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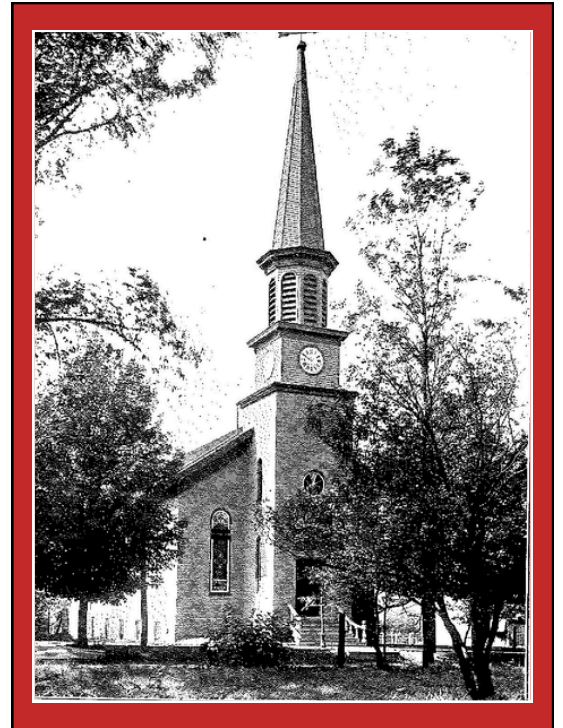
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Join us for Worship In-Person, Virtually, or by Radio!

Worship Services are Thursday at 6:30 pm in the Chapel and Sunday at 9:00 am in the Sanctuary. Both services are Livestreamed to Facebook, YouTube, and our website. On Sunday at 10:50 am you can also tune in to 1600AM WRPN to listen to the radio broadcast of the 9:00 am worship service.

For those who worship through our online opportunities, if you live in the greater Ripon area and would like Rev. Mundell to come by in person to visit and bring you communion, please call our church office at 920-748-2544 to set up an appointment. He is very happy to do that for you!

Deadline for the July 2026 Edition of The Messenger:

Events to be included on the calendar, committee updates, articles, etc. should be submitted to the office by **June 20th** via email to the Church office, osuccripon1@gmail.com, or you may drop your information in the office, or submit it using the the QR code at the right and filling out the short form that is automatically sent directly to the office email. Thank you.

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From the Pastor's Desk



A few weeks back we had a reading in the common lection from 1 Peter 2 that started with verse 2 which reads, “Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good (NRSV).”

There are two interesting things in this verse alone that Peter is showing us. First, when we encounter the good news of Jesus’ death and resurrection for us and it takes hold of, we become a new creation, fully realized in our baptism and the praying on of the holy spirit. We are born again or born new now connected to God through Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

This does not mean we have a full realization of what this means for us let alone the ability to live it fully in relation to the world around us. In some ways it is like an embryo in a mother’s whom ready to come out. The baby is a new creation as it begins breathing air for the first time to sustain its life independent on anyone else and the umbilical cord disconnects meaning the baby now must get nutrition through its mouth and process it through the bodies full systems for bring in nutrition. We encounter Christ become a new creation but still need to grow into the fullness of what that means just as the infant will be different in two years, in six years, in sixteen years, in twenty years etc. Our life in Christ through the transformation of the Spirit is us becoming fully who God has made us capable of being.

The second thing that Peter says is that we will grow if indeed we have tasted that the Lord is good. Let that sink in. Luther said it sort of like this, on our own we would never turn toward God we would completely trust in ourselves over God. But once we encounter the love of God, we are changed and we let go of focusing on ourselves and begin putting more of our focus on giving ourselves to others. It is a complete response and not something we intentionally do. Once that baby knows where the breast milk is, it seeks it out when it becomes hungry.

This image of how we begin to live as Christians also visits the psalmist picture that God is not a God watching us to see if we screw up but rather a God loving and gifting us in the hope that we will accept the love and gifts rather than take for ourselves pushing God away. What often times keeps me from receiving God’s gifts is my own desire to be in control, especially of things I cannot. Being in the hospital was a quick reminder that I am not even in full control of my own body as a foreign entity took over control of two different parts of my body and I could do nothing about it but suffer in significant pain. I was completely dependent on others who were trying to help having to wait until the understood the problem correctly and finally used the right tool to fix the problem.

There are so many things we assume we have control over when we really don’t, but what we can do, with an open and curious self, is to trust that God is with us and enjoy the gift of life and the people God brings to us.

God’s Grace is Sufficient.

Rev. Dr. Kevin Mundell

Committee News

Altar Guild

The 2026 sign-up book is available on the stand outside of the church office. This sign-up is for each of the sponsorships. Altar flowers are \$80 for 2 arrangements and Organ flowers are \$50 for 1 arrangement. Radio Broadcasts are \$50 per sponsor & \$25 per sponsor per bulletin. All checks should be made out to OSUCC, with Altar Guild written on the memo line if you are sponsoring flowers, please. That makes the bookkeeping a whole lot easier!



Thank you to everyone who ordered red geraniums to adorn our altar for Pentecost Sunday. We had a total of 22 plants ordered this year.

Our next full meeting is Sunday, June 21st after the worship service. We invite anyone that would like to join Altar Guild to attend our meetings and learn more. If you have any questions about what Altar Guild does and the team approach we use, please feel free to contact Tammy Widlake at 920-517-1192 or Caroline Retzlaff at 920-748-2367.

Called to Care *Committee*

Nurse Emily holds a Mind, Body, & Soul Clinic for our members every Thursday morning from 9:00 am until noon. She can check your blood pressure then also. If you would like a home visit from Nurse Emily please call 920-748-2544 during office hours or email her at osuccpnripon1@gmail.com.

The next Called to Care meeting will be held Thursday, August 16th, at 9:30 AM in the conference room.



Christian Education Committee

Our next committee meeting will be August 18th at 5:30 pm. Enjoy the summer and we'll see you then!

- **Adult Ed:** Will resume in the Fall.
- **Christian Ed Classes:** Will resume in the Fall.
- **Nursery:** We have a child/parent space available in the southwest corner of the West Narthex, adjacent to the back of the Sanctuary. There are restrooms nearby in the corridor leading to the Chapel that are outfitted with Koala Care changing stations for your convenience.

Evangelism Committee

The current issue of *The Upper Room* is available in the East Narthex, the North Narthex, and in front of the church office. There is no charge for this wonderful publication so please do take advantage of using it. There is a large print size and a small size available.



Our next committee meeting will be August 17th at 6:30 pm. If you are interested in joining our committee, please come to the meeting!

More Committee News



Mission Committee

Missions Committee will meet next on Tuesday, August 18th, at 5:30 pm. This is a very active committee so if you are interested in joining us, we would be happy to welcome you!

We will again be doing a Operation Christmas Child shoebox packing party in November, so we are going to start collecting items now to help fill our boxes. For the month of June we will be collecting games and activities, so grab your kiddos or grandkiddos and go shopping together! There is a box in the East Narthex available to drop off your donations.

To see the full list of suggested items, take a look at Nurse Emily's bulletin board outside the church office.

Kids Church Camp (VBS) - This year VBS is connecting with *Sleep In Heavenly Peace*, a local charity based in Fond du Lac, that builds and distributes beds to local youth that do not have a bed to sleep in. To help VBS with their mission, we will be holding a collection for new twin sheets, pillows, blankets, waterproof mattress covers, and stuffed animals. A collection box will be available in the East Narthex for the months of June and July. If you are unable to purchase these items, but would still like to support the cause, monetary donations can be dropped off in the church office as well.

Parish Nurse

Here's another opportunity for a blood pressure check--Nurse Emily will be working with the Ripon Senior Activity Center on the third Thursday of every month from 1-3 PM to provide blood pressure screenings.

June 18th will be the first date she is available at the Center, and on that day they will be holding their annual Rummage Sale too. So head to the Senior Center, located at 388 Murray Park Dr, to get your blood pressure checked and maybe come home with some treasures as well!



Worship Committee

The worship committee and Church Council have been working together on the process of trying to find a new accompanist as Nicole Burdick will be moving to Minnesota in July. The committee has updated the job description and are open to the person being both an accompanist and choir director, if possible.

New paid ads have been placed in area newspapers. Conrad had begun an online advertising campaign utilizing our social media sources. The ad is also on several websites such as UCCMA.



The plan is to keep the congregation updated as we go. We would also ask that every member pray to God to bring us the right person at the right time. Thank you for your support!

Our next committee meeting will be Monday, June 15th, at 4:00 pm.

Ministries, Projects, and News

Matthew 25: Ministries Pill Bottle Collection

3,624 Pill Bottles in 2026!

And we begin again! Thank you for all your donations! We are so grateful for the steady donation of pill bottles of every type and size. Let's keep them multiplying in the closet like bunnies!

We are also grateful to several ladies here at OSUCC who volunteer their time to sort and pack the shipping boxes that we send out. Thank you, and you know who you are! OSUCC is one of the last collection points in the area so this project is very important for helping keep the bottles out of landfills. We send them to Matthew 25: Ministries in Blue Ash, OH who ships the bottles to developing countries who need assistance in the improvement of available medical care and supplies.



Please continue dropping off pill bottles (with prescription labels removed) to the church office. If the office is closed, feel free to leave them in the brown plastic basket located on the table in the North Entrance vestibule. Thank you so much!

Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House

28,418 Pop Tabs in 2026!



Tabbs can come from a variety of cans such as pet food, beverage cans, soup cans, tuna cans, etc. We appreciate all of those who have already donated their tabs, or are still working on their collection jar at home! We understand that even friends of friends have begun collecting and donating too, how exciting! Thank you all so very much!

The tabs collected are sent to Ronald McDonald House, who recycles them and uses the proceeds to help fund the general operations expense of the House--keeping it open to serve even more families. It's a win-win situation!

Rev. Mundell

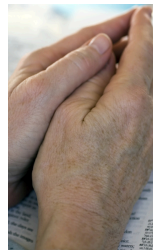
I want to express my gratitude to everyone who has kept me in their prayers. I am about ninety percent recovered and getting better each day. Thank you to everyone who sent me a card and wished me well and reminded me not to overdo it, and to do what the doctor's said and not what I wanted to try and do. Thank you!

Rev. Kevin Mundell

Prayer Chain Ministry

In our Prayers: Emily McGuire, Mark Sabel, the friends and family of Nancy Baker, and 12 Unspoken.

Feel free to add yourself or a loved one to our prayer chain ministry by contacting Caroline Retzlaff at 920-748-2367 or Rev. Kevin.



More Ministries, Projects, and News

Summer Book Group

The Wisconsin Conference has asked church members to read and discuss the book, "Nice Racism: How the PROGRESSIVE WHITE PEOPLE perpetuate RACIAL HARM" by Robin Diangelo.

Rev. Kevin shared, "I've read the book for myself this spring and found it challenging, at times hard, insightful, and revealing to me of some of my own faults and biases in ways that make it possible for me to grow as a person."

He is inviting anyone who would care to join him in the Chapel lounge on starting Monday, June 15 thru Monday July 19, 2026 if you are interested in learning and growing in your understanding of Racial issue. There will be signups placed around the church so we know how many copies of the book to have available.

The Ripon Sharing Table Free Community Meals



On May 5th our meal was well attended, with 125 meals being served. Thank you to the Lueck Family for the wonderful dessert and all the help at the meal!

For our Tuesday, June 2nd meal we'll be serving Baked Ham, Cheesy Hashbrown Potatoes, assorted side dishes, and our talented bakers will be providing wonderful homemade desserts again.

All in our community are welcome to join us for these Sharing Table Free Community Meals and families are welcome. We do have highchairs available for those with "Littles". We'll be serving from 5 pm till 6 pm.

Thank you so much to all who continue to volunteer the time and talents supporting this mission project. You are so very appreciated!

Kids Church Camp (VBS)

Ripon Area VBS has changed their name to Kids Church Camp (VBS)--same mission, excitement, fun, and opportunity, just a new name.

Church camp will be held July 27-30th at Immanuel United Methodist Church here in Ripon. The theme this year is "Rainforest Falls, Exploring the Nature of God." It's a colorful, tropical theme with lots of fun activities that help teach kids what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, who is a safe place in life's storms. Sounds pretty fun and amazing!

We'll share the dates in the bulletin for registration and the new social media sites once we hear more. There will also be opportunities for volunteers to help again this year!

Quotes for June

"My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person: He believed in me." —*Jim Valvano (1946-1993)*

"A father carries pictures where his money used to be."—*Steve Martin (1945-Present)*



From Our Parish Nurse

June 1-7 each year is National CPR & AED Awareness Week. The week is used to spotlight how many lives can be saved if more Americans know CPR and how to use an AED. Let's take a closer look at why this week is so important.

- Each year, more than 350,000 people experience out-of-hospital cardiac arrest in the U.S., more than 23,000 are children, 40% are related to sports, and nearly 20% are infants.
- Cardiac arrest is an electrical problem in the heart that causes the heart to suddenly and unexpectedly stop beating. This cuts off blood flow to the brain and other vital organs.
- Cardiac arrest is a leading cause of death for Americans.
- According to the American Heart Association, about 90% of people who have out-of-hospital cardiac arrest do not survive.
- Less than half of people who experience cardiac arrest receive CPR from people nearby while waiting for emergency responders to arrive.
- CPR, especially if performed right away, can double or triple the chance of survival.
- For each minute that defibrillation is delayed, the person's chance for survival is reduced by about 7-10%.
- An AED (automated external defibrillator) is a device that analyzes the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, advises the rescuer to deliver a shock, which helps the heart re-establish an effective rhythm.

Be the Difference for Someone You Love:

- About 70% of out-of-hospital cardiac arrests happen in homes, so chances are if you provide CPR, you will likely be trying to save the life of someone you love.

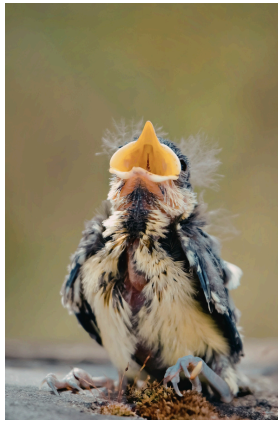
Call 911:

- Call 911 if you see an adult or child suddenly collapse. The dispatcher on the call can help you while getting the medical help you need on the way.
- For adults, Hand-Only CPR has been shown to be as effective in the first few minutes as CPR with breaths for cardiac arrest at home, at work or in public.
- Hands-Only CPR has two easy steps done in this order: Call 911, Push hard and fast in the center of the chest to the beat of a song that has 100-120 beats per minute.
- Music Can Save Lives- some songs that may help you stay on beat include: Stayin' Alive by the Bee Gees, Crazy in Love by Beyonce, Hips Don't Lie by Shakira or Walk the Line by Johnny Cash.
- Breathing problems often cause cardiac arrest in children, this is why it is important to give 2 rescue breaths with each set of 30 compressions for infants and children.

For more information or if you would like to take a class to get trained in CPR and AED use, please visit <https://cpr.heart.org/en/training-programs/cpr-and-aed-awareness> or <https://www.redcross.org/local/wisconsin.html>

Emily Burk, RN, OSUCC Parish Nurse

June



Duties

Liturgist

- June 7 Jaime Prellwitz
- June 14 Heidi Schwanke
- June 21 Kelly Mundell
- June 28 Jackie Bogucke

Usher/Greeters

- June 7 Team 6
- June 14 Team 1
- June 21 Team 2
- June 28 Team 3

Gatekeepers

- June 7 Keith & Becky Mulder
- June 14 Pete & Kathy Schieler
- June 21 Tom & Julie Stellmacher
- June 28 Rick & Barb Stracy

Van Drivers

- June 7 Bob Lueck
- June 14 Ricky Prellwitz
- June 21 Tom Stellmacher
- June 28 Rick Stracy

Audio/Visual Operators

- June 7 Keith Mulder/Kelly Mundell
- June 14 John Kwiatkoske/Phil Wepner
- June 21 Keith Mulder/Kelly Mundell
- June 28 John Kwiatkoske/Judy Lueck

Call Church Office by 12PM Thursday before the following Sunday to reserve a seat!

Altar Guild Committee for May

Emily Burk, Dianne Heyn, Kathy Lang, Caroline Retzlaff, Sue Wrzinski

Communion Servers

- June 7 Buck Kwiatkowski & Patti Schaalma

Coffee Hour

Come enjoy coffee, juice, and baked goods after the 9:00 AM Worship Service.
Everyone is welcome!

Worship Bulletins

Bulletins are mailed out on Wednesday's and are also available in the North Narthex for pickup.

Interested in hosting coffee hour? The signup book is on the counter by the microwave in the East Narthex.

June 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 9:00 am MBS Clinic 6:30 pm Worship Service- Communion	5	6
7 9:00 am Worship Service - Communion	8 6:30 pm Church Council Mtg	9 5:00 pm Sharing Table Community Meal, OSUCC	10	11 9:00 am MBS Clinic 6:30 pm Worship Service	12	13
14 9:00 am Worship Service	15 1:00 pm Science Club 4:00 pm Worship Comm	16 5:00 pm Sharing Table Community Meal, Grace Lutheran	17	18 9:00 am MBS Clinic 6:30 pm Worship Service	19	20 July Messenger Deadline
21 Father's Day 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 Altar Guild Meeting	22	23 5:00 pm Sharing Table Community Meal, Immanuel UMC	24	25 9:00 am MBS Clinic 6:30 pm Worship Service	26	27
28 9:00 am Worship Service	29	30 5:30 pm Sharing Table Community Meal, 1st Congregational				