



United Methodist Church of Owatonna

May, 2025

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Owatonna United Methodist Church

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday
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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Goodbye frost,
hello sun,
May's sweet
magic has begun!



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From the Pastor...

Yep, It's Still Easter

By the time you read this, the lilies will be drooping, the trumpets will be silent, and if you're anything like me, the chocolate eggs will be long gone.

And yet—it's still Easter.

We tend to think of Easter as a single day, a one-time celebration, but the truth is, Easter is a season. More than that, it's a way of living. And in this particular season, I find myself holding Easter with a tender heart.

I've started packing. Not everything yet, but enough that I can't ignore it. I'm still very much here with you—but also slowly preparing for the next step. And it's not easy. Packing is never just about boxes and tape; it's about memories, emotions, relationships. It's a holy kind of ache. I'm feeling it already. Maybe that's why the story of Thomas is speaking to me so deeply this year.

Every year, the Sunday after Easter, we read John 20. The disciples are behind locked doors. Jesus appears and offers peace. But Thomas isn't there. He hears the others' joy, but he wants to see for himself. He needs to touch the wounds, to know the resurrection is real—not just for them, but for him.

And Jesus meets him there.

I've always loved that part. Not because Thomas doubted, but because he was honest. He wanted to *know*. He wanted a real encounter—and he got one. Jesus didn't scold him. Jesus just showed up. That's the invitation Easter gives us—not to have it all figured out, but to be open. To keep seeking. To keep watching for the ways Jesus still shows up in our lives. Not just in big, triumphant moments, but in quiet ones too—in packing boxes and goodbye hugs, in the laughter of kids at church, in the prayers we whisper when no one else hears. Methodist Theologian Natalya A. Cherry talks about *believing into Christ*—not just believing *in* Christ like checking a box, but stepping into a relationship. Letting that belief change us. Letting it carry us through transitions, through grief, through uncertainty. Letting it call us into new life—even when we aren't quite ready for it.

That's the real work of Easter. And it's just beginning.

So yes, I hope your Easter Sunday was beautiful. But even more, I hope these days *after* Easter are full of grace. I hope you feel the presence of Christ meeting you where you are—again and again.

Because Easter isn't over. And neither is what God is doing in you—or in me—or in us, together, even as we prepare to walk into new seasons.

Blessings,
Pastor Lisa



MAY WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

April 27– May 3: Rosalind Shore; Kari Shubert: Caitlynne & Cody Bussert; Kevin & Julie Smith: Nate & Alexis; Laura Souba; Brenda Staats; Gary Staats

May 4-10: Gaylene Steckelberg; Sara Jean Stewart; Reid & Daria Stransky; Joseph, Zacharia, Jerome & Darian; Katie Swanson; Breanna Terpstra; Kevin & Debbie Terpstra

May 11-17: Mitchell Terpstra; Thomas Thiele; Robert & Rebecca Turnbull; Lanny & Naomi Uber; Kermit & Susan Urbain; Howard & Mary Van Binsbergen

May 18-24: Chris & Melissa Vavra; Landen & Madysen; Shannon & Pastor Lisa Vick; Brody & Katie Voss; Barbara Wahl; Dan & Patsy Wall; Derrick Wersal

May 25-31: Carl & Denise Wieman; Daniel Wieman; Matthew Wieman; Rick Wilker; Debbie Williamson; Steve & Jan Yahnke

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!



Join us in the Fellowship Hall
for Craft Day!

Friday, May 9th, 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 June Newsletter:
Wednesday, May 14th, 2025

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,
May 25th, 2025
in the
Matthew Room



**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.



5/1	Keith Loquai
5/2	Michael McColley
5/5	Mavis Higgins
5/6	Kathy Jackel
5/7	Kyle Huisenga
5/8	Patricia Holm
5/9	Pat Bentley
5/10	Brant Dirks
	Pam Mount
5/12	Derek Harvey
	Breanna Terpstra
5/13	Jan Yahnke
5/14	Ben Huisenga
5/15	Greg Matthes
	Marian Miller
5/16	Don Miller
	Elliot Jenkins
	Bruce Dirks
5/18	Trisha Hortop
5/19	Todd Schneider
	Jeremy Saufferer
5/24	Katie Swanson
	Carole Schroeder
5/25	Brenda Ambe
5/27	Shirley Olson



May Anniversaries

Larry & Wanda McLagan
 Jay & Kathryn Krause
 Dave & Jill Hoggard
 Donald & Carolyn Huff
 Robert & Rebecca Turnbull
 Steve & Amy Mussman



Scouts Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser

May 18th, 2025

10:00 a.m. to Noon

The Scouts will be selling advance tickets at
 The Owatonna United Methodist Church on
 May 11th, 2025 for \$9.00 each.

You may also contact Sally Kos for
 tickets as well.

Kids 5 and under are free!

Gluten-free options are available



Reminder:

1. If you have moved, please fill out a card and update your information. (Card in Narthex)
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.

**IF THERE ARE BIRTHDAY'S OR ANNIVERSARY'S
 MISSING FOR ANY MONTH, PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL
 THE CHURCH OFFICE SO WE CAN MAKE SURE YOU
 ARE RECOGNIZED.**



Coffee at Hy-Vee takes place every 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Won't you join us this month? May 14th, 2025 at 9 a.m.

Fellowship, coffee and food!

What could be better?

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. i.e., 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 cannot not be applied to your Giving/Pledge.

We can still help make a difference globally and locally!



If you would like an announcement handout, you may pick one up on the table in the Narthex before/after the Worship service, or ask your usher for one.

We also post a "What's Happening This Week" on Facebook every Monday.

If you are unable to make it to church on Sunday, and not able to watch the 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.

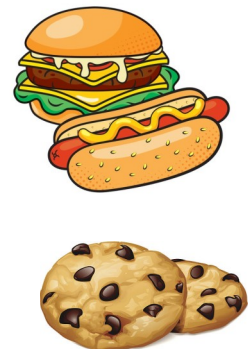


Community Dinner **May 14th, 2025**

This will be the last dinner until September.

Menu

Hamburgers
Hotdogs
Baked Beans
Potato Salad
Chips
Cookies
and Beverages



Sally Kos will be heading off to
Camp Wilderness BSA
May 27th-Aug 9th
Her address will be:
29984 Journey Trail
Park Rapids, MN.
56470





United Women in Faith Events:

Dates for May:

- * **Coffee at Hy-Vee:**
Wednesday, May 14th, 2025
at 9:00 a.m. at Hy-Vee Kitchen
- * **United Women in Faith Board Meeting:**
Tuesday, May 6th, 2025
in the Matthew Room @ 1:00 p.m.
- * **Charity Circle Meeting:**
Tuesday, May 27th, 2025
in the Fellowship Hall @ 2:00 p.m.
- * **Faith Circle Meeting:**
Wednesday, May 28th, 2025
In the Fellowship Hall @ 9:00 a.m.



We need Volunteers for Sunday Fellowship!



There is a new sign-up sheet
in the Narthex.

We need:

- * 1 person to pick up the donuts Sunday morning from Mineral Springs Kwik Trip.
- * 1 person to make coffee and set up.
- * 1 person to clean up.

We are no longer serving coffee in the Narthex. Please come down to the Fellowship Hall after Worship for a cup of coffee, donuts and fellowship!



~Mission of the Month ~ May/June

Each year, churches in the Minnesota Annual Conference take a [Love Offering](#) for missions in conjunction with our Annual Conference Session. Our Love Offering theme this year is "Love in Action." Bishop Lanette Plambeck invites congregations to pray about and participate in the Love Offering as we put love into action.

This year's Love Offering will go to:

- * Africa University for student scholarships (30%)
- * Immigration Law and Justice Net work (30%)
- * OC Ministries (20%)
- * Midwest Mission (20%)

**We will collect the Love Offering for the
month of May through June 8th, 2025**



**Minnesota
Annual Conference**
of the United Methodist Church

**The MN Annual Conference
will be taking place on:
June 11th-13th, 2025**

If there is anyone from the congregation who would like to attend with Pastor Lisa, or need more information, please talk with her at your earliest convenience.



The month of June is our month to deliver meals.

If you would like to deliver on Wednesday's give Sandy Emry a call to get more information on this important ministry!



A BIG shout-out to Diana Johnson and her daughter, Trisha Hortop for their faithful service of Sunday morning coffee and donuts during the Fellowship time.



Volunteers are needed for Sunday Fellowship!

SAVE THE DATES:

- ♦ JUNE: MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERY
- ♦ JUNE 11-13: 2025 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
- ♦ JUNE 19TH, NOON TO 6: BLOOD DRIVE
- ♦ JULY 19TH: RUMMAGE SALE (INFO TO COME)
- ♦ SEPTEMBER 8TH, NOON TO 6: BLOOD DRIVE
- ♦ OCTOBER 4TH: OCTOBER FEST

Owatonna United Methodist Church Scholarship Applications

May be picked up in the office, Narthex or on our Website or you may contact the office at:

Phone: 507-451-4734 or Email: oumcoffice1@gmail.com **Due: July 1st, 2025**

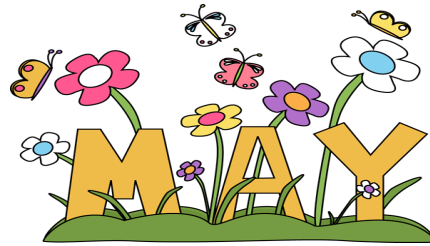
Guidelines:

1. You or one of your parents/guardians must be a member or active participant of the Owatonna United Methodist Church.
2. There is a 5 year limit to receiving scholarship support.
3. Please note that the application requires a current transcript.
4. Application deadline is July 1st, 2025.
5. Scholarship recipients will be notified by August 1st, 2025.
6. Scholarship checks will be dispersed upon receipt of the transcript showing completion of the first semester of Post-Secondary education.



Gather in Christ's name, grow in God's love, and serve all people.





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 * KnitWits @ 4 p.m. May Day	2 May Friendship Day	3
4 * 9:00 a.m. Worship w/ Communion * 9:15 a.m. Connect Club Native American Ministries Sunday	5 Cinco de Mayo	6 * Noon PL at Ministry Luncheon * 1:00 p.m. UWF Board meeting in the MR	7 * 9:30 a.m. Pastor Lisa @ Bridgewater	8 * KnitWits @ 4 p.m. * PL gone for off-site class 8:30 am to 4:00 pm	9 * 9a.m.-4 pm Craft Day in the FH	10
11 * 9:00 a.m. Worship I * 9:15 a.m. Connect Club Mother's Day	12	13	14 ~Newsletter Deadline!!!~ * 9:00 a.m. Coffee @ Hy-Vee	15 * KnitWits @ 4 p.m.	16	17 Armed Forces Day
18 Heritage Sun. * 9:00 a.m. Worship @ * 9:15 a.m. Connect Club * 10am-2pm Scouts Spaghetti Dinner Fund-raiser in the FH	19	20	21 * 9:30 a.m. Pastor Lisa @ Bridgewater	22 * KnitWits @ 4 p.m.	23	24
25 * 9:00 a.m. Worship @ * 9:15 a.m. Connect Club * 10:15 a.m. Council Meeting	26 ~Office is Closed today~ Memorial Day	27 * 2:00 p.m. Charity Circle meets in the Fellowship Hall	28 * 9:00 a.m. Faith Circle in the FH * 9:30 a.m. NL Assembly in MR	29 Ascension Day * KnitWits @ 4 p.m.	30	31
	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



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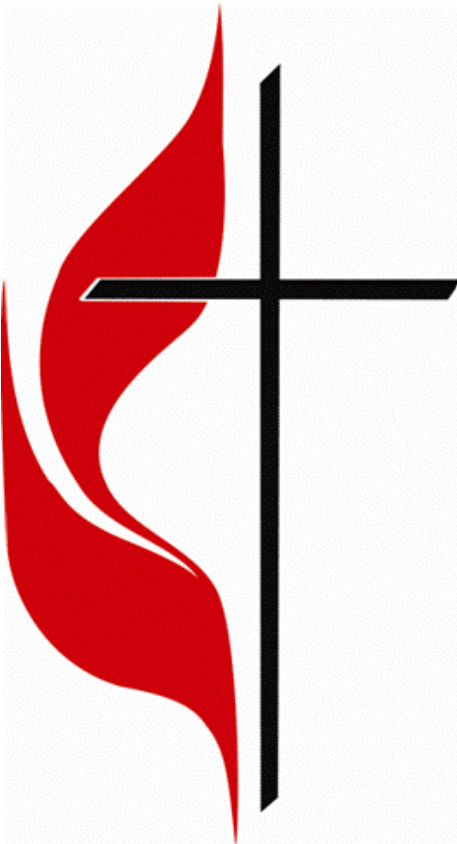
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are available 24-7 on

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!