



**MOUNT OAK**  
f e l l o w s h i p

of the United Methodist Church

Rev. Robert Barnes - Sr. Pastor

10:45 Online Service

**Our Vision**

*To make disciples of Jesus Christ,  
as we love God,  
love one another and love our neighbor.*

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# If You Are New to Mount Oak

If you are new to Mount Oak we want to welcome you to our church and answer a few basic questions you may have.

## **Who Are We?**

Mount Oak Fellowship is a Bible-believing Christian church that is open to everyone. We are part of the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church but also maintain a distinct, evangelical identity.

## **What Do We Believe?**

We believe that God is real, that the Bible is true and relevant to us today, and that Jesus Christ is “the way” that God has given us to know Him in this life. We are also a part of the faith tradition of John Wesley who invited people to come to Christ as they were - in the belief that everyone can come to know God and grow in their faith.

## **What Types of Worship Services Do We Offer?**

Mount Oak offers an early service that worships using a spiritual but traditional format at 9:00 am. We offer a later service at 10:45 am that is contemporary in style. We believe that God is present during both. In addition to this, during the school year we offer a Wednesday evening program for all ages which features a fellowship meal and age based studies.

## **Is There A Place For My Child?**

Yes, your children are welcome to remain with you during either worship service, or to participate in the children’s program for ages 4-11 that is offered during the 10:45 service. We are working to restart our nursery program for children 3 and under.

## **How Can I Learn More?**

You can speak to Pastor Barnes directly, email him ([pastorbob@mtoak.org](mailto:pastorbob@mtoak.org)), call the church office (301-249-2230), or hang around after the service and speak to one of our regular members. If we can’t answer your question we will try to find someone who can!

Mount Oak Fellowship  
November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
First Sunday of Advent  
10:45 am Service

\* Please stand as you are able

**Announcements**

**\*Praise & Worship**

**Lighting of Advent Wreath**

King Family

**Christmas Carol**      O Little Town of Bethlehem (v. 1)

**Going to God in Prayer**

**Sermon**                      The Winter of Our Hope                      Pastor Barnes

Text: Psalm 146:3-5 and Isaiah 55:1, 12-13

**\*Song of Faith**

**Blessing and Dismissal**

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

For those who wish to contribute to the ministries of Mount Oak, you may give by placing your offering in the offering boxes or by giving online.

**UPCOMING MESSAGES**

November 27<sup>th</sup> – The Winter of Our Hope

December 4<sup>th</sup> – How to Prepare for the Messiah

December 11<sup>th</sup> – The Healing of All Wounds

December 18<sup>th</sup> – The Dawn of Salvation

# Sermon Notes

## The Winter of Our Hope

- I. Introduction – Something disagreeable
  - a. They are only men (and sometimes women) ...
  
  - b. And we should pray for them (I Timothy 2:1-2)
  
- II. All About Hope (Psalm 146:3-5)
  - a. Who not to put your trust in (Oliver!)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. But do trust in \_\_\_\_\_
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - c. Trusting in God means \_\_\_\_\_ your focus and  
\_\_\_\_\_ your focus. (hint: the words rhyme)
  
- III. All about Christmas Hope
  - a. Is Christmas hope about looking backward or looking forward?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. Who is Christ to you? What is Christmas to you?

# Opportunities to Get Involved

## **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**

Children's Ministry will host a Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 10 am – noon. Enjoy a great breakfast, hear the Christmas story, have your picture taken, and participate in all the fun activities. To register, visit <https://www.eventcreate.com/e/mt-oak-s-winter-wonderland> or scan this QR code. For more information, contact Interim Children's Director Ruby Outlaw-Keith ([rubylee.outlawkeith@gmail.com](mailto:rubylee.outlawkeith@gmail.com), 202-360-9858)

## **CHRISTMAS TREE LOT OPENING & HELPERS NEEDED**

The Men's Ministry Christmas tree lot will open Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, at 4:00 pm. Canaan firs will be available in a variety of sizes. Help will be needed until all the trees are sold; at least two people are needed on the lot during the following times:

Monday – Friday	4:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 am – 8:00 pm
Sunday	noon – 6:00 pm

For more information, contact Randy Owens (301-642-5411, [jrowens320@gmail.com](mailto:jrowens320@gmail.com)).

## **BEST YEARS**

Best Years (our ministry to seniors, though all are welcome), will meet on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 11:00 am to Ring and Sing for the King! Lunch will be lasagna. For more information, contact Carl Neumann (301-464-8879).

## **RAKE AND RUN**

Please join us at 1:00 pm on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> as we rake leaves for past StreetReach homeowners in Heather Hills. For more information, contact Deedie Stuart ([deediestuart@gmail.com](mailto:deediestuart@gmail.com), 301-395-0122)

## **COMMUNITY CONCERNS FUNDS NEEDED**

Mount Oak's Community Concerns fund is used to help members of our church community who need financial help in an emergency. It is also used to purchase some school supplies, and a bi-weekly delivery of grocery gift cards that took the place of our sandwich ministry during the covid shutdown. This fund, which is funded only by dedicated giving, is running low. To give to this fund, write "community concerns" on your check or envelope, or choose that fund in the drop-down box when giving online.

# Discipleship Opportunities

## FOR CHILDREN

Interim Children's Director Ruby Outlaw-Keith holds a program for children ages 4 – 11 during the 10:45 am Sunday service. They meet in the Kingdom Kids room (107). For more information, email [childrensdir@mtoak.org](mailto:childrensdir@mtoak.org).

## FOR YOUTH

Our AMPED youth group is for students in grades 6-12. They will meet 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>. The Ignite Sunday School class for youth meets during the sermon time every other week. Contact Pastor Robert Barnes ([pastorbob@mtoak.org](mailto:pastorbob@mtoak.org)) for more information.

## FOR ADULTS

**Adult Sunday School:** This class, which meets at 10:15 am in room 202, is finishing a 24-week series, *Foundations of Grace*. There is not a zoom option for this series. For more information, contact Laurell Leith (410-991-2171, [laurelleith@gmail.com](mailto:laurelleith@gmail.com)).

**Wednesday Nights:** Each class is hybrid – you may participate in person or on Zoom

**Women of the Bible (led by Pastor Barnes, Room 206)** – This class is using a Bible study written by our own Linda Barnes. For more information, contact Pastor Barnes ([pastorbob@mtoak.org](mailto:pastorbob@mtoak.org)) or the church office.

**Jude (led by Linda Barnes, Room 201)** – A study by Jackie Hill Perry beginning on November 30<sup>th</sup>. The books are \$20 and include a personal access to the videos. For more information, contact Linda Barnes ([lindabell1019@gmail.com](mailto:lindabell1019@gmail.com), 304-707-5006).

**Diving in the Word: Personal Bible Study (Led by Dr. Pat Dingle, Room 204)** -- Each participant will individually study a passage of the Bible weekly. Then everyone will meet, as a group, to share scripture and insights in response to their study of the Word. For more information, contact Pat Dingle ([vdingle3@verizon.net](mailto:vdingle3@verizon.net), 301 249-1158).

**Trusting God in Troubled Times (led by Kurt Bulger and Pastor Merritt Edner, Room 202)** – A study on Isaiah (by Howard Peskett). For more information, contact Kurt Bulger ([bkbulger1@gmail.com](mailto:bkbulger1@gmail.com), 301-310-7632).

**Kingdom Men** – Meets every other Saturday morning at 8:30 am in person and on Zoom. For more information, contact Gale TeSelle ([galenteselle@gmail.com](mailto:galenteselle@gmail.com), 301-717-2636).

**Precepts** – Meets Thursdays, 9:30 am – 11:30 am. Will begin a study of Philippians on September 15<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact Harriette Thompson ([thompsonharriette@gmail.com](mailto:thompsonharriette@gmail.com), 301-233-1140).

# Church News and Updates

## LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

9:00 Service	10:45 Service	Total
43	58	101

## FALL FINANCIAL UPDATE

The church budget for 2022 is \$543,258. In order to meet our budget, we need to receive \$10,447/week. Last week we received \$5,058. Thank you for your faithful giving and remember that just as we serve the Lord together, we meet our expenses together.

## CHURCH E-MAIL LIST

The church office sends out e-mails with announcements and prayer requests. We do not send emails every day, and try not to send more than one or two on any day. If you would like to be added to this distribution, please email [secretary@mtoak.org](mailto:secretary@mtoak.org).

## ONLINE GIVING

You may now **give financially online**. To do so, you may use your account at [OnRealm.org](https://OnRealm.org) or go to the church homepage ([mtoak.org](https://mtoak.org)), and click on GIVE. After doing so you will be guided through the process of giving by credit card, bank transfer, or/and scheduling automatic giving. You may also use your mobile phone and give by scanning this QR code or texting [MTOAKFELLOWSHIPBOWIE](https://mtoak.org) to 73256.



## LEADERSHIP TEAM OF MOUNT OAK FELLOWSHIP

**Pastor:** Robert Barnes, [pastorbob@mtoak.org](mailto:pastorbob@mtoak.org)

**Interim Director of Children's Ministry:** Ruby Outlaw-Keith, [childrensdir@mtoak.org](mailto:childrensdir@mtoak.org)

**Worship Leader (10:45):** Darren Plummer, [verticalleadership2021@gmail.com](mailto:verticalleadership2021@gmail.com)

**Administrative Assistant:** Molly Holloway, [secretary@mtoak.org](mailto:secretary@mtoak.org)

**Facilities Manager:** Kevin Kauffman, [kevin@mtoak.org](mailto:kevin@mtoak.org)

**Prayer Requests:** [prayer@mtoak.org](mailto:prayer@mtoak.org). Please designate whether the request is public (for distribution to the church list) or private.

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Admin: Monday 9:00am-11:00am, Tuesday-Friday, 9:00am-1:00pm

Facility Manager: Monday – Thursday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

# The Church in Action This Week

## November 27<sup>th</sup> – December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

### Sunday

- 8:30 am Traditional Worship Service – Sanctuary
- 9:45 am Congregational meeting – Sanctuary
- 11:00 am Contemporary Worship Service – Fellowship Hall
- 11:15 am Kingdom Kids – Kingdom Kids (Room 107)

### Monday

- 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 1559 – Kingdom Kids

### Tuesday

- 7:00 pm Worship Team rehearsal – Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday

- 6:45 pm Bible Studies for adults  
(See Discipleship Opportunities for Details)
- 8:00 pm Choir Practice – Sanctuary

### Thursday

- 9:30 am Precepts Bible study – Upper Room
- 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm Christmas tree lot open
- 7:00 pm Prayer meeting – Zoom

### Friday

- 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm Christmas tree lot open
- 6:00 pm AMPED Youth – Fellowship Hall

### Saturday

- 7:30 am Fellowship Hall chair setup
- 8:30 am Kingdom Men – Upper Room and Zoom
- 10:00 am – 6:00 pm Christmas tree lot open

## Upcoming Events

- Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm – AMPED Youth
- Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am – Breakfast with Santa
- Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 PM – Rake and Run
- Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am – Best Years
- Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am – Kingdom Men
- Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am – Dorcas Ministry





## **Christmas Services**

### **Christmas Eve**

6:00 pm Family candlelight service in the Sanctuary

### **Christmas Day**

10:00 am Combined service in the Sanctuary

## **Other Events**

### **Breakfast with Santa**

Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am – FREE, but register with Children's Director Ruby Outlaw-Keith (202-360-9858, [rubylee.outlawkeith@gmail.com](mailto:rubylee.outlawkeith@gmail.com)).

### **Christmas Tree Sales**

Beginning December 1<sup>st</sup>, Canaan firs on sale while supplies last.

Weekdays: 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Saturdays: 10:00 am – 8:00 pm

Sundays: noon – 6:00 pm



**MOUNT OAK**  
fellowship  
*The family church...*

JOIN US IN THE

# Winter Wonderland

AT MT. OAK

SATURDAY  
**DECEMBER 10**  
10 AM-12PM

**TONS OF FREE WINTER ACTIVITIES TO ENJOY**

**MEET SANTA - SNOW GAMES - FAMILY  
PICS- CHRISTMAS MUSIC - BRUNCH-  
HOT CHOCOLATE BAR- AND MORE**

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