



Orchard Park United Methodist Church  
WEEKLY NEWSFLASH

The following is an excerpt from a blog post by Watermark Community Church. Racism is a sin that has existed throughout human history, and, like all sin, is one that we as believers should be actively trying to eradicate.

- All people bear the image of God. Regardless of race, ethnicity, nationality, or any man-made category, God created all people in His image (Genesis 1:27). We are all wonderfully made (Psalm 139:14). God makes no distinction between His people (Colossians 3:11; Romans 10:12), and neither should we.
- Racism is a sin. It is the sin of partiality. Showing preference or favoritism based on appearance, socioeconomic status, or any other prejudicial judgment is sinful (James 2:1-9). We all have equal worth in God's eyes (Romans 2:11; Acts 10:34), and all believers are one in Christ (Galatians 3:28).
- We should defend and help those who are hurting. As believers, we are all members of one body (Romans 12:5), and what happens to one member affects all of us (1 Corinthians 12:12-27). When someone has been hurt by racism, we should mourn with them (Romans 12:15), meet their needs (1 John 3:16-18), and advocate for their rights (Proverbs 31:8-9). We should be known by how we love each other (John 13:34-35); if we do not love each other, then how can we say that we love God (1 John 4:20-21)?

Racism, like all sin, will not be fully eliminated from the world until Jesus returns. However, we should still actively work to eradicate racism from our own lives and communities. Do not give up, and do not grow weary of doing good to everyone (Galatians 6:9-10).

One Race, One People: Created by God Part 3



## September 26 Worship Participants

Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM

Worship Service 11:00 AM

*Pastor:* Rev. Tanya Spencer

*Music Director:* Meiko Reigelman

*Liturgist:* Carol Brauer

*A/V Operator:* Peter Slotman

*Greeter:* Tom & Carolyn Wrinn

*Childcare:* Sue Stachewicz



Laitn Sunday will take place on October 17. If you'd like to participate in planning worship this day, contact Carolyn Wrinn.

## Upcoming Events

September 26 @ 10 AM:

### Adult Sunday School

September 26 following service:

### Town Hall Meeting

October 3: **World Communion Sunday**

October 6 @ 12 PM: **Bible Study and lunch with Pastor Tanya**

October 17: **Laity Sunday**

October 23: **Trunk or Treat**

The 2021 OPUMC directory is coming! If any of your contact information has changed, please leave a message for Shannon at the office.



October 3 is **World Communion Sunday**. One of six churchwide Special Sundays with offerings of The United Methodist Church, World Communion Sunday calls the church to reach out to all people and model diversity among God's children. When you give generously on World Communion Sunday, you equip talented, qualified students from around the globe to become the world changers God created them to be. An offering envelope is enclosed.

## Prayer Requests

- *Magdeline Hayman* - recovering from a fracture
- Donna's friend *Deb*, whose husband passed away on Monday
- Rebecca's sister, *Alicia* - health
- friend of Candy, *Mary Agnes* - health
- *Marie Gorman* - recovering from a fall
- *Joan Zimmerman* - recovering from surgery
- Donna Kroh's friend *Linda* - recurrence of cancer
- Candy and Joe's neighbor, *Roger* - health
- *Lurly Hunsberger*

*Orchard Park United Methodist Church is a Reconciling Congregation.*

We celebrate God's gift of diversity and value the wholeness made possible in community equally shared and shepherded by all. We welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, who are also of every age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, and family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, and social status, and so much more. We acknowledge that we live in a world of profound social, economic, and political inequities. As followers of Jesus, we commit ourselves to the pursuit of justice and pledge to stand in solidarity with all who are marginalized and oppressed.



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