

The O.U. Reporter



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Worship Schedule

Sunday, December 20

Worship Service—8:45 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 10:55 a.m.

Fellowship Time—9:30 a.m.

Sunday School—10:00 a.m.

Genesis Ringers—5:00 p.m.

U.M.Y.F. Gym Time.—5:30 p.m.

U.M.Y.F. Dinner—6:30 p.m.

Youth Worship—7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 23

Church office closed—12:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 24

Christmas Eve Communion

Services—4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 27

Worship Service—10:00 a.m.

The office will reopen Monday, December 28. It will close at noon Thursday, December 31 and all day Friday January 1 for New Year's. Wednesday Night Holy Communion will resume January 6.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the staff at OUUMC.

Special Worship Services

Sunday, December 20 *Third Sunday of Advent*

Lessons and Carols—8:45 and 10:55 a.m.

Featuring the Chancel Choir and Celebration Ringers



Christmas at *The Journey* Radio Show Worship—9:00 a.m.



Starring the Drama Team: Dex Edwards & Shelly Diaz
& Acoustic Bluegrass Band:

Dasha Teelin—director

Greg Johnson—upright base

Donna Gurley—violin

Kelly Norris—guitar

Andrew Gordon—piano, mandolin, & banjo

Please join us immediately following *The Journey* service for cider and cookies.

(Journey worship services will resume on January 10, 2010.

No services on Dec. 27 & Jan. 3.)

Thursday, December 24

Christmas Eve

Communion Services—4:00 and 6:00 p.m.

Your Christmas Eve Communion offering will go to Interfaith Compassion Ministries.



Sunday, December 27

First Sunday of Christmas

A Christmas Service Celebrating the Birth of Christ

10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Featuring cello, bassoon and Chancel Choir

Christmas carols

All children will sing "Go Tell it on the Mountain" and other carols.

Children's Christmas moment

PRAYERS

- Larry Butts
- Clyde Coltharp
- Mildred Davis
- Jim Hampton
- Ann Huggins
- Rachel Lewand
- Mary Swayze
- Dorothy Lee Tatum
- Charles Walker

- Grant Bradley, Brandee and Audie Branch's nephew
- Peggy Butler, Beth Rasberry's mother
- Howard Cole, Kevin Cole's father
- Bill Dyer, Craig and Denise Jennings' uncle
- Ann Logan Edwards, Mary Beth Mobley's sister-in-law
- Eva Grayson, Sandra Kennedy's mother
- Earl Hampton, Jim Hampton's brother
- Tee Hodge, Mary Martha Crowe's brother
- Jackie Houston, Ann Kelly's mother
- Carol Huggins, James Huggins sister-in-law
- Mary Humphries, Cathy Cox's mother
- Elizabeth Jones, Mary Beth Mobley's aunt
- Jerrie Kemp, Brian Jones' grandmother
- Paul Klotz, Cile Downer's son-in-law
- Adrian Langendoen, Eddie Langendoen's father
- Ramona Lewis, Becky Bingner's mother
- Bill Miller, Sandy Bennett's father
- Blanche Miller, Cecilia Marshall's mother
- Lilly Moss, Marcia Garrett's niece
- Susan Osterberg, Bert Felder's daughter
- Trey Poole, Wanda Poole's grandson
- Tommie Sue Rhodes, Billy Rhodes' mother
- Elizabeth Roberts, Susan Thomason's grandmother
- Rebecca Robertson, Jim Taylor's sister
- Joanne Rone, Scott Rone's mother
- Tony Schneider, Chris Schneider's father
- Mitch Schuck, Donna Killen's father
- Lindie Scott, Shea Scott's sister-in-law
- Deborah Thompson, Pat Forrester's cousin
- Melinda Thornburg, Julianna Ross' sister
- Hayden Thornton, Marie Moses' mother
- Ann Moore Tucker, Laura Parkinson's cousin
- Beverly Tucker, Charlie Black's sister
- Kenneth Young, Jerry Young's brother

Budget Update

Need per week	\$25,646.96
Rec Sun 12/13/09	\$25,166.04
Need to date	\$1,282,348.00
Rec to date	\$1,150,188.67
Expenses through 12/15/09	\$1,190,144.23

Total offerings for 12/13/09 including Interfaith Compassion, Specials, Memorials, and Building Fund were \$28,845.04

Thanks to all of you for your continued support of OU's ministries.

2010 Stewardship Update

Pledges received by Wednesday, December 16, 2009: 219
 \$937,382 pledged to the General Budget
 \$126,617 pledged to the Building Fund

2009 Contributions

Tax-deductible contributions to the church for 2009 must be postmarked by Thursday, December 31 or delivered to the church office no later than noon that same day. The office will be closed Friday, January 1, New Year's Day.

Joy Bags

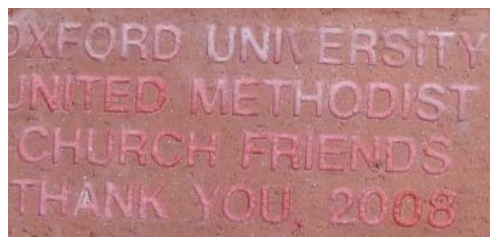
The Joy Bags were a great success! They were full of good fruit, cookies, candies, personal items & other things we hope they can all use. Thanks to all of you for your donations of items and money & for your help in getting the many items into the bags last Friday. A special thanks to The Garden Center for the donation of the lovely bags in which to put everything & to Hickey Crouch for making the beautiful ornaments which were included in the bags. Thanks also to J Johnson & the youth who delivered the bags.

God bless you all during this Advent & Christmas season. Frank Poole, Rita & Page Broadway & the members of the Congregational Care Committee.

Dear Friends,

An engraved brick has been placed in the sidewalk welcoming children to Angel Ranch in your honor. Thank you for your annual investment in the lives of abused children who find hope and comfort within our doors.

Sue Turner



PRESENCE

Sunday Worship

December 6

Sunday School	325
8:45 a.m.	118
9:00 a.m.	71
10:55 a.m.	399

December 13

Sunday School	327
8:45 a.m.	94
9:00 a.m.	65
10:55 a.m.	401

Christian Love and Sympathy is Extended to

Benjamin Purvis in the death of his grandfather, Thomas M. Purvis

Danielle Ammeter in the death of her grandmother Mary Crammer

Rachel Lewand in the death of her sister, Mary Ann Smith

Melissa Sutherland in the death of her father, Jack Kahlstorf



Epiphany Open House

Frank and Mary Poole invite their church family to their 30+ year tradition of sharing food and fellowship on Epiphany, Wednesday, January 6, from 6:30 p.m. until...

The Poole Hall is located at 302 Lewis Lane, behind the Chamber of Commerce off of Stone Road.

New Members and Baptisms



Andrew and Malinda Buglewicz
403 Greer Cove
202-4465
Andrew and Malinda joined OU December 13 from Hawkins United Methodist Church in Vicksburg. Andrew is a physical therapist at Cornerstone Rehabilitation, and

Malinda is a homemaker and student. They are expecting their first child in March.



Molly Ann Riddle was baptized on December 6. She is the daughter of Tracie and Jeremy Riddle and the sister of Kate.



Collier Elizabeth Smith was baptized on December 13. She is the daughter of Betsy and Andrew Smith.

CHILDREN'S MESSENGER

A Christmas Service Celebrating the Birth of Christ

December 27
10:00 a.m.

All children are invited to join us for a special service as we come together to celebrate the birth of Christ. We will sing Christmas carols, including "Go Tell it on the Mountain."

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Overflow
JR. AND SENIOR HIGH
DECEMBER 31-JANUARY 1
\$45 REGISTRATION DUE BY
DECEMBER 20.

If you need to get in touch with J Johnson, Director of Student Ministries, you can email him at j@theoxu.org. Check out www.theoxu.org for more information



THE O-U ANGEL TREE PROVIDES CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR MANY CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO, OTHERWISE, MIGHT NOT BE RECEIVING MUCH. OUR LOCAL SALVATION ARMY PROVIDES US THE NAMES AND INFORMATION OF SUCH CHILDREN. THIS INFORMATION-AGE, CLOTHING SIZES, AND DESIRES-IS PRINTED ON ANGELS AND HUNG ON THE TREE.

THIS YEAR, OUMC MEMBERS HELPED OVER 88 FAMILIES WITH ANGEL TREE GIFTS.



Notes From the Past

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY YEARS AGO: The trustees of the Andrew Chapel Church signed the deed to their property to our church.

THIRTY YEARS AGO: In the fall of 1979 several church members were elected to the Junior High School Who's Who: John Mistilis, Steven Brammer, Allen Baker, Dee Lovelace, Qunion Day, and Margaret Khayat.

Yoga Class

Yoga classes will start again on Thursday, January 7, at 5:30 p.m. in Wesley Hall. Lisa Schaffer is the instructor. The class on January 7 is free to try. Regular classes will run from Tuesday, January 12 through Thursday, February 11. The 5-week session is \$50. For more information contact Julianna Ross at 234-5278 or juliannaross@hotmail.com.



CONFIRMATION 2010

Confirmation begins in January!

Confirmation is a journey by which our children begin to understand and affirm their Christian beliefs and claim their place in the life of the church. **This year's Confirmation journey begins January 10** (orientation meeting) and goes through Confirmation Sunday on April 11.

Listed here are the 6th graders we have on record in our church's computer. If your child's name is not listed and you would like for him or her to participate, please contact **Claire Dobbs at 801-5608, or clairedobbs8@gmail.com.**

Jayne Backstrom	Jason Barber	Ana Branch	Virginia Brown
Celie Collier	McClellan Davis	Avery Duke	Sarah Ferguson
Christie Forgette	Mary Morgan Grantham	Mary Arden Guyton	Hale Houston
Mason Johnson	Anna Kate Joyce	Anna Laurenzo	Gus Morgan
Margie Morgan	Andrew Mulkey	Graham Nance	Baryn Rasberry
Houston Roth	Callan Shinall	Grace Turner	Jack Turner
Jane Walsh	Emma Webb	Blake Parham	

Also, if you are an adult member of this church and would like to mentor a child during confirmation, please contact **Claire Dobbs or Pat Forrester, 234-5278 pforrester@ouumc.org.**

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