



**seeking:**  
*Will you give  
me a drink?*

## March 10, 2023

Dear Oaklands,

This week I had the joy of joining the Laurel Pride Festival planning team as we prepare for this fall's festival. (Mark your calendars now for Saturday, October 14th at Laurel Lakes!) It feels good to be engaged in outreach in the community on behalf of Oaklands, and already we have a team of folks who have made commitments to provide leadership:

- Jennifer Bronson is working with the group soliciting vendors and sponsors who will draw people out and provide funding for the event.
- Kirsten Anderson has already submitted her application to be a vendor that day, selling her exquisite bead work. (If you would like to have a vendor table, you can find the application [HERE](#).)
- Betsy Weissbrod is working with the planning team to do a revamp of the logo for the event.
- Jesy Littlejohn is providing social media content on the Festival's Instagram and Facebook platforms
- Pastor LeAnn is recruiting other faith groups to sponsor the Festival.

When I reflect back on our work in 2022, our presence at the Laurel Pride Festival was perhaps the most profound witness to God's inclusive love we provided the entire year. Just to get a taste of the beauty of that day, check out the video that we created (click [HERE](#)) and read the article that Jesy wrote for Presbyterian Outlook (click [HERE](#)).

I hope in the coming months we might find ways to include more of our community in the preparation.

- Do you have an idea of an inexpensive and easy to make craft that we could make to offer as a free give away to those who visit our booth?
- Do you want to give time to help coordinate activities on the day of the event?
- Do you want to donate toward our sponsorship fee, which is \$500?
- Do you have ideas of how we might show up in creative ways that day to share God's love, especially for those who have experienced more harm than good in church settings?

If so, please let me know. This is sure to be an even more powerful witness to God's love and an opportunity for us to expand Oaklands' commitment to being a community that embodies radical welcome!

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor LeAnn

**Scripture for this Week:**

[John 4: 5-42](#) ([HERE](#))

**Oaklands' Music Playlist for this Sunday:**

[Lent Playlist Week 3](#)

**Devotional Book**

To print your own Devotional:

[Print Order Devotional](#)

(Click [HERE](#) for instructions on how to print it so that it comes out oriented correctly for a booklet.)

Online Devotional:

Our friends at A Sanctified Art have provided a special e-reader version of this year's Lenten devotional, which you can access on your computer and mobile devices. Click [HERE](#) to access it. (NOTE: In order to protect their work, please refrain from sharing this link or posting it on social media.)

**Devotional Cards**

This file will allow you to print double sided, 4 cards for each page. Each card has a question on one side and a short prayer on the other side. I am using these as a daily prompt to my morning prayer time, and a question to carry with me through the day. Someone else said they are using these at meal time as a way to enter into conversation, and then offering the prayer together with their partner.

Link to the Daily Devotional Cards [HERE](#).

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Easter Egg Hunt on **April 9th** following Worship.

Candy donations are accepted and can be left in the office by **April 2nd**.

Please come **April 2nd** to help stuff eggs!

**YOU'RE INVITED!**

**You're invited to the grand opening of Oaklands**

members, Franklin Asah's, new store!! Click the image below for more details!

**FRANCK**  
*La* **SCELTA**  
*Maestro of Modern Fashion*

**GRAND OPENING**  
March 24th  
Time: 2 PM EST

**CUTTING OF RIBBON:**  
March 25th  
Time: 2 PM EST

Columbia Market place, 9400  
Snowden River PKWY Suite #128

+1 (443) 500 9959 / +1 (667) 200 9922  
www.franklascalta.com

**Spaghetti Lunch**

MARCH 26TH  
12:15 PM

Donations accepted, but not expected, for our Debt Free '23 fund

OAKLANDS HAS DEEP ROOTS OF RADICAL HOSPITALITY

Thank you to our Oaklands Fellowship Hosts!

Hosting Sunday	Hosts
February 26	Linda & Cal Kirby
March 5	Peggy & Cal Benedict
March 12	
March 19	Paul Collman
March 26	Spaghetti Lunch (Separate sign up sheet)
April 2	
April 9	Easter
April 16	
April 23	
April 30	
May 7	
May 14	
May 21	
May 28	Tari Gregory

To sign up to be a host, see Pam Lloyd!

Our next luncheon will be on **March 26th** following worship! A sign-up sheet will be available starting **March 5th**. If you are

If you are interested in becoming a Fellowship host (a small snack to share following worship) please contact **Elder Pam Lloyd!**

interested in helping  
please contact **Sara  
Littlejohn.**

(click Pam's name to email  
her)

The sign--up schedule is  
located next to the coffee  
maker in the Narthex

### Debt Free in '23" Campaign

We started this year with a mortgage pay off of March 10, 2024. Thanks to the generosity of our community, we have raised over **\$14,018** and have moved the pay off to the middle of December. Each week we are getting closer and closer.

Please consider a donation to help Oaklands through this year to our goal of paying off the mortgage by September, if not sooner! Doing so could pull us out of the red and into a surplus!

For every extra dollar given, and designated as Debt Free '23, we will be able to tick time off of our Mortgage Countdown Calendar! <https://oaklandspres.org/give>, note "Debt Free in '23" in the note before submitting.

\$150 is one day gone!  
\$1000 is one week gone!  
\$4300 is one month gone!

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### Worship Leadership Sunday, 03/12/23

**Liturgist** - Greg Anderson  
**Preacher**- Rev. LeAnn Hodges  
**Music Ministry** - Karen McLaren  
**Tech Ministry** - Betsy Weissbrod  
**Fellowship Host(s)**- Mike and Cindy Pontius

Please see the links below in order to join in for our worship services.  
To call in from any phone (sound only, no video), call 1-301-715-8592  
Type in the following Meeting ID when prompted: 865 6235 7110

If you are not able to log on for any reason and need help accessing the recording, please email Elder **Jesy Littlejohn**. [jesy@oaklandspres.org](mailto:jesy@oaklandspres.org) or **TEXT** them at 4124390306

### Weekly Worship Links

Reminder: The links for worship are ALWAYS  
on the Oaklands Presbyterian Church *website!*

Meeting ID 865 6235 7110  
Passcode 14301

Zoom Worship

YouTube Worship

Make a Donation

**Ways to Send your Pledges and  
Freewill Offerings**



CashApp: [\\$OaklandsPres](#)



Paypal; See the giving link on the  
OPC Website under "Give"



Check via USPS.



Automatic Draft. You can set it up  
through your bank account to have  
money automatically withdrawn and  
sent to OPC

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