



A Note from the Pastor

Role Models

“Do this in remembrance of me.” I Corinthians 11:24b

The 1995 Major League Baseball All-Star game was held in Dallas, Texas. This annual two day event was filled with the excitement of the best players in baseball showing their skills to the adoring crowds watching from the stands.

The excitement was put on hold for a few moments as a press conference was called. Mickey Mantle, one of the many great New York Yankee players from the 1950's walked up to the microphone. He was looking gaunt and weak. He had had a liver transplant a while earlier. The liver disease and surgery had taken its toll. He had lost over 40 pounds. And while he had been in the hospital it was reported that he had received over twenty-thousand pieces of mail from adoring fans wishing him a quick and full recovery. In July of 1995, it was obvious that there would be no full recovery.

As he talked with his fans at the press conference, he tried to be cheerful and upbeat as he took responsibility for the condition of his health. He knew that hard living and heavy drinking had taken its toll.

When he began to speak, Mantle did not discuss his lifetime batting average, his home run total, or other spectacular memories of his career. The Hall of Fame baseball player had this to say:

You talk about a role model, this is a role model: Don't be like me...God gave me the ability to play baseball and I wasted it. I'm going to spend the rest of my life trying to make up. I want to start giving something back.

-Mickey Mantle

His statement made me start to ponder of who my role models are in life, and the question of whether they are motivating me to give back to the world. I began to think about the service men and women who gave their lives so that I may enjoy the freedoms we celebrate. I also began to think about Jesus Christ. Not only that he gave his life on the cross for my sins, and that we remember his sacrifice when we celebrate Holy Communion. But I also remember how he instructs us to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, and visit the sick and imprisoned (Matthew 25). It brings new meaning to Jesus' instructions: "This do in remembrance of me."

Mickey Mantle died on August 13, 1995, just a little over a month after his press conference. He had very little time to start giving something back. What will we do with our time?

I'll see you in church!

In Christ,
Pastor Bob



JAM (Grades K-4) & MYF (Grades 5-12)

*Please come join us
Every Wednesday
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Meal, Bible lesson & games!!!!*



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United
Women
in Faith

The United Women in Faith PURPOSE is to be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative, supportive fellowship, and to expand concepts of mission through participation in global ministries of the church. All women are invited to be a part of this Christian Fellowship.

UWF will hold their **September 3rd meeting at 1:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Members and guests will need to **bring a square scarf.** Julie Morissette, owner of Gisela's Haus, will demonstrate and teach us how to use scarves to perk up an outfit. The hostesses are Marla Ford and Mary Hughes.

All women of our church and their friends are invited to join. This is a great organization providing a lot of excellent services to our church.

OAKFORD UMC



SEPTEMBER 7TH



Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Forrest

VanOrman who passed away on August 20, 2025.

CHRONOLOGICAL READING OF THE BIBLE IN A YEAR September 2025

September 1 2 Chronicles 5–7 Psalms 45:1–17
Proverbs 22:14
September 2 2 Chronicles 8–11 Psalms 46:1–11
Proverbs 22:15
September 3 2 Chronicles 12–16 Psalms 47:1–9
Proverbs 22:16
September 4 2 Chronicles 17–20 Psalms 48:1–14
Proverbs 22:17–19
September 5 2 Chronicles 21–24 Psalms 49:1–20
Proverbs 22:20–21
September 6 2 Chronicles 25–28 Psalms 50:1–23
Proverbs 22:22–23
September 7 2 Chronicles 29–31 Psalms 51:1–19
Proverbs 22:24–25
September 8 2 Chronicles 32–34 Psalms 52:1–9
Proverbs 22:26–27
September 9 2 Chronicles 35–36 Psalms 53:1–6
Proverbs 23:1–3
September 10 Ezra 1–4 Psalms 54:1–7
Proverbs 23:4–5
September 11 Ezra 5–7 Psalms 55:1–23
Proverbs 23:6–8
September 12 Ezra 8–10 Psalms 56:1–13
Proverbs 23:9–11
September 13 Nehemiah 1–3 Psalms 57:1–11
Proverbs 23:12
September 14 Nehemiah 4–7 Psalms 58:1–11
Proverbs 23:13–14
September 15 Nehemiah 8–10 Psalms 59:1–17
Proverbs 23:15–16
September 16 Nehemiah 11–13 Psalms 60:1–12
Proverbs 23:17–18
September 17 Esther 1–5 Psalms 61:1–8
Proverbs 23:19–21
September 18 Esther 6–10 Psalms 62:1–12
Proverbs 23:22
September 19 Job 1–4 Psalms 63:1–11
Proverbs 23:23
September 20 Job 5–8 Psalms 64:1–10
Proverbs 23:24–25
September 21 Job 9–12 Psalms 65:1–13
Proverbs 23:26–28
September 22 Job 13–16 Psalms 66:1–20
Proverbs 23:29–35
September 23 Job 17–20 Psalms 67:1–7
Proverbs 24:1–2
September 24 Job 21–24 Psalms 68:1–18
Proverbs 24:3–4
September 25 Job 25–30 Psalms 68:19–35
Proverbs 24:5–6
September 26 Job 31–34 Psalms 69:1–18
Proverbs 24:7
September 27 Job 35–38 Psalms 69:19–36
Proverbs 24:8
September 28 Job 39–42 Psalms 70:1–5
Proverbs 24:9–10
September 29 Ecclesiastes 1–3 Psalms 71:1–24
Proverbs 24:11–12
September 30 Ecclesiastes 4–6 Psalms 72:1–20
Proverbs 24:13–14

September Missions

Adult Mission Offering **GUNNER LEE MEMORIAL**

The Gunner Lee Memorial Fundraiser was created by Kaley Meyer and Madison Hofreiter after they lost their best friend to suicide in March of 2021. Every Oktoberfest, they put together baskets of all kinds of items to raffle off to raise money for suicide prevention and mental health awareness. All money raised goes towards donation to larger mental health and suicide programs and the Gunner Lee Memorial Scholarships in Havana and Manito for high school students. They have raised over \$11,000.00 for suicide prevention. They are very excited for their 5th year of raising money for those who need help the most. You matter....



Children Mission Offering ***Havana Schools*** ***Hygiene Project***

The youth group has gone shopping for hygiene products for the kids at school for the past several years. The school social worker has asked for donations of hygiene products. The youth group goes to Dollar Tree in Canton. The youth pick out a variety of hygiene products such as deodorant, body spray, socks, foot powder, body wash, loofa sponges, feminine products, etc. We then bring it to the church to be blessed and then they are taken to junior high and the social worker splits it up between the schools.

Sharing Our Blessings with ***Others for July 2025*** ***Havana***

Total mission \$1,070.32

Adult Mission:
St. Andrew \$250.00

Children Mission:
Heifer Project \$500.32

MYF Mission \$100.00
UMCOR-Floods \$220.00

Thank you for your generosity
throughout the year to support
our Mission Projects!!

Mary's Office Update

Please notify the church
office at: 309-543-4725
or e-mail

office@havanaumc.org
of any person or persons whom
you would like placed on or
removed from the prayer list.

Newsletter deadline
September 19th

Church office closed
September 2nd



2025 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

- United Women in Faith (UWF)
awarded a \$500 scholarship to
Mercedes Bassett.
- FUMC Mission Committee
awarded \$500 scholarships to
Krista Koke and Prestyn Meyer.

May God bless these students in their
studies and guide them in all that they
do!

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LABOR DAY CELEBRATION August 31, 2025

In honor of Labor Day, we invite everyone to wear your work clothes or bring along something that represents your profession to church!

- ◆ Nurses can wear scrubs or bring a stethoscope.
- ◆ Teachers might bring a favorite book or wear school colors.
- ◆ Construction workers could wear a hard hat or safety vest.
- ◆ Whatever your job, be creative and join the fun!

Let's celebrate the many ways God uses our work to bless others.

Thank You

Juliana and I would like to sincerely thank everyone for hosting the Welcome Picnic Potluck. We are so grateful for the kindness and hospitality you have shown us. The congregation has been wonderfully welcoming and supportive as we transition into our new church family. We feel truly blessed to be here!

New 8-Week Bible Study "The Chosen"

*Church Parlor
Mondays at 11:00 AM
Beginning September 15th*



Join us for this engaging Bible study based on *The Chosen* series. Come ready for fellowship, discussion, and a deeper look into the life of Jesus and His disciples!



Get Ready for Oktoberfest

***We need you.....
September 5th, 6th, & 7th***

The United Methodist Church Lemonade Shake-up stand will begin with prepping lemons at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 4th, and then setting up the stand early Friday morning.

As in the past years, the shifts run for two hours with a new shift set starting each hour so that they overlap. We are extra busy after the parade on Friday (6-8pm) and at lunch and dinner on Saturday. You can sign up in the church office, in the back of the sanctuary or by contacting Cathy Reavley at 309-582-6102.

We will donate 10% of our profits plus donations to Water is Life.

We have a lot of fun and do a lot of good at the same time. Please join us!!!!

Community Food Pantry *September Item of the Month:*

Canned Vegetables



Please help us re-supply our Food Pantry by donating the above product.

(Box located outside of Sanctuary)

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Havana FUMC

Birthdays

Sep 1 Jennifer Brooks
 Sep 2 Reese Markley
 Sep 2 Glendora Stout (1927)
 Sep 2 Kaleb Yetter
 Sep 2 Gresyn Tomm
 Sep 4 John Lynn II
 Sep 5 Roxann Raridon
 Sep 6 Faith Foster (1926)
 Sep 6 Angela (Vaughn) Johnson
 Sep 7 Dean Pfeiffer
 Sep 9 Wesley Boyd
 Sep 9 Debbie Yetter
 Sep 11 Kim Lippert
 Sep 11 Carol Himmel
 Sep 11 Colleen Wolters
 Sep 12 Donna Hahs
 Sep 15 Sue Meisner
 Sep 18 Jacob Yetter
 Sep 18 Jack Murray Miller
 Sep 19 Meghan Ray
 Sep 20 Joyce Onken
 Sep 21 Alex Morr
 Sep 21 Addison Stadsholt
 Sep 21 Brad Pherigo
 Sep 23 Cindy Friedrich
 Sep 23 Dianne Hills
 Sep 25 Corey Friedrich
 Sep 25 Logan Showalter
 Sep 25 Jason Stadsholt
 Sep 28 Melanie Dihora
 Sep 28 Pamela Pherigo
 Sep 28 Lori Siltman
 Sep 29 Becky Morgan



Anniversaries

09/14/1996 Scott & Whitney
 Schlueter
 09/28/1985 Tad & Debbie Yetter
 09/29/2007 Jason & Riki Layton
 09/30/2006 Eric and Jill Snedeker

Oakford UMC

Birthdays

Sep 4 Kyle Todd
 Sep 5 Nile Sanert
 Sep 6 Keri Smith
 Sep 7 Erica Schirding
 Sep 9 Beth French
 Sep 9 Kelleigh DeMonbrun
 Sep 12 Donna Hahs
 Sep 13 Leann Atterberry
 Sep 14 Rylee Boensel
 Sep 15 Brianna Todd
 Sep 15 Sarah Stone
 Sep 17 Tanner Lynn
 Sep 17 Tucker Lynn
 Sep 17 Stephanie Kelley
 Sep 18 Waylon Watkins
 Sep 21 Barb Shanle
 Sep 21 Eli Cory
 Sep 24 Bruce Shanle
 Sep 24 Deann Shelabarger
 Sep 25 Roy DeMonbrun
 Sep 26 Melissa McCandless
 Sep 29 Jacob Glick
 Sep 30 Jim Brauer



Anniversaries

09/01/2018 Daniel & Erica Schirding
 09/04/2010 Ryan & Brianna Todd
 09/06/1986 Jeff & Lori Lynn
 09/18/1982 Joe & Rhonda Sidwell
 09/23/1989 Charlie & Amy Todd
 09/24/1988 Brian & Dee Vaughn
 09/25/2010 Ross & Jeni Horn
 09/30/2000 Chris & Sarah Stone

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

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Upcoming Calendar of Events

for **Both** Churches

Every Sunday:

8:30 a.m. - Oakford UMC

10:30 a.m. - Havana FUMC

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Weekly Events</u>
9/01		Church Office Closed
9/02	6:30 p.m.	PEO Meeting
9/03	1:30 p.m.	UWF Meeting
9/07	8:30 a.m.	Oakford Promotion Sunday
9/08	6:30 p.m.	Ministry Team Meeting
9/18	1:30 p.m.	Cancer Support Group
9/20	10:00 a.m.	"Crochet 4 Christ"
9/22	7:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting

Bible Study "The Chosen"

September 15th, 22nd & 29th at 11:00 a.m.

Choir Practice

September 10th, 17th & 24th at 6:00 p.m.

enTrust Praise Team Practice

TBA

MYF & JAM

September 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th at 5:00 p.m.



2025 West District Charge Conference

Sunday, October 26th
1:30 p.m.

Rushville UMC

Weekly Prayer Topics

- Sept 7 Open the minds of our children so that they may learn to think, to understand, and to comprehend.
- Sept. 14 Help us to learn to do good works and not to be unproductive.
- Sept. 21 Continued support for our local hospital and health care providers.
- Sept. 28 Blessings and encouragement upon our Emergency Responders, Firemen, Policemen, Civil Defense, EMT's, and others

SEPTEMBER USHERS

Paul & Becky Morgan
Eric & Shavonne Parsons

September Acolyte Schedule

September 7th: Madelynn Snedeker
September 14th: Emma Strauman
September 21st: Davis Snedeker
September 28th: Mason Dietsch

If you are unable to Acolyte, please trade with someone and let the church office know either by calling or sending us an email!!



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"Crochet 4 Christ"
September 20th

Remember Our Shut-Ins



Clayberg Nursing Center
625 E Monroe St, Cuba 61427
Rosie Moore

Lodge at Manito
1303 S. East Ave, Manito 61546

Bette Lynn Apt. 102
Shirley Lynn Apt. 30
Mary Lou Stephens Apt. 129
Glendora Stout Apt. 128

Independence Village
1201 W Northmoor Rd., Peoria IL 61614
Portia Brown Apt. 327

At Home
Karen Short
PO Box 228
Oakford, IL 62673



In Our Prayers

Havana: Gloria Bess; Lynn Coots; Kay Curtis; Deklan; Renee Downing; Debbie & John Duitscher; Don Graham; Jame Hahs; Buddy Hedden; Robert & Carol Himmel; Judy Hofreiter; Lisa Johnson; Lana Murrell; Petra Nolan; Kennedy Parsons; Jo Pedigo; Janet Roper; Kevin & Connie Roper; Ben Showalter; Shawn Sievers; Fred Stadsholt; Craig Stephens; Forrest Van Orman Family; Rosemary Watson

Oakford: John Bell; Jerry Behrends; Ron Burn; Renee Downing; Kenny Fortney; Lisa Johnson; Rodney King; Betty Lynn; Doug McGinnis; Myra McGinnis; Carol McHenry; Greg Matthis; Katie Nichols; Carolyn Parker; Kennedy Parsons; Joe Rumler; Linda Sandidge; Leann Shoemaker; Karen Short; Ben Showalter; Scott Smith; Susan Upton; Tim Welch; Lisa Wilhoit

Bishop David Bard; Bishop Kennetha Bigham-Tsai; The Church; Our Country; Those Grieving; All the students and teachers starting school

Please notify the church office of anyone you would like placed on our prayer list or of any changes that should be made. Thank you!

See you at the Pole

Every year in September, youth from around the country gather at their respective schools to pray around the school's flag pole. This year "See You at The Pole" falls on **Wednesday, September 24, 7:00 a.m.** All youth in Jr. and Sr. High are encouraged to gather at their school to pray with their peers. Encourage your school aged family and friends to participate.



Thank you so much for sponsoring our Your Obedient Servants Mission Camp experiences! We are so thankful to have your support for such an amazing opportunity.

Karsyn served at Kumler UMC, Mercy, Mary Bryant Home for the Blind, St. Johns bread line, Washington Street, OC & Daily Bread.

Kynsley served at Contact Ministries & Ronald McDonald House. She also made back to school bags for lower income kids!

Karsyn & Kynsley Layton

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*In Loving Memory of her
Mother & Sister*

