



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

of the United Methodist Church

Rev. Robert Barnes - Sr. Pastor

9:00 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), 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

May 28th, 2023

Pentecost

9:00 am Service

*Please stand as you are able

Prelude

Announcements

***Call to Worship** (adapted from Joel 2:28-32a)

LEADER: The Lord declares, "In the last days I will pour out my spirit on all flesh. Your sons and your daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams and your young men will see visions".

PEOPLE: **Even on His servants, both men and women, He will pour out his spirit in those days.**

LEADER: And there will be wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.**

***Songs of Praise** CH #562 Be Thou My Vision
CH #548 As the Deer
CH #389 Spirit of the Living God

Opening Prayer (in unison)

O Living God, Jesus met his first followers in fishing boats and on dusty roads, and finally at an empty tomb, but they did not truly awaken to new life until he sent the Holy Spirit to them; and so it is with us. We hear words and sing songs, but until we receive your Holy Spirit we are, at best, half-awake. And so we pray, even as you did on the first Pentecost, send your Holy Spirit on your followers today. Send your Holy Spirit on us today. This we ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.

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.

Praying to God Together

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Edner

The Lord's Prayer

Hearing the Word Together

***Song of Preparation** #603 Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire

Sermon

The Power of the Holy Spirit

Pastor Barnes

Text: Acts 10:45

The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles.

***Song of Dedication** #500 Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

Going Out to Serve God

***Sending Forth** (unison)

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

*** Postlude**

PASTOR BARNES' FINAL MESSAGES

Pastor Barnes' last Sunday at Mount Oak will be on June 18th. His final messages here will be as follows:

Sunday, May 28th - (Pentecost) The Power of the Holy Spirit

Sunday, June 4th - (Holy Communion) A Vision for the Future

Sunday, June 11th - The Gospel for Everyone

Sunday, June 18th - (Father's Day) A Challenge to Men!

Sermon Notes

The Power of the Holy Spirit

- I. Introduction – Who is the Holy Spirit?
- II. Acts 10 – an account of the work of the Holy Spirit
- III. Things to notice from Acts 10
 - a. The supernatural work of God
 - b. The breaking down of barriers
- IV. The Holy Spirit and the church
- V. The Holy Spirit and you

Opportunities to Get Involved

DISAFFILIATION INFORMATION

As we prepare for our disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church, the Church Council has planned the following:

Information regarding our options and the vote has been mailed to all members and is available in the entryways.

Listening Session: Sunday, June 4th, following the combined service:

Vote: Sunday, June 11th, before and after the combined service.

ARE YOU A MEMBER YET?

Have you been attending Mount Oak Fellowship for a while, but have not yet become a member of the church? Are you ready to commit to being a part of this congregation, working with us as we become something new? When we vote next month on a new direction for this congregation, only members may vote. If you would like to join the church before that vote, contact Pastor Barnes at pastorbob@mtoak.org or 301-249-2231). There will be a one-day membership class held on Saturday, June 3rd.

ONGOING PRAYER WALK

As you move about the building and property in the next month, we encourage you to pray for each area, that the Lord would use it for His glory and fill the people who enter that space with the Holy Spirit. If there is a prayer prompt card in the area, you may also use that as a guide in your prayer.

DOG WALK-A-THON

Disabled Children's Fund (one of Mount Oak's sponsored missions) is hosting a Dog Walk-a-thon to raise money for their ongoing help for dabled children around the world. Come out to Mid Atlantic Community Church from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm on Monday, June 12th to walk with (or without) your dog around a course, enjoy the agility course, and enter your pup in the costume contest. Register by visiting AChildThrives.org. For more information, contact Mary Campbell (mary.campbell.dcf@gmail.com, 240-723-6569).

USED CURRICULUM SALE

The Mount Oak Homeschool Umbrella and eXtend Homeschool Tutorial will host a Used Curriculum Sale on Tuesday, June 6th. This is a great way for homeschooling families to buy curriculum for next school year for far less money than buying new. Sellers can rent a table for \$10. For more information about the sale or to register as a seller, email leadership@extendhomeschool.com.

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.

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) for more information.

FOR ADULTS

Adult Sunday School: This class meets at 10:15 am in room 202. There is not a zoom option for this series. In May the Adult Sunday School class will have three sessions on "The Lives of Great Christians": "The Life of Paul" (May 14th), "The Life of Martin Luther" (May 21st), and "The Life of John Wesley" (May 28th). These sessions are presented by Dr. William Cook, Professor at SUNY Geneseo. You will be provided with an outline for each lecture. There is no cost for the sessions. For more information, contact Dave Leith (davidmleith@gmail.com, 410-507-9198).

Our Wednesday night Bible Studies, Kingdom Men, and Precepts are all taking a break for the summer. We look forward to new study opportunities in September.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR

Our Interim Children's Director, Ruby Outlaw-Keith, will be moving to Tennessee in June. We are thankful for her faithful service over the past 15 months. We will honor her at her final service with us on June 11th. There will be a basket available for cards.

As you pray for Ruby and her family in this transition, please also pray that the Lord will bring us the right person to fill this vital position. If you or someone you know may be interested, please email sprc@mtoak.org.

Church News and Updates

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

9:00 Service	10:45 Service	Total
50	39	89

FINANCIAL UPDATE

The church budget for 2023 is \$455,978. In order to meet our budget, we need to receive \$8,603/week. Last week we received \$4,820. 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.

ONLINE GIVING

You may now **give financially online**. To do so, you may use your account at OnRealm.org or go to the church homepage (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 to 73256.



LEADERSHIP TEAM OF MOUNT OAK FELLOWSHIP

Pastor: Robert Barnes, pastorbob@mtoak.org

Interim Director of Children's Ministry: Ruby Outlaw-Keith, rubylee.outlawkeith@gmail.com

Worship Leader (10:45): Darren Plummer, verticalleadership2021@gmail.com

Administrative Assistant: Molly Holloway, secretary@mtoak.org

Prayer Requests: 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

May 28th - June 3rd, 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

Memorial Day – Church and office closed

Tuesday

7:00 pm Worship Team rehearsal – Fellowship Hall

Thursday

7:00 pm Prayer meeting – Zoom

Upcoming Events

Sunday, June 4th, 10:00 am – Combined Service

Sunday, June 4th, 11:30 am – New Direction Listening Session

Tuesday, June 6th, noon – Homeschool Used Curriculum Sale

Sunday, June 11th – Interim Children's Director Ruby Outlaw-Keith's last

Sunday

Sunday, June 11th, 10:00 am – Combined Service and New Direction Vote

Saturday, June 17th, 9:30 am – Dorcas Ministry

Sunday, June 18th – Pastor Barnes' last Sunday



Mount Oak Prayer Walk

Thank you for your prayers!

Thank you for participating in the Mount Oak Prayer Walk! Please enjoy your walk around the property and use the prompts posted at these different stations as a starting point for your prayers. Or use this summary as a guide for your personal prayer time.

Field and Pavilion: That new families will come to have fun here and hear about Jesus

Parking Lot: Let your Glory overshadow this place and cause everyone who steps here to experience the power and love of the Almighty God.

Playground: That we can use this space to glorify God, introducing children to Christ through their participation here

Office: Thank God for the many staff members who have given their time and talent to build Mount Oak over 142 years.

Property: For money/investment/ miracle to raise \$1.5 million that the Mount Oak property can be saved.

Sanctuary: We pray for every person that enters this place to experience your saving power to transform lives.

Meeting Rooms: Pray that the spirit of God would be felt in these rooms

Kingdom Kids: Pray for a child-like faith, curiosity, and a growing devotion to God

Kitchen: Thank God for all the creative ways we have used this kitchen in the past, present and future.

Visitors: Pray for all people who enter this property that they would be heard, loved and cared for.