



# MOUNT OAK

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of the United Methodist Church

Rev. Robert Barnes - Sr. Pastor

10:00 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](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

June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023

10:00 am Service

\* Please stand as you are able

**\*Call to Worship** (adapted from Psalm 127:1 and Matthew 7:24-25)

LEADER: Unless the LORD builds the house,  
the builders labor in vain.

PEOPLE: **Unless the LORD watches over the city,  
the guards stand watch in vain.**

LEADER: The wise man who built his house on the rock.

PEOPLE: **The rains came down, the floods came up,  
but the house on the Rock stood firm.**

**\*Praise & Worship**

**Missions Minute**

Jack Walsh, Disabled Children's Fund

**Going to God in Prayer**

Pastor Edner

**Sermon**

Vision for the Future

Pastor Barnes

Text: John 17:20-21, I Corinthians 1:10:13, Galatians 1:6-9, 2:11-13

**Prayer of Confession**

**Prayer of Humble Access**

**Holy Communion**

**\*Song of Faith**

**Announcements**

**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

## Vision for the Future

- I. Introduction – A couple of things to smile at
- II. Biblical perspective on church unity
  - a. John 17:20-21
  - b. I Corinthians 1:10-13
  - c. Galatians 1:6-9, 2:11-13
- III. The practical relevance of denominations and church associations
  - a. Orthodoxy
  - b. Orthopraxy
  - c. Orthocardia
- IV. Two reminders about what we are doing
  - a. We are family in Christ
  - b. Jesus is the goal

# Opportunities to Get Involved

## **DISAFFILIATION INFORMATION**

Please stay after today's service for a Listening Session regarding our options for a new direction following our disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church. Four options will be presented. There will be a short time for questions after each option, and a longer time for questions after all the options have been presented.

Next Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, members may vote on the new direction. The first round of voting is 9:00 am – 9:45 am and 30 minutes following the combined service. If a 50% threshold is not reached on the first round of voting, the option receiving the fewest votes will be dropped and we will vote again. If a 50% threshold is not reached on the second round of voting, the option receiving the fewest votes will be dropped and we will vote again. Results will be announced immediately.

## **USED CURRICULUM SALE**

The Mount Oak Homeschool Umbrella and eXtend Homeschool Tutorial will host a Used Curriculum Sale on Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:leadership@extendhomeschool.com).

## **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 12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://AChildThrives.org). For more information, contact Mary Campbell ([mary.campbell.dcf@gmail.com](mailto:mary.campbell.dcf@gmail.com), 240-723-6569).

## **BEST YEARS**

Best Years is our program for seniors, though all are welcome. They meet on the second Wednesday of each month in the Upper Room, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. This month (Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>), Deedie Stuart will offer a presentation on downsizing. A lunch of pizza and salad will follow. Contact Carl Neumann (301-464-8879) for more information.

# 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

**Precepts** – Meets every other Thursday, 9:30 am – 11:30 am. Beginning a summer study of Ecclesiastes on June 6<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact Harriette Thompson ([thompsonharriette@gmail.com](mailto:thompsonharriette@gmail.com), 301-233-1140).

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

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## 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.

## PASTOR BARNES' FINAL MESSAGES

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

- Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> - (Pentecost) The Power of the Holy Spirit
- Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> - (Holy Communion) A Vision for the Future
- Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> - The Gospel for Everyone
- Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> - (Father's Day) A Challenge to Men!

## 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 11<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:sprc@mtoak.org).

# Church News and Updates

## LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

9:00 Service	10:45 Service	Total
51	53	104

## 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 \$6,942. 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, [rubylee.outlawkeith@gmail.com](mailto:rubylee.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

June 4<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## Sunday

10:00 am Combined Worship Service – Fellowship Hall  
10:30 am Kingdom Kids – Kingdom Kids (Room 107)  
11:15 am New Direction Listening Session – Fellowship Hall

## Monday

7:00 pm Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts –Fellowship Hall and Upper Room  
7:00 pm Vision Task Force – Room 202

## Tuesday

Noon Homeschool Used Curriculum Sale – Fellowship Hall  
7:00 pm SPRC Meeting – Room 206 and Zoom  
7:00 pm Worship Team rehearsal – Fellowship Hall

## Wednesday

Office Closed  
7:00 pm Choir Practice – Sanctuary

## Thursday

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

## Saturday

7:30 am Fellowship Hall chair setup

## SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The office will be closed on Wednesdays in June and July. Office hours for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday remain 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

## Upcoming Events

Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> –Interim Children’s Director Ruby Outlaw-Keith’s last Sunday

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

Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am – Best Years

Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am – Dorcas Ministry

Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> – 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.