



United Methodist Church of Owatonna

February, 2025

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8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Sunday Schedule

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:15 a.m. Connect Club

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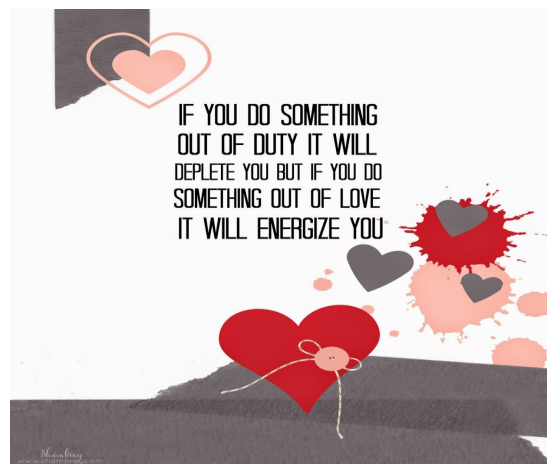
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"All Shall Be Well"

Julian of Norwich famously wrote, "All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well." Her words have comforted countless souls over centuries, reminding us of the steadfast love of God, even when life takes an unexpected turn.

Lately, I've been holding onto those words a little tighter. Some of you know I've had knee trouble for a while. I always figured I'd need a new knee eventually, but I thought it would be on *my* timeline—when I was good and ready, with plenty of time to plan. But, surprise! Life had other ideas.

It started with this sharp, searing pain that felt like I'd seriously injured my knee. When I met with the surgeon, I thought he'd tell me I tore my meniscus or ACL. Turns out, those were part of the problem, but the real issue? My knee was just done. Years of arthritis had taken their toll, and it was time for a total knee replacement.

So, here we are. My surgery is scheduled for February 17th, and I'm asking for your prayers—not just for me, but for the surgeon, the medical team, and everyone who will be taking care of me. I'd also love your visits, and hey, I never say no to food! (Seriously, I'm not picky.) This whole experience has reminded me that life doesn't always go the way we plan. It happens on God's time, not ours. And that's not always easy to accept. But through it all, God is right there, walking with us, guiding us, and reminding us that we're never alone.

Romans 8:38-39 puts it perfectly: *"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

As we head into this new year, I invite you to reflect on where God might be asking you to trust His timing.

Whatever challenges or surprises come your way, remember this: God is good all the time, and all the time, God is good. And yes, all *shall* be well.

With love and gratitude, Pastor Lisa

FEBRUARY WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

February 2-8: Donald & Carolyn Huff; Bret Huisenga; Erick Huisenga; Sydney & Chloe Turner, Elijah McKenna; Kyle & Alyssa Huisenga; Jackson & Archer; Dennie & Lori Huisenga; Ben; Nancy Hunt

February 9-15: Barbara Hvitved; David & Jane Ihrke; Gene & Kathy Jackel; Elliot & Sunny Jenkins; Steve & Karen Jensen; Dennis & Judy L. Johnson

February 16-22: Diana Johnson; Judy A. Johnson; Donna Kading; Joan Kaiser; Daryl & Karen Kanne; Lanette Kaplan

February 23-March 1: Jeremiah & Stacy Kasten; Dave Kilwine; Dann & Sarah Kleeberger; Marcia Kleeberger; Brandon Kos; Sally Kos

WHY WE PRAY? As Christians, we should be reminded to ask for God's guidance and pray over our friends, family and members of our congregation. Please just take a minute or two daily to have a conversation with God. You can be on a walk, driving, getting ready in the morning...there is never a time that doesn't work for God. He always has time to listen to your prayers!



Pastor Lisa Vick is available for home visits and counseling when requested, as well as hospital visits when informed.

Remember that the hospital does not inform us of your admission. Pastor Lisa can be reached at (612) 558-5316.



Council of Stewards Meeting Date:

Sunday, February 23rd
At 10:15 a.m.
in the Matthew Room



Join us in the Fellowship Hall
for Craft Day!

Friday, February 7th, 2025

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Bring a your craft, a snack to share and your own lunch.
Beverages will be provided.



Book Study, Meeting, Coffee,
Crafting or Knitting?
Community Events you want to share?
Get it in our Newsletter!

Newsletter Deadline

For March Newsletter:
Wednesday, February 12th, 2025



Join the **KnitWits** in
the Matthew Room
every Thursday at 4 p.m.
to enjoy needlework,
conversation and fellowship.

Brenda Ambe is a great resource for
knitting challenges and will be present
to assist with projects.



Debbie Williamson	2/2
Mary Van Binsbergen	2/5
Robert Hillesland	2/9
Chris Vavra	2/11
Judy A. Johnson	2/14
Megan Gochnauer	2/22
Bethany Schroht	2/22
Nate Smith	2/23
Audrey Schroht	2/24
Stacy Kasten	2/25
Judy Phillips	2/27



Save the date for the next Community Meal!

Wednesday, February 19th, 2025
in the Fellowship Hall
served from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Menu

Spaghetti
Salad
Vegetable
Garlic Bread
Desert



If you are unable to make it church on Sunday, and not able to watch on Live-Stream on Facebook, you may go to our church website: www.owatonnaumc.org

1. Click on : **Watch on Owatonna Live**
2. Scroll down to: **Worship Services**
3. Click on: **United Methodist of Owatonna**
4. **Then simply choose the service you'd like to watch and click on it.**



Coffee at Hy-Vee takes place every 2nd Wednesday of the month. Won't you join us this month? February 12th, 2025 at 9 a.m. Fellowship and coffee and food!
What could be better?



Mn Adult & Teen Challenge

Date Just Confirmed!
Mn Adult & Teen Challenge
will be here Sunday,
February 9th, 2025
Sanctuary Worship

Potluck will be served following the service.



Potluck

As a way to thank the Mn Adult & Teen Challenge group, we would once again like to provide a potluck meal for them.

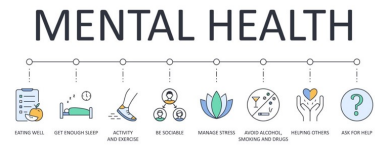
There are sign up sheets in the Narthex and down in the Fellowship Hall.

You may make something, or bring something from the store to share. All are welcome to join in the lunch!



Save the Date! March is OUMC's month to deliver for Meals on Wheels.

If you're interested in helping, please call the church office or you may contact Sandy Emry.



Introducing Our New Wellness Group: Coming Together in Christ

We are living in challenging times. Many of us are facing physical struggles, emotional burdens, and spiritual uncertainties. It has been on our hearts to find a way to meet these needs in our congregation and community, and we believe the only way to do that is to come together in Christ.

That's why we're launching a new *Wellness Group*, a Christ-centered ministry designed to support the whole person—body, mind, and spirit. This group will serve as an umbrella for efforts that address:

Physical Wellness: Encouraging healthy living and self-care.

Emotional Support: Providing prayer, comfort, and resources for those navigating grief or life transitions.

Spiritual Growth: Strengthening our faith and connection through Christ's love. This ministry is also about building connections. From prayer and care to fun events and shared fellowship, the Wellness Group invites us to walk alongside one another, lifting each other up in love and support.

A Place for Everyone:

This ministry welcomes all ages and abilities. God has given each of us unique gifts, and together we can create a vibrant, inclusive ministry that reflects His love.

Let's come together in Christ to bring hope and healing to our community.

Our first meeting will be after church on February 2nd. If you have questions, please talk to Pastor Lisa.



“SOUP”er Bowl Sunday

February 9th, 2025

Whether you are cheering for the Kansas City Chiefs or the Philadelphia Eagles, it's always a good time to cheer on our local **Community Pathways!** You can bring in canned or bagged soup for "SOUP"er Bowl Sunday! We will have a collection bin in the Narthex!

For your convenience, we will collect the first 2 Sundays of February. Remember, we will be collecting both the canned, and bagged soup for our local **Community Pathways** shelves!

Change in donation policy effective February 1st, 2025

Monetary donations made to other local missions, will need to have checks made out directly to that organization, and no longer to the church. We will still accept donations for UMC Special Sundays. ie, Human Relations Day, UMCOR, Native American Ministries, Peace With Justice, World Communion, and United Methodist Student Day. Those donations will still be applied to your Giving/Pledge.

We do a lot with local charities, like Community Pathways, Men's Hospitality House and Rachels Light, just to name a few. (They are now combined and will now be "Lighthouse" for fundraising purposes.) If we are doing a collection of items, and you would like to give a monetary donation, we will collect cash or checks made out to the organization and deliver the checks at the end of the month, along with the items that we've collected. This donation would not be applied to your Giving/Pledge.

We can still help make a difference globally and locally!



United Women of Faith Events:

Dates for February:

*** Coffee at Hy-Vee:**

Wednesday, February 12th, 2025

at 9:00 a.m. at Hy-Vee Kitchen



*** United Women of Faith Board Meeting:**

Tuesday, February 4th, 2025

in the Matthew Room @ 1:00 p.m.

*** Charity Circle Meeting:**

Tuesday, February 25th, 2025

in the Fellowship Hall @ 2:00 p.m.

*** Faith Circle Meeting:**

Wednesday, February 26th, 2025

In the Fellowship Hall @ 9:00 a.m.

Reminder:

1. If you have moved, please fill out a card and update your information.
2. If you no longer have a landline, please update your phone number with your cell #.
3. If there are any changes, please provide and update and turn the form into the collection plate, or to the Church Office.

We are updating our records and need your help. Please fill out this card and return it to the collection plate, or the mailbox outside of the office. We appreciate your help in filling this out in the month of January.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone (1): _____ Cell Phone (2): _____

Family E-mail: _____

Birthday Date (1): _____ (2): _____

List children names and birthday: _____

_____ Check here if we are able to share your contact info in a future church directory.

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1. Sponsor a “Snow Removal”
2. Clorox Wipes




Items for Church “Wish List” may be placed on the shelf in the Narthex. If you wish to donate to the **“Snow Removal Sponsor”**, please write on your giving envelope and all money will go towards the snow removal bill. Thank you!

Sponsor a “Snow Removal”

We are now shifting our “WISH LIST” request to “SNOW REMOVAL SPONSORSHIP” The funds will go to the parking lot snow removal, sidewalk shoveling, and sand/salt to keep everyone safe during our Minnesota Winter. We are expecting it to be snowy this year and with the rising cost of labor, supplies and gasoline...we might “make up” for last years low snowfall numbers. Look for the new **“WISH LIST”** (**BLUE**) Post-it-Notes on the bulletin board.





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1  Bring Soup on Sunday!
2 * 9:00 a.m. Worship w/ Communion * 9:15 a.m. Connect Club * 10:15 a.m. Wellness Group Meeting Groundhog Day	3 <—Bring in your SOUP"er Bowl Soup for Community Pathways	4 * Noon PL @ Ministry Lunch * 1:00 p.m. UWF Board Meeting in the Matthew Room	5 * 9:30 a.m. PL @ Bridgewater	6 * KnitWits @ 4 p.m.	7 * 9 a.m-4 p.m. Craft Day in the FH	8  Bring Soup on Sunday!
9 * 9:00 a.m. Worship w/MN Adult & Teen Challenge * 9:15 a.m. Connect Club * 10:15 Potluck in FH	10 <—Bring in your SOUP"er Bowl Soup for Community Pathways	11	12 ~Newsletter Deadline!!!~ * 9:00 a.m. Coffee @ Hy-Vee * 10 a.m.-3 p.m. PL Zoom meeting: Shmita Lincoln's B-day	13 * KnitWits @ 4 p.m.	14  Valentines Day	15
16 * 9:00 a.m. Worship @ * 9:15 a.m. Connect Club	17 * Pastor Lisa's Knee Surgery	18	19 * 9:30 a.m. PL @ Bridgewater * 6:00-7:00 p.m. Community Meal * 9:30 a.m. Newsletter Assembly in MR	20 * KnitWits @ 4 p.m.	21	22 Washington's Birthday
23 * 9:00 a.m. Worship @ * 9:15 a.m. Connect Club * 10:15 a.m. Council Meeting in the Matthew Room	24	25 * 2:00 p.m. Charity Circle meets in the Fellowship Hall	26 * 9:00 a.m. Faith Circle meets in the Fellowship Hall	27 * KnitWits @ 4 p.m.	28	
	Monday's are Pastor Lisa's Day Off. Please call the office for any assistance needed. 507-451-4734					MR- Matthew Room FH- Fellowship Hall PL: Pastor Lisa MOW- Meals on Wheels

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~FEBRUARY, 2025~

Sunday worship services
are available 24-7 on

www.owatonnalive.com

You can also watch live on
Facebook at 9 a.m. Like our page to keep up
to date on events at OUMC!