



# MOUNT OAK

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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

March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023

10:45 am Service

\* Please stand as you are able

## **Announcements**

## **\*Praise & Worship**

## **Going to God in Prayer**

## **Sermon**

Seeking Christ: Living Upside Down Pastor Barnes

Text: Luke 12:1-34

## **\*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.

# Sermon Notes

## Seeking Christ: Living Upside Down

- I. Introduction – A Picture of God’s Kingdom
  
- II. What does the Word say? (Luke 12:1-34)
  
- III. What does the Word mean?
  - a. Don’t worry about having enough: but beware “greed”.
  
  - b. Don’t worry about finding the right words: but find the courage to say them.
  
  - c. Don’t worry about physical death: but make sure your faith and life are real, so that you don’t need to fear what comes next.
  
  - d. Don’t invest in this world: but store up treasures in heaven.
  
  - e. Why is the Good News of Jesus so incendiary?
  
- IV. Application – The Kingdom of God and being a Christian is like \_\_\_\_\_ .

# Opportunities to Get Involved

## **LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR WOMEN'S RETREAT**

Today is the last day to register for the Women's Retreat (April 22<sup>nd</sup>- 24<sup>th</sup>). Kym Kent will be the speaker. Registration forms are available in the entryway. Do NOT put them in the offering box today. Place them on top or give them to Linda Barnes (first service) or Molly Holloway (second service).

## **CHURCH WORK DAY**

Now that spring is here, and Easter is approaching, the church grounds need some cleanup. Please join us on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:30 am for a church work day. Most of the work is light yard work – weeding, spreading mulch, etc. Contact Kurt Bulger (kbulger1@gmail.com, 301-310-7632) for more details.

## **PRAYER MEETING**

Everyone is invited to join the Mount Oak Prayer Meeting group and become a prayer partner. The group meets at 7:00 on Thursday evenings via Zoom.

This week we prayed for the missionaries that Mt. Oak supports. We prayed for the upcoming surgery of one of our members. We prayed for one of our church members and his extended family. We prayed for our member who recently returned to work and her family. We prayed for Best Years and the youth of the church. We prayed for God's guidance in raising the funds for the disaffiliation process. We prayed for three friends of our church member who are need of healing and support. We prayed for God's Spirit to bless the schools by enabling the children to flourish and have the desired peace needed for children to learn and the staff to educate. We prayed for our Senior Pastor and all of the leadership of the church. Finally, we continue to pray for God's outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Mt. Oak and revival. (Names have been excluded to provide privacy and respect of those for whom we prayed.)

## **AN INVITATION TO JOIN US**

In the Methodist tradition, Christians do not only attend a church, they join a local congregation as a way of committing themselves to the fellow-Christians they worship God and serve Christ with. If you are interested in exploring membership at Mount Oak, please contact either Pastor Barnes (pastorbob@mtoak.org) or the church office (301-249-2230).

# Discipleship Opportunities

## FOR CHILDREN

Interim Children's Director Ruby Outlaw-Keith holds a program for children ages 4 – 11 during the 10:45 am service. They meet in the Kingdom Kids room (107). For more information, e-mail [rubylee.outlawkeith@gmail.com](mailto:rubylee.outlawkeith@gmail.com).

## FOR YOUTH

Our AMPED youth group is for students in grades 6-12. They meet regularly on Friday nights, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm. 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 studying Romans 8. There is not a zoom option for this series. For more information, contact Laurell Leith (410-991-2171, [laurellleith@gmail.com](mailto:laurellleith@gmail.com)).

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

**How Jesus Saves (led by Pastor Barnes, Room 206)** – a 7-week study by Joshua McNall. For more information, contact Pastor Barnes ([pastorbob@mtoak.org](mailto:pastorbob@mtoak.org)) or the church office.

**Amos (for women, led by Linda Barnes, Room 201)** – An 8-week study by Jennifer Rothschild. The books are \$20 and include personal access to the videos. For more information, contact Linda Barnes ([lindabell1019@gmail.com](mailto:lindabell1019@gmail.com), 304-707-5006).

**Spiritual Warfare (led by Kurt Bulger and Pastor Merritt Edner, Room 202)** – A 9-week study by Jack Kuhatschek. For more information, contact Kurt Bulger ([bkbulger1@gmail.com](mailto:bkbulger1@gmail.com), 301-310-7632).

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

**Precepts** – Meets Thursdays, 9:30 am – 11:30 am. Studying 1 Timothy. 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
50	48	98

## 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](http://OnRealm.org) or go to the church homepage ([mtoak.org](http://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://www.textnow.com/text/MTOAKFELLOWSHIPBOWIE) 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, [rubleee.outlawkeith@gmail.com](mailto:rubleee.outlawkeith@gmail.com)

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

**Administrative Assistant:** Molly Holloway, [secretary@mtoak.org](mailto:secretary@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 through Friday, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Pastor Barnes is regularly in the office on Tuesdays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, but he is available for visits on most days. Feel free to contact him by phone or email.

# The Church in Action This Week

March 26<sup>th</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

## Sunday

9:00 am Traditional Worship Service – Sanctuary  
10:15 am Adult Sunday School – Room 202  
10:45 am Contemporary Worship Service – Fellowship Hall  
11:00 am Kingdom Kids – Kingdom Kids (Room 107)

## Monday

Office Closed  
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 1559 – Sanctuary and Kingdom Kids

## Tuesday

7:00 pm Church Council Meeting – Room 202 and Zoom  
7:00 pm Worship Team rehearsal – Fellowship Hall

## Wednesday

5:30 pm Maundy Thursday Drama Rehearsal -- Sanctuary  
6:45 pm Bible Studies for adults  
(See Discipleship Opportunities for Details)  
8:00 pm Choir Practice – Sanctuary

## Thursday

Office Closed  
9:30 am Precepts Bible Study – Upper Room  
7:00 pm Prayer meeting – Zoom

## Friday

6:00 pm AMPED Youth – Fellowship Hall

## Saturday

8:30 am Kingdom Men – Upper Room and Zoom  
10:00 am Easter Brunch – Fellowship Hall

## Upcoming Events

Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm– Maundy Thursday Drama  
Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 pm and 7:00 pm – Good Friday Services  
Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am – Church Work Day  
Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am and 10:45 am – Easter Sunday Services  
Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, & 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm– AMPED Youth  
Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am – Kingdom Men  
Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am – Dorcas Ministry



**HOP ON OVER TO  
MOUNT OAK'S**

**EASTER  
BRUNCH**

**APRIL 1, 2023  
10AM-12PM**

***RSVP HERE***

PHONE: (301) 249-2230  
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**Free Easter Brunch**

**Egg Hunts for ages 12 and under**

**Easter Bunny Pictures**

**Crafts**

**Games**

# HOLY week



Please join us for these special services:

## Palm Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

9:00 am Traditional worship service in the Sanctuary

10:45 am Contemporary service in the Fellowship Hall

## Maundy Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm Drama in the Sanctuary

## Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

2:30 pm In the field by the cross

7:00 pm In the Sanctuary

## Easter Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Traditional worship service in the Sanctuary

10:45 am Contemporary service in the Fellowship Hall



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