



United Methodist Church of Owatonna March, 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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Hello March

M ay the early spring

A waken your soul and

R emind you to

C elebrate the season with the

H ope and Joy it brings



~Greetings from Karen~

As many of you may know, Pastor Lisa is out of the office recovering from her knee surgery on Feb. 17th. This year

the Season of Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, March 5th. This meaningful Worship Service will take place in the Sanctuary at 6:30 p.m.

We will then start up with our Soup Suppers every Wednesday of March, beginning on the 12th through April 2nd. The Soup Suppers will be served from 5:30-6:15 p.m. ***Sign up sheets are in the Narthex for soup or bread*** We will remain in the Fellowship Hall for the Lenten Worship Services to start at 6:15 p.m. There will not be a Community Dinner the month of March.

If you are interested in following along with the Lenten Devotional, please let Karen know you would like one. We are asking for \$2.00 to cover the cost of printing.

Save the Dates:

April 9th, 2025

The Community Dinner will be a little different this month. There will be more information in the April Newsletter.

April 24th, 2025

Our next American Red Cross Blood drive will take place in the Fellowship Hall noon-6 p.m.

We can't wait to see you for Lenten Worship! If you are not able to make it to church and would like a Lenten Devotional Booklet sent to you, please call the church office.

(The cost would be \$3.00)



Blessings to all, Karen

FEBRUARY WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

March 2-8: Darlene Kraay; David & Jean Krause; Jay & Kathryn Krause; Sherry Lehigh; Tim Lehigh; David & Rebecca Linders

March 9-15: Mary Lou Lipelt; Keith Loquai; Tammy Loquai; Michelle Lund; Karson; Greg Matthes; Marion McDilda

March 16-22: Lary & Wanda McLagan; Allan & Nancy Miller; Don Miller; Marian Miller; Christ Minske; Michele Minske

March 23-29 Mary Monson; Pam Mount; Steve & Amy Mussman; Bill Nespor; Sam & Maggie Ochocki; Troy; Loren & Mary Olson

March 30-April 5: Shirley Olson; Audrey Parker; Phillip Parker; Daniel Peach; Jeffrey & Sheri Peach; Dorothy Petersen

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!

**Craft
Day**

Join us in the Fellowship Hall
for Craft Day!

Friday, March 14th, 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.

**NewsLetter
DEADLINE**

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

Newsletter Deadline

For April Newsletter:
Wednesday, March 12th, 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, March 2nd

With Rev. Michelle Hargrave

~Special Session~

At 10:15 a.m.

in the Matthew Room

Note: Council Meeting date for March to conduct business will be announced in the Bulletin.



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.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1st	Thomas Schroht Margery Arnold
2nd	Joan Kaiser
3rd	David Linders
5th	Tom Raetz Barbara Hvitved Barbara Green
9th	Michele Minske Melissa Vavra
11th	Melinda Abernathy
13th	Mary Hitzeman Gaylene Steckelberg
14th	Lary McLagan Christin Harriman August Schroht
15th	Anthony Seykora
16th	Oliver Hildebrandt
19th	Timothy Lehigh
21st	Irene Griffith
22nd	Larissa Buckley
24th	Grace Pyatt Devin Sanford
25th	Isaac Kasten Maggie Ochocki
26th	Karson Lund Daniel Peach Rhonda Guthier
29th	Elijah McKenna
30th	Bradley Hartle
31st	Olivia Broton

March Anniversaries

Nathan & Julia Arnold
Dann & Sarah Kleeberger



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

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.**



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

Snow
Removal
Sponsorship
\$ _____

wish list

Snow
Removal
Sponsorship
\$ _____



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

****Keeping germs at bay is easy with Clorox Wipes!****

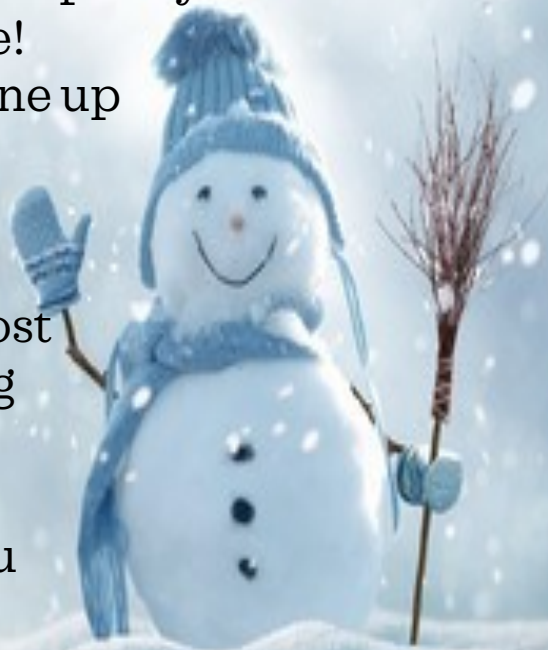
Items for Church “Wish List” may be placed on the shelf in the Narthex. If you wish to donate to the **“Snow Removal Sponsor”**, please write on your giving envelope and all money will go towards the snow removal bill. Thank you!

Sponsor a “Snow Removal”

Here comes the SNOW, and ice! As pretty as the snow is, the ice is not as welcome! The cost for salt and sand has gone up a lot this year, as has the labor of shoveling and snowplowing.

We could really use a special boost to help cover the costs of parking lot care in the winter months.

We appreciate how generous you are, blessings always!



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 would not be applied to your Giving/Pledge.

We can still help make a difference globally and locally!

March is the first month of 2025 that
Owatonna United Methodist Church
helps with the delivery of meals for shut-in's
for Meals on Wheels!

With Pastor Lisa being on the mend from her knee surgery, we are down one person. If you are available to help out on Wednesdays this month, please reach out to Sandy Emry. She is our Meals on Wheels coordinator for the church.



Thanks so much for helping
out this meaningful ministry!



United Women of Faith Events:

Dates for February:

*** Coffee at Hy-Vee:**

Wednesday, March 12th, 2025
at 9:00 a.m. at Hy-Vee Kitchen



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

Tuesday, March 4th, 2025
in the Matthew Room @ 1:00 p.m.

*** Charity Circle Meeting:**

Tuesday, March 25th, 2025
in the Fellowship Hall @ 2:00 p.m.

*** Faith Circle Meeting:**

Wednesday, March 19th, 2025
(Note earlier meeting Date)
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: _____

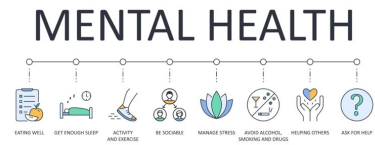
Cell Phone (1): _____ Cell Phone (2): _____

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.



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.

Next meeting will be announced as soon as Pastor Lisa returns from her medical leave. Meanwhile, pray for a speedy recovery!

WHAT IS UMCOR SUNDAY?

MARCH 30TH, 2025

UMCOR Sunday seeks to increase awareness and support for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). **Gifts given on UMCOR Sunday** play a vital role in enhancing the church's global humanitarian response because **these funds cover UMCOR's administrative costs**. This support ensures that 100% of donations given to UMCOR throughout the year can be directed toward on-the-ground relief and recovery efforts, allowing UMCOR to effectively respond to crises and provide assistance where it's needed most.

By investing in UMCOR's operations, we empower the church to mobilize resources quickly and efficiently, making a meaningful impact in communities affected by disaster and hardship around the world. Your donation helps them to continue this vital ministry.



Lent Soup Supper Ideas

- * Chicken Soup
- * Chicken Tortilla Soup
- * Fish Chowder
- * Baked Potato Soup
- * Vegetarian Chili
- * Chicken Noodle Soup
- * Vegetable Barley Soup
- * Tomato Soup
- * Roasted Vegetable Soup
- * Bean Soup
- * Chicken Fajita Soup
- * Southwestern Soup
- * Hamburger/Macaroni Soup
- * Garden Vegetable Soup
- * Minestrone Soup
- * Creamy Potato Soup
- * Artichoke Soup
- * Southwestern Soup
- * Bean Soup Florentine
- * Tuscan White Bean Soup

[*Sign up sheet in the Narthex for Soups and Breads for Soup Supper Wednesdays*](#)



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2* 9:00 a.m. Worship w/ Communion * 9:15 a.m. Connect Club * 10:15 a.m. Council with Rev. Michelle In Matthew Rm.	3 ← Worship Lead by: Rev. Michelle Hargrave	4 * 1:00 p.m. UWF Board Meeting in the Matthew Room	5 ~Ash Wed~ * 9:30 a.m. Bridgewater (Linda Boorman) * MOW Delivery * 6:30p.m. Lent Worship	6 * KnitWits @ 4 p.m.	7 World Day of Prayer	8
9 * 9:00 a.m. Worship lead by Sandy Emry * 9:15 a.m. Connect Club Day Light Savings Time	10	11	12 ~Newsletter Deadline!!!~ * 9:00 a.m. Coffee @ Hy-Vee * MOW Delivery * 5:30-6 p.m. Soup Supper	13 * KnitWits @ 4 p.m.	14 * 9 a.m-4 p.m. Craft Day in the FH	15
16 * 9:00 a.m. Worship @ * 9:15 a.m. Connect Club	17 St. Patrick's	18	19 * 9:30 a.m. PL @ Bridgewater * MOW Delivery * 5:30-6 p.m. Soup Supper	20 * KnitWits @ 4 p.m. First Day of Spring	21	22
23 * 9:00 a.m. Worship @ * 9:15 a.m. Connect Club	24	25 * 2:00 p.m. Charity Circle meets in the Fellowship Hall	26 * 9:00 a.m. Faith Circle in the FH * 9:30 a.m. NL Assembly in MR * MOW Delivery * 5:30-6 p.m. Soup Supper	27 * KnitWits @ 4 p.m.	28	29
30 * 9:00 a.m. Worship @ * 9:15 a.m. Connect Club UMCOR Sunday!	31 Monday's are Pastor Lisa's Day Off. Please call the office for any assistance needed. 507-451-4734		↑ 12th, 19th, 26th Lenten Worship will be at 6:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall			MR- Matthew Room FH- Fellowship Hall PL: Pastor Lisa MOW- Meals on Wheels

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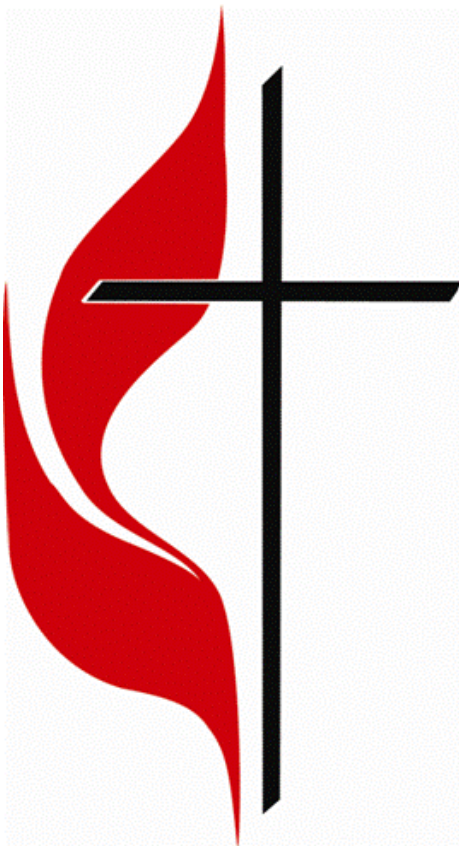
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Return Service Requested



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SERVE ALL PEOPLE
~MARCH, 2025~**

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are available 24-7 on

www.owatonna.live.com

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