Worship

- Sun 11/30/14** (Sunday Schedule above)
1:00-5:00 PM DMC Church (Korean)
4:00-7:00 PM IDP Church (Español)
- Sun 12/07/14** (Sunday Schedule above)
1:00-5:00 PM DMC Church (Korean)
4:00-7:00 PM IDP Church (Español)
5:00 PM Christmas Festival and Meal
- Tues 12/09/14 8:30A-5:00P Inova Health Bus (apt. required)
7:00 PM Worship/Music Committee Meeting
- Wed 12/10/14 7:30 PM Women's Support Group
- Fri 12/12/14 Sr High MAD Christmas Lock-in Fred. COB
- Sun 12/14/14** (Sunday Schedule above)
12:30 PM Women's Fellowship Christmas Party
1:00-5:00 PM DMC Church (Korean)
4:00-7:00 PM IDP Church (Español)
- Mon 12/15/14 6:30 PM Action/Reflection Committee Meeting
7:30 PM Board Meeting
- Wed 12/17/14 6:30 PM Property Committee Meeting
- Sat 12/20/14 5:00 PM Caroling
- Sun 12/21/14** (Sunday Schedule above)
1:00-5:00 PM DMC Church (Korean)
4:00-7:00 PM IDP Church (Español)
- Wed 12/24/14 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Service
- Thurs 12/25/14 OCoB Office Closed – Christmas Holiday
- Sun 12/28/14** (Sunday Schedule above)
1:00-5:00 PM DMC Church (Korean)
4:00-7:00 PM IDP Church (Español)
- Sun 1/4/14** (Sunday Schedule above)
12:30 PM Multigenerational "Sew-In"
1:00-5:00 PM DMC Church (Korean)
4:00-7:00 PM IDP Church (Español)
- Wed 1/7/14 7:00 PM Deacon Meeting

* Disciple Mission Church also uses the facility Monday morning Wednesday evening

* Pentecostal Church also uses the facility Wednesday and Friday evenings

Announcements, continued

Women's Fellowship Christmas Party

All ladies are invited to the Women's Fellowship Christmas Party on Sunday, December 14, immediately following church at the home of Kim Ferrari. We will have a mediation, reveal our Secret Pal, have a cookie exchange, and of course, eat! Bring an appetizer or dessert to share for the meal and if you wish to participate, three dozen cookies (no store bought please!) for the cookie exchange. If you don't have a Secret Pal, you may bring a present for a gift exchange. As we have done in previous years, there will be a collection for small toiletry items (travel size) that will be given to a local Women's shelter.

Coffee Time Assistance

Does your family enjoy Coffee Time and Breakfast treats each week? Please take a turn providing food and serving your brothers and sisters in Christ this way. Contact Kim Ferrari if you are willing to be added to the rotation starting in 2015.

Christmas Festival

Join us for the Christmas Festival on Sunday, December 7, 2014. From 5:00 until 5:30, there will be hot cider and Christmas music around a fire that will be sure to set the mood for the evening's pageant. At 5:45 we will begin the program of music, scripture, and reflection on the birth of Jesus presented by our own Oakton children and talented musicians. The evening will conclude with our traditional Christmas meal in the Fellowship Hall. Gluten Free food will be available. Consider joining in this evening of preparation for the Christmas season and the love of Christ.

Non-Perishable Food Collection for BNP

During the month of November, the Action Reflection Committee will be holding a non-perishable foods collection for the Brethren Nutrition Program (the soup kitchen) at the Washington City Church of the Brethren. These non-perishable items include: peanut butter, pasta sauce, rice, fruits, vegetables, beans and meat. Please do not accidentally donate any expired items. Legally, the soup kitchen cannot use anything that is beyond the expiration date. Donations can be placed in the large blue bin in the Narthex. Thank you for your support.

Children's Shoe Drive

Please consider donating gently used children's shoes. Please leave them in the box in the Narthex and Cathy Carson will drop them off for the Soles4Souls <http://www.soles4souls.org> non-profit.

Announcements, continued

Christmas Caroling – December 20th

Once again we will be Christmas Caroling to shut-ins on Saturday, December 20th. Please meet at the church at 5:00pm for Christmas caroling to local nursing homes, followed by a pizza party. Please contact Joel and Sue Comer with any questions.

Shepherd's Spring Cookie Camp 2014

Treat yourself to some cookies and a hot drink, then head home with your dough. Cookies are ready to bake! When you leave Shepherd's Spring, all cookies are ready to bake any time. The only exception is the Old Fashioned Sugar Cookie. We make the Sugar Cookie dough so you can spend time decorating them while you are at Cookie Camp. These will be baked before you go home. All the other cookies will not be baked at Cookie Camp. Take the unbaked dough home, and then you can bake them when you need fresh baked treats for friends and family. Please bring containers to take your dough home!

Cookie Options: Raspberry Jell-O, Peanut Butter, Chocolate Mint Chip, Old Fashioned Sugar, Monster M&Ms, Snickerdoodles, White Chocolate Cranberry

Choose from one of our many dates and times. There are two time slots for each of the following days; Nov. 29, 30* & December 1 - 3, 6, 7* - 9, 2014. Choose either 9:00A - 11:30A or 1:30P - 4:00P for most days, or the 2-4pm time (*Sunday dates are 2:00P-5:00P). Evening times are available for groups of 6 -10. Reservations are needed. Come; enjoy the holiday decorations and cookie making! Call to reserve your place (302-223-8193). The cost is \$48 with advanced registration.

Shepherd's Spring Christmas Dinner - 12/12/14

You are invited to bring a new unwrapped toy to be donated to Toys for Tots in the Hagerstown area. Our Staff will share their favorite toys from Christmas past as well as popular items through the years - of course there will be 12 toys to share! And another fabulous 12 layered dessert - all for only \$12! Reservations are requested by 12/08/2014.

MULTIGENERATIONAL OPPORTUNITY!

We have interested adults... We'll be looking to have a multi-generational event to impart these skills and make tote bags for the Church World Service School Kits children's offering mission project! Our "Sew-In" is tentatively scheduled for January 4th.

Announcements, continued

OCoB Women's Support Group to Meet December 10th

Our new Women's Support Group had their first meeting on October 28. We decided that the group will continue for at least 6 months, with meetings once a month on the second Wednesday, from 7:30-8:45 PM. The group consists of women from ages 25 to 95 and was formed to foster a time to come together in a safe place to share our joys and our challenges. Together we will continue to brainstorm about future topics for the monthly meetings. Interest has been expressed for continuing a time of sharing, with possible future topics on women's health issues, family relationships, parenting challenges, stress management, and spiritual development. Future meetings will be held on Jan. 14, Feb. 11, Mar. 11, and Apr 8. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Shirley Roth (240-461-2235; shirleyroth21@gmail.com) or Gretchen Zience (703-244-7190; gziencie@comcast.net).

Donations Requested for Children's Church

Children's Church is in need of healthy snacks. Contact Ms. Debbie if you would like to provide, cheese sticks, yogurt, fresh fruit or fresh snacks. Donations of dry, individually packaged snack are always welcomed.