

November
2025



Ridgerunner

Dear Oak Ridge Church Family,

I love that Pastor Appreciation Month comes right before November—it reminds me just how thankful I am for each one of you. Thank you for all the sweet cards, gift cards, and baked goods that I've been able to share with my family. Your kindness truly blesses me, and I can't say enough how much I appreciate all that you've done. I feel deeply honored to be your pastor.

There is definitely a "Culture of Generosity" here at Oak Ridge Methodist Church. Thank you to all who have already filled out a Commitment Card. For those who have not yet done so, there's still time. I hope and pray that every member will take part, as our commitment to God and one another reflects the heart of who we are as a church family.

We have much to be thankful for at Oak Ridge. Our children's and youth ministries continue to grow, and the Finance Committee has approved an increase in the Children's Ministry budget to meet these growing needs. We've also been blessed to welcome new members into our congregation, celebrating baptisms and professions of faith in Jesus Christ.

This month we will give thanks for the gift of eternal life as we remember those who have gone to be with Jesus this past year. There will also be an opportunity to come forward after receiving Holy Communion to light a candle in memory of a loved one.

On the second Sunday, we will give thanks to God for the gift of Holy Baptism. On the third Sunday, we'll celebrate our Confirmands as they profess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and officially join the church. On the fourth Sunday, we'll offer our thanks to God by giving our first fruits during a special Thanksgiving service. And yes—since there are five Sundays in November—we will end the month by beginning the beautiful season of Advent.

As the first Sunday of Advent arrives, may it remind us to prepare our hearts and souls for the coming celebration of the birth of Jesus.

Take care and God Bless,

Pastor Mike

CHRISTMAS STORE

November Mission of the Month



Grab a Tag

Return the Gift

Make a difference in the life of a
family this Christmas



The time of year is upon us where we get to bless our backpack families with the Christmas Store. This year we are committed to providing 350 sweatshirts (please no hoodies) / sweaters to the children. Our trees are decorated with tags this year, red (girl), blue (boy) and green (\$25 Target gift cards). Tags are located on the trees outside the sanctuary and FLC.



We ask all clothing to be turned in with the tag by November 30th. You can return the unwrapped clothing under the tree. I encourage you to prayerfully consider taking a tag, helping us bring Joy and Happiness to backpack families this Christmas.

Merry Christmas!



FINANCE NEWS



A Culture of Generosity: Thank You for Your Support

Dear Oak Ridge Family,

As we wrap up October, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to each of you for your support and engagement with our 2026 stewardship campaign, *A Culture of Generosity*. Your prayers, reflections, and commitments have been a source of encouragement and hope as we look ahead to the coming year.

Throughout October, we explored what it means to live generously—not just with our finances, but with our time, talents, and hearts. We heard stories of impact, shared moments of gratitude, and were reminded that generosity is a spiritual practice that shapes our community and deepens our faith.

If you haven't yet returned your **Commitment Card**, there's still time! You can submit it in one of the following ways:

- **Mail** it to the church at:
Oak Ridge Methodist Church
P.O. Box 538, Oak Ridge, NC 27310
- **Drop it off** at the **church office** during office hours.
- **Scan the QR code** or on the link on our website to fill out the [online form](#).



These commitments are vital as the **Budget Team** continues preparing for 2026 in advance of the **November Finance Committee meeting**. Your response directly influences our ability to plan and sustain the ministries that serve our congregation and community.

We believe that our shared Culture of Generosity will make a meaningful difference in the year ahead. Thank you for being part of this journey. Together, we are building a church that reflects God's abundant love and grace.

With gratitude,
ORMC Stewardship Committee

HELLO November



What's going on
at ORMC!



BRUNSWICK STEW
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8



Mary Martha Circle

Wednesday, November 12, 2025
10am in Rm F-219

Topic

Making Space for God in the Midst of the
Holiday Rush



Presented by

Tina Crain

All are Welcome!



Wednesday Fellowship Meal

November 12 at 6pm

Family Life Center

VETERAN APPRECIATION!



PASTA NIGHT

hello
FALL



PACK A SHOEBOX!



OAK RIDGE
METHODIST CHURCH



Deadline for Shoeboxes
Sunday, November 23



ORMC Children's Ministry Celebrating October



Coming Soon

Is your child
interested in
being part of our
church-wide
Nativity
performance?

Sign up
by using
the QR
code
or visit the
church website



Age 3-5th grade

Practices:
Nov 12@ 6:45-7:15 PM
Nov 19@6-7PM
Dec 3@6-7 PM
Dec 13 Dress
Rehearsal@ 10AM

Performance:
December 14
11 AM
Family Life Center

Pumpkin Carving



**Be the light
of Christ!**





Practicing THE WAY OF Jesus

- LEARNING
- PRAYING
- GATHERING
- RESTING
- CONTRIBUTING



Retreat Recap

I do not know if I can put into words just how truly amazing our Ridge Fall Retreat was! The fun we had paled in comparison to the spiritual growth and experience these students, and leaders, had during this amazing weekend! The biggest impact came through a "Prayer Experience" that was done by our own student, Sarah Allen, and Kristian Christ! Our students were able to wash each other's feet, pray for people they know who are lost, and MANY other expressions of prayer! Our theme for this Retreat was ROOTED! Our students learned to be ROOTED in the Word, Prayer, Love, and The Way!

Friendsgiving

November 16th 6-8pm

We ask that students dress as if going to a nice event or special service. We do have a menu if you would like to contribute please contact Kristian Christ 336-549-0520



CONTRIBUTING



PRACTICING THE
WAY OF JESUS

Contributing

We will serving at Spring Arbor Assisted Living on November 23rd. We will meet in the youth cafe for lunch at 12:15pm and riding the bus over. We will return to the church at by 3:30



**SABBATH
SUNDAY**

Rest | Practicing the way of Jesus

Sabbath Sunday November 30th

As we intentionally set time aside, we encourage our students to take time to spend with family, rest, unplug and reset.

Glenwood Together

Our students will be helping with the Glenwood Together Christmas Workshop on Saturday, December 6th 1-3pm . More details to come.



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november @ THE RIDGE

11/2 - Theme: Baby
@ The Ridge 6-8pm

11/9 - The Ridge 6-8pm

11/12 - Community Dinner 6pm

11/16 - Friendsgiving 6-8pm

11/23 - Service Project 1-3pm

It is time for the Resurrection Conference again!! It will be held in Pigeon Forge, TN | January 23-25. The cost is \$150. Students will need money for 3 meals out and spending money. Registration is live!!!! Click the link below to Register:

Registration Link

December @ THE RIDGE

12/6 - Glenwood Service 1-3pm

12/7 - Caroling - 3-5pm
Hot Cocoa, Open Gym & Make
your ugly Christmas sweater 5-7

12/10 - Community Dinner 6pm

12/13 - Stokesdale Parade

12/14 - Theme: July 4th
@ The Ridge 6-8pm

12/21 - Christmas Party
@ The Ridge 6-8pm

12/28 - NO YOUTH

I want to extend my sincerest gratitude for everyone who showed their appreciation to me for Pastor Appreciation Month! I LOVE being one of your Pastor's here at ORMC, and I LOVE all of our students, families, and each and every one of YOU! Thank you for bringing Kristian and myself in as family!

TRUNK OR TREAT

PUMPKIN CARVING



TRICK
OR
TREAT





Christmas Nativity Service Combined Worship at 11am Dec. 14 Family Life Center

Join us as our Children, Youth,
Choir and Praise Band present
the Nativity Story





2025

Greensboro Urban Ministry Holiday Honor Card



Help provide food,
shelter, and solutions
to our neighbors in
need with a gift of the
2025 Holiday Honor
Card.



100% of donations
support GUM's
program areas.



Available for a \$5
minimum donation
per card.



Please contact
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THANK YOU!

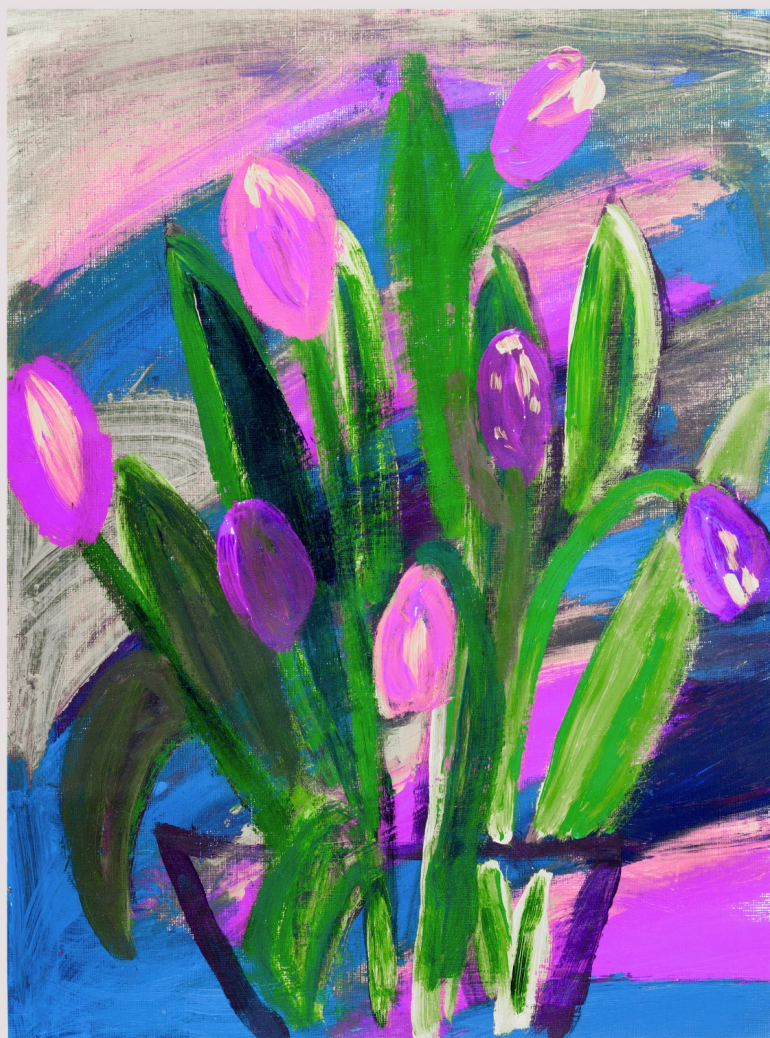
Dear Rev. Michael Carr:

*I would love to thank you
for your very generous
donation and support to
UMAR.*

*It helps us to be able to get
what we need and to live a
happy life.*

*Love,
Helen*

Monarch Group Home



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