

Oakton Church of the Brethren

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January 4, 2015

Music for Gathering
Preparing for Worship
Prelude

- * Call to Worship
- * Opening Prayer

* **Hymn** **10,000 Reasons** **Insert**
(Please bring forward your 2nd A Meal Offering during this hymn.)

Children's Story

(After which, children aged 4 to 1st grade are invited to join Children's Church)

Hymn **We praise thee, O God** **#99**

Invitation

Silent Prayer

Response **O Lord, Hear My Prayer** **#348**

Scripture: Ezekiel 47:12

Pew Bible OT pg. 817

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Statement

Offertory *Out of the Water* John Eddy

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

Prayer

Hymn **Grant us, Lord, the grace** **#388**

Scripture: Mark 1:7-11

Pew Bible NT pg. 34

Sermon: The River of Life

Hymn **Lord, I want to be a Christian** **Insert**

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

- * **Hymn** **God of Justice** **Insert**
- * Benediction
- * Postlude

* 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: *Dick Shreckhise*

Worship Leader: *Leslie Connolly*

Children's Story: *Dick Shreckhise*

Acolyte: *Eric Finet*

Children's Church: *Karen Richardson and Bobby Schultz*

Coffee Time: *Jane Meadows*

Musicians: *Jan Fischer Bachman,*

John Eddy and Steve Schultz

Nursery (SS): *Kim Ferrari*

Nursery (Worship): *Leah Landes,*

Michael Biddle, Emma Bachman

Counters: *Harry Biddle and Leslie Connolly*

Greeters: *Gretchen Zience and Mary Ellen Judd*

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.

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

Announcements

Pastor Office Hours

Below is the current schedule of office hours for Pastor Randy and Pastor Dick. If anyone has any questions, please don't hesitate to contact pastor@oaktonbrethren.org or call the office. If you would like to set up an appointment or visit with either Pastor Randy or Pastor Dick, please contact them directly at the phone numbers listed. Any changes to the schedule below will be communicated in the weekly eBanner and/or Sunday bulletin.

January 5th & 6th – 8:30am-noon – Pastor Dick

January 12th & 13th – 8:30am-noon – Pastor Randy

January 19th & 20th – 8:30am-noon – Pastor Dick

January 26th & 27th – 8:30am-noon – Pastor Randy

February 2nd & 3rd – 8:30am-noon – Pastor Randy

February 9th & 10th – 8:30am-noon – Pastor Dick

Pastor Randy – 847-849-0205 or 814-643-3221

Pastor Dick – 804-379-3589 or 717-371-6393

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

**Schedule Each Sunday: 9:00am Choir; 9:15am Coffee Time;
9:45am Sun. School; 11:00am Worship**

- Sun 1/4/15** (Sunday Schedule above)
1:00-5:00 pm DMC Church (Korean)
4:00-7:00 pm IDP Church (Español)
- Mon 1/5/15 7:00 pm Deacon Meeting
- Sun 1/11/15** (Sunday Schedule above)
12:00 pm Action/Reflection Committee Meeting
1:00-5:00 pm DMC Church (Korean)
4:00-7:00 pm IDP Church (Español)
- Tues 1/12/15 7:00 pm Worship/Music Committee Meeting
- Wed 1/14/15 7:30 pm Women's Support Group
- Sun 1/18/15** (Sunday Schedule above)
1:00-5:00 pm DMC Church (Korean)
4:00-7:00 pm IDP Church (Español)
- Mon 1/19/15 7:30 pm Board Meeting
- Wed 1/21/15 6:30 pm Property Committee Meeting
- Sun 1/25/15** (Sunday Schedule above)
12:00 pm Congregational Business Meeting (Carry-In Lunch)
1:00-5:00 pm DMC Church (Korean)
4:00-7:00 pm IDP Church (Español)
- Sun 2/1/15** (Sunday Schedule above)
1:00-5:00 pm DMC Church (Korean)
4:00-7:00 pm IDP Church (Español)
- Sun 2/8/15** (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)
- Tues 2/10/15 7:00 pm Worship/Music Committee Meeting

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

* IDP Church also uses the facility Wednesday and Friday evenings

Announcements, continued

Children Attending Worship Service

Children's Church for ages 4 to 1st grade is held in the winter. 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.

Business-Free Oasis

As we come to worship we give God our undivided attention. From January 4 through February 15 our worship time is designated as "Business-Free." During the worship hour and the fifteen minutes before and after worship we refrain from doing business (church business or otherwise). We limit our spoken announcements, turn off cell phones, and make every effort to maintain a God-focused oasis of time.

What is "2¢ a Meal" collected the first Sunday of each month?

You will see children and adults emptying their pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters or dollars into a collection basket at the worship table. This collection goes to help the Global Food Crisis Fund (GFCF) to assist in developing food security programs for hungry people. More information is at:

<http://www.brethren.org/gfcf> and Proverbs 14:31: "Kindness shown to the poor is an act of worship."

Vice Chair Needed for 2015

If you are a full member of Oakton, the Nominating Committee prayerfully asks you to consider serving on the Board as Vice Chair for 2015. The position requires attendance at Board meetings the third Monday of each month, substituting for the Board Chair when he is unable to attend.

We would like to spare those who are serving on the Search Committee from additional duties so they can concentrate on that process. If you have any questions, please contact Jan Burket, Mark Phillips, or Jane Meadows as soon as possible. We will need to know before the Congregational Business Meeting on Jan. 25.

MULTIGENERATIONAL OPPORTUNITY!

We have interested adults... We'll be looking to have a multi-generational event to impart their skills and make tote bags for the Church World Service School Kits children's offering mission project! The NEW DATE for our "Sew-In" is February 8th.

Announcements, continued

Women's Support Group

All women are invited to begin 2015 by joining this monthly group that meets on the second Wednesday of each month at the church. The next meeting will be January 14th from 7:30 to 8:45 pm. Each month the leader introduces a theme or question and then participants have the opportunity to share personal stories or experiences as they choose. There is also opportunity to share prayer requests and to pray together. If you have questions or would like further information, please call Shirley Roth (240-461-2235; shirleyroth21@gmail.com) or Gretchen Zience (703-244-7190; gziencie@comcast.net).

The Great Divorce: January 4 at 3:00

Join Marc and Leslie Connolly for an afternoon at the theater! Meet up at the Shakespeare Theater for a production of *The Great Divorce*. The Fellowship for the Performing Arts, a Christian theater group founded by Mac McLean, has adapted CS Lewis' classic *The Great Divorce* for the stage. For more information see: <http://greatdivorceonstage.com/about>. Marc and Leslie saw the Fellowship's adaptation of *The Screwtape Letters* several years ago and thoroughly enjoyed it.

Buy tickets at

http://www.shakespearetheatre.org/plays/evt_detail.aspx?id=424&source=1 or check out your favorite ticket discounter (like Goldstar) and join in!

From the web page: In **C.S. Lewis' *THE GREAT DIVORCE*** veteran Broadway actors bring some of Lewis' quirkiest, hopelessly flawed but still worth redeeming characters to life on stage in 90 humorous, witty and enchanting minutes. Showcased in an imaginative stage design that transforms the world of the play from bleak and dark to lush and beautiful, ***THE GREAT DIVORCE*** takes audiences on a fabulous bus ride from a suburb in Hell to a celestial new world on the outskirts of Heaven.

Messenger Subscription Renewal

Messenger renewals are due January 15, 2015. If you are a current subscriber and your membership is expiring in 2015, you have already received an email or phone call informing you of this. Renewal prices are \$14.50 for 1 year; \$27.00 for 2 years. Please place your check made out to Oakton Church of the Brethren (with Messenger of the memo line) in the white box in the Narthex labeled Messenger Subscriptions or give your check to Shirley Roth. First time subscribers can join for a bargain price of \$7.25 per year. Please call Shirley at 240-461-2235 if you have any questions.

Announcements, continued

Offering Envelopes Available

If you don't already use them, please let Jerry Anne Kines know if you would like to receive offering envelopes to help with your giving. It makes the counters and financial secretary's jobs a little easier when you use them. Contact Jerry Anne at KinesDesigns@gmail.com

BDM Spring Break Volunteer Group

Brethren Disaster Ministries (BDM) 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).

Offering Summary--December

Week	Offering	Budget	+/-	
7-Dec	\$3,547.00	\$4,405.00	-\$858.00	December 28 Attendance: 66 Budget Giving: \$2,768
14-Dec	\$3,351.00	\$4,405.00	-\$1,054.00	
21-Dec	\$5,294.00	\$4,405.00	\$889.00	
24-Dec	\$1,590.00		\$1,590.00	
28-Dec	\$2,768.00	\$4,405.00	-\$1,637.00	
	\$16,550.00	\$17,620.00	-\$1,070.00	

2014 Budget Recap	
Income through December 28	\$207,329
Income Needed to Meet Budget	\$229,060
How We're Doing - YTD	-\$21,731