# OAK FOREST NEWS

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#### Pastor's Note:

What in the world has happened to 2015? The frigid winter weather of February gave way to a beautiful spring and now here we are at summer again!

This has been a blessed time for Church ó we are enjoying increased attendance and participation in our activities. The Mother Day picnic, The Followers of Jesus finale and the shower for the young couple were all fantastic. Smiles are everywhere.

Particularly pleasing was the confirmation of 5 youngsters and a special õoldsterö who were confirmed in Christ and into our congregation on the 5th Sunday of May.

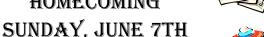
We should all be looking forward to our new Pastor, Bryan Wilson who will be arriving next month with his wife Stephanie and young son Patrick. His appointment to this congregation is sure to bring wonderful things.

Vicki and I have so enjoyed our stay with you folks. We have made so many friends here ó the kind that will last a lifetime ó and we will never forget the opportunity that God gave us to serve you. I am so excited for you and the future of Oak Forest UMC.

Pastor Dick



### OAK FOREST HOMECOMING



Bring your favorite covered dish to share following the service.





Endowment Fund Meeting Sunday, June 7, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

Administrative Council Meeting Sunday, June 7, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.



Oak Forest's Father's Day Breakfast Saturday, June 20th

Time: 8:00 am till 9:30 am

Bacon, eggs, sausage, Gravy & Biscuits. Coffee & Orange Juice.



## Summer Picnics begin again Sunday, June 21st!

Please join our church family and friends every third Sunday at 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs and your favorite picnic side dish or cold drinks to share. Junes picnic will be held at the Gazebo at McGlamery Farms Rd. For more info or directions please call Fannie at 361-1591.



SISTERS WITH A PURPOSE

This month we will visit and tour the I.O.I (Industrial Opportunities, Inc.) facility in Andrews. We will meet at the church at 1 pm and car pool to Andrews. We will not be providing refreshments this meeting, but may stop on the way back from Andrews for ice cream. For more information please call the church office 389-9077.



Sonlight Youth Choir and Band from Trinity UMC in Gainesville, FL will be giving a concert at Oak Forest on Saturday, June 20th at 7pm. We Sonlight Youth Choir and Band from need volunteers to house youth on Saturday night. You can sign up on the sheet in the fover or online at oakforestchurch.org/sonlight. See Andrew or Nikki if you have questions

**Reminder:** Our 10:00 a.m. Childrengs church/Sunday school class, the Followers of Jesus childrengs group and the Youth group regular meetings are over for the summer. When the new school year starts in August they will resume.

#### Expand your 1/168 hours of Service

Weekly volunteers are needed at the Clay County Food Pantry. Many positions available to fit your work ability. Help needed on Fridays 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. For more info call Fannie Watson 828-361-1611.

Moss Memorial Library is collecting family genealogy stories and pictures for volume 2 of the Clay County Heritage Book. It is open to all Clay County residents, so you don't have to be a native to submit your story. Guidelines with sample stories and contact numbers can be picked up in the church fover or at Moss Memorial Library.

#### Prepare for the "Pounding"



õPoundingö is a tradition where a church family stocks the new pastorøs pantry and refrigerator with food. The custom dates back to the original

Quakers. The custom was established to welcome a new pastor and his family into a congregation. The idea was to give the family a pound of pantry staplesí corn, wheat, sugar, butter etcí It was a sign of hospitality and welcome. Please help us welcome Pastor Bryan, Stephanie, and baby Patrick with an old fashioned õPounding.ö Please bring your items to the church by Friday, June 26th. Items that need to be kept cold, please put them in the kitchen refrigerator with a label for Pounding. Any questions contact Gretchen Bryant 828-332-2080.

#### VBS Meeting Sunday, June 14th 10:00 a.m.



Nena Harris
Lindsey Davis
Sara Smith
Norah Carter
Colton Crawford
Eden Carter
Kim Shaheen
Vernon Satterfield
Mike McClure
Rick Bracken
Beverly Schwab
Sandy McKinney
John Bryant
Sam Snowden
Lorrie Ross
Ruth Penland
Angelo Caiazzo
Bob Zeilinger

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Oak Forest is forming a group to be a part of the Hinton Centercs Welcome Wagon+outreach program. Once a month the group will go to local mission work sites in our community and bring the refreshments for the mission team and people in the home. If you are interested and would like to be a volunteer in this group contact Fannie Watson 828-361-1611. (Welcome Wagon Flyer on bulletin board)







Youth Group Updates from Andrew & Nikki We are done with regular youth meetings for the school year, but we still have some fun planned throughout the summer, including a mission trip to Atlanta July 23-26th! Here is the Youth's 2015 Summer Events: Sonlight Youth Choir Concert Sat. June 20th at 7pm, Summer Picnics every third Sunday 5-7pm begins June 21st, Atlanta mission trip Thurs. July 23-Sun. July 26, Youth Week Thur. August 13-Sun. August 16thdetails to come, Ice Cream Social Sun. August 16th. More info to come, stay tuned and keep checking Youth email, face book and bulletins for more summer events!