

The O.U. Reporter



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Leadership

I think Christ's leadership is best described in the words of Parker Palmer:

Jesus exercised the only kind of leadership that can evoke authentic community—a leadership that risks failure (and even crucifixion) by making space for other people to act. When a leader takes up all the space and preempts all the action, he or she may make something happen, but that something is not community. Nor is it abundance, because the leader is only one person and one person's resources invariably run out. But when a leader is willing to trust the abundance that people have and can generate together, willing to take the risk of inviting people to share from that abundance, then and only then may true community emerge.

- Christian leaders empower others so they come forward with their God-given gifts to share.
- Christian leaders learn to delegate and let go and trust.

I'm still on the learning curve, but for 2009...

- I want to focus more on relationships with you.
- I want to spend more time being a pastor to new members and members who've been here all their lives and to newcomers who are searching for a church home.
- I want to spend more time nurturing my own spiritual life by hearing your stories.
- I want to prepare for Sunday with both a rested mind and a compassionate heart.

Pray for me that I can be a better pastoral leader by letting go and trusting the infinite leadership gifts God has provided through you.

Gratefully,

Warren

Enclosed are our elected leaders here at OU for 2009 and beyond.

Whatever our role as leaders, what does Christ's style of leadership say to us?

How can we be better leaders wherever we serve...home, school, work, community, and church?

Worship Schedule

Sunday, January 11

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

Fellowship Time—9:30 a.m.

Sunday School—9:45 a.m.

New Bell Choir—4:30 p.m.

Celebration Ringers—5:30 p.m.

Jr. High U.M.Y.F.—5:30 p.m.

Sr. High U.M.Y.F.—6:45 p.m.

Wednesday, January 14

Holy Communion—6:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 18

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

Fellowship Time—9:30 a.m.

Sunday School—9:45 a.m.

New Bell Choir—4:30 p.m.

Celebration Ringers—5:30 p.m.

Jr. High U.M.Y.F.—5:30 p.m.

Sr. High U.M.Y.F.—6:45 p.m.

Wednesday, January 21

Holy Communion—6:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 25

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

Fellowship Time—9:30 a.m.

Sunday School—9:45 a.m.

New Bell Choir—4:30 p.m.

Celebration Ringers—5:30 p.m.

Jr. High U.M.Y.F.—5:30 p.m.

Sr. High U.M.Y.F.—6:45 p.m.

Food Pantry Drive

Don't forget to bring your groceries for the Food Pantry Drive this Sunday. OU's youth will be in the parking lots to help unload cars.

Thank you for your participation!

PRAYERS

- Jenny Arnold
- Mildred Davis
- Bob Ellis
- Marie Gillis
- Sarah Robinson
- Charles and Ann Scott
- Mary Swayze

- Jackie Atkins, Jack Atkins' mother
- Jerry Buntin, Rodney Holley's step-father
- Fritz Costley, Christine Costley's brother
- Jordan Deakes, Pat Williams's nephew
- Julie Deakes, Pat Williams's niece
- Sherry Felder, Bert Felder's wife
- Eva Grayson, Sandra Kennedy's mother
- Theola Grissom, Janice Martin's mother
- Kathy Haynes, Richard Hopper's sister
- Orell Hedgepeth, Jacky Sparks' mother
- Elizabeth Jones, Mary Beth Mobley's aunt
- William Miller, Cecilia Marshall's uncle
- Cora Norman, Bob Norman's mother
- Ginger Pepper, Will Pepper's mother
- Tommy Pumphrey, Bridgett Turner's grandfather
- Tommie Sue Rhodes, Billy Rhodes' mother
- Rebecca Robertson, Jim Taylor's sister
- Joanne Rone, Scott Rone's mother
- Francis Scott, Shellie Ross' grandfather
- Deborah Thompson, Pat Forrester's cousin
- Melinda Thornburg, Julianna Ross' sister
- Hayden Thornton, Ree Moses' mother
- Ann Moore Tucker, Laura Parkinson's cousin
- Patsy Waller, Beth Rosson's mother
- Willie Wicker, Walter Wicker's mother
- Martha Witherspoon, Kara Giles' mother

Picture Pick Up

If you did not order any extra pictures from First Choice Resources, your complimentary photo is in the church office. You may pick it up at any time.

Technical Difficulties

Tuesday, January 20th OUUMC phone lines and internet connection may be interrupted. We are converting our service to AT&T for a substantial monthly discount. Thank you for your patience with this inconvenience.

Pledge Update

Amount Pledged: \$960,306
 Total pledges through Tuesday, January 6, 2009: 231

Pledge cards are available in the narthex and the church office. If your financial circumstances change, you may adjust your pledge at any time.

General Budget

2008 Budget	\$1,555,545.00		
Needed to be current 12.31.08 Preliminary Receipts 12.31.08	\$1,555,545.00		
Preliminary Expenses 12.31.08	\$1,446,371.67		
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Balance	In Process		
EXPENDITURES	BUDGET	YTD	BUDGET REMAINING
Program Ministries	\$249,168.00	\$149,825.70	\$99,342.30
Apportionments, District & Conf.	\$264,209.00	\$264,209.00	-
Local Administration	\$256,000.00	\$252,951.89	\$3,048.11
Salaries and Benefits	\$786,168.00	\$810,796.67	(24,628.67)
	\$1,555,545.00	\$1,477,783.26	\$77,761.74

**PRESENCE
 Sunday Worship**

December 21

Sunday School	290
8:45 a.m.	101
9:00 a.m.	104
10:55 a.m.	268

December 28

10:55 a.m.	
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January 4

Sunday School	298
8:45 a.m.	102
9:00 a.m.	106
10:55 a.m.	275

**Holy Communion
 December 17 32**

Christian Love and Sympathy is Extended to

- Jennie Denton in the death of her mother, Monta Wren
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- Earnest and Peggy McLellan in the death of their son, Charlie McLellan
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- Claire Dobbs in the death of her grandfather, Carter Dobbs
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- Brad Feltenstein in the deaths of his father, Guy Feltenstein, and his aunt, Dorothy Reeves
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- Walter Jean and Bryant Reed in the death of their daughter, Janet Reed
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- Liz Clayton in the death of her uncle, Larry Taylor

- Congratulations to**
 Betty and Louis Vause, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on December 20.
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- Jim and Nancy Hampton, who celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on December 28.

OXFORD-UNIVERSITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL 2009

Chair: Joyce Whittington 2009 Vice-Chair: Patty Tatum 2009 Secretary: Gerald Walton

MINISTRY TEAM	WORSHIP	EVANGELISM & ASSIMILATION	MISSIONS OUT-REACH	CONGREGATIONAL CARE	FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES	COMMUNICATION	EDUCATION
TEAM LEADER	Julie Walton	Robert Northern	Jean Shaw & Sloan Hunter	Reida & Page Broadway	Larry & Jacky Sparks	Robert Mason	Fred Laurenzo
AREAS OF MINISTRY	Altar Guild Lay Readers Holy Seasons: Advent Lent Holy Week Music Acolytes <i>The Journey</i> Ushers	Mugging Team Assimilation Shepherds Attendance Registration New Member Dinners	Habitat for Humanity Medical Ministries Clinic Global Missions Living Waters Leap Frog Boy/Girl Scouts Angel Tree Church and Society Community Ministries Compassion Ministries	Bereavement Neighborhood Care Special Needs Prayer Team Nursing Homes Retirement Homes Hospitals Van/Ford Ctr. Shuttle Family Ministries Primetimers	Pot-luck Luncheons Wednesday Night Meals Supper Clubs Leisure Ministries (including games, sports/exercise classes for all ages) Family Ministries	Newsletter/Publications Advertising Website/Computer Radio Building Signage Brochures, etc. Church Directory Bulletin	Sunday School Confirmation Small Groups/Studies SS Secretary Teacher Training Teacher Recognition Greeters Spiritual Renewal (alt.yrs)
2009	Camille Murphy Julie Walton, Chair Joann & Dex Edwards	Tyce Buntin Denise & Craig Jennings Martha Briscoe	Darryail Whittington Scott Rone Ray & Jesse Boyd	Betty Lou Zinn Marta Brookhart Bill Selman	MaryEllen Barr Leo Seicshnaydre Theda Russell	Kelli Backstrom Barbara Mitchell Dianna & Bill Mobley	Fred Laurenzo, Chair Roane Grantham Laura Parkinson
2010	Marian Spencer Polly Williams Linda Sperath	Robert Northern, Chair Trish Cousley Ann Greenlee	Jean Shaw, Chair Carolyn Higdon Nicole Gladden	Betty Case Linda Taylor Reida/Page Broadway	Larry/Jacky Sparks, Chair Debby Pritchett Rich & Patty Caverner	Rachel Malone Margaret G. Phillips Robert Mason, Chair	Billy Rhodes Tom Lilly Rosemary O. Ingham
2011	Sandra Kennedy Randy Richardson Laurie Triplette	Beth Tosh Sue Gaston James & Hicky Crouch	Paula Whitaker Sloan Hunter Mack Mackie	Linda Morgan Becky Hill Wanda Poole	Lloyd & Missy Hewitt Scott Shipman Matt & Nancy Campbell	Dicki King Shelly Diaz Howard Tucker	Patty Tatum Sam Davis Toya Bruss
STAFF * = lead staff	* Claire Dobbs Warren Black Lee Uhlhorn Jason Derrick Julianna Ross	* Barbara Camp Warren Black Claire Dobbs Julianna Ross	* Danny Kelly * Claire Dobbs	* Barbara Camp Warren Black Claire Dobbs Frank Poole	* Danny Kelly J Johnson	* Emilie Bramlett Liz Clayton	* Claire Dobbs Pat Forrester Julianna Ross

LAY LEADERSHIP TEAM (Nominations)

UMW PRESIDENT
Peggy Schove 2009

CHAIR Warren Black

LAY LEADER Brent Smith (Relates to Finance & SPRC)
2009 Amy Dennis, Beth Doty, John King
2010 Sue Gaston, Melody Webb, Darryail Whittington
2011 Sloan Hunter, Dorothy Laurenzo, Robert Northern
3rd Year Elected at Charge Conference

CHURCH STAFF

Pastors	Warren Black, Claire Dobbs, Frank Poole
Church Admin. Prog/Fin	Liz Clayton
Facilities/Fellowship	Danny Kelly
Youth - J Johnson	Journey/Assim. -Julianna Ross
Music Dir - Lee Uhlhorn	Organist - Jason Derrick
Sec./Recep. - Jan Estes	Bookkeeper - Sylvia Harvey
Adm.Asst. to Pastors	Barbara Camp
Communications	Emilie Bramlett
Preschool Dir.	Susan Phillips
Assoc.MusicDir.	Dasha Teelin
Custodians	James Young, Lisa Corrothers, Rico McThune
Children-	Pat Forrester

MINISTRY TEAM	CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES	YOUTH MINISTRIES	STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS	FINANCE	TRUSTEES (Elects their Chair)	FUTURES
TEAM LEADER	Mary Beth Mobley	Darrell Whitaker	John King	Kin Kinney	Doug Miller	Mary Sharp Rayner
AREAS OF MINISTRY	Vacation Bible School Wednesday -WOW Nursery Missions Worship: Children's Sabbath Children's Church 3rd Grade Bible Pres. Music Fellowship F.I.S.H. Pre-School	UMYF Youth Choir Small Groups/Studies Missions Youth Sunday Trips High School Graduation Youth Sunday School College	Staff Evaluations Staff Development Staff Salaries/Benefits	Financial Process Financial Reporting Budget Developing Stewardship Campaign Stewardship Education Capital Campaign Endowments	Building/Grounds Maint. Insurance Vehicles and Equipment Equipment./Supplies Capital Improvements Bequests/Memorials Van Maint. Set up/Take Down Mgmt Media Usage/Mgmt	Identify New Ministries Long Range Planning Strategic Planning
2009	Lorie Chandler Mary Beth Mobley, Chair Merrill Nordstrom	Jake Williamson Lori & Scott Meadows Lynn & Mark McElreath	Nancy Garvin John King, rel. to Finance Mike Mills	David Guyton Beth Rosson, rel. to PreSc Richard Doty	Todd Garner Dixie Jordan, Sec. Randy Bundren	Sloan Hunter To Be Named Dennis Tosh
2010	Adrian Shipman Mary Martha Crowe Jennifer Mauney	Denise Smith Darrell Whitaker Melinda Bruscato	Ann Harris Ed Morgan Michael Dennis	Carolyn Bond Jim Woodington Vicki Sneed	Doug Miller, Chair, rel. to Finance Becki Huelse Garner Hickman	Parham Williams Bill Baker Robert Grantham
2011	Susan Gunn Renee Morgan Katie Pearson	David/Jacky Rozier Chris/Doug Adamson Leland Graeber	Diann Coleman Carole Dye Niles Norris	Pat Tatum John Laurenzo Kin Kinney, Chair	Carolyn Davis rel. to Pre School Ashton Pearson Harry Sneed, Vice Chair	Tyler Smith Mary Sharp Rayner, Chair Ron Hipp
STAFF * = lead staff	* Pat Forrester Susan Phillips Sarah S. Russell Lee Uhlhorn	* J Johnson Claire Dobbs	* Warren Black * Liz Clayton Claire Dobbs	* Liz Clayton Warren Black Claire Dobbs <i>Consultant: Blake Smith & Dexter Barr</i>	* Danny Kelly Liz Clayton Warren Black <i>Consultant: Spencer Turner AlFenger</i>	* Liz Clayton Claire Dobbs Warren Black <i>Consultant: Pat Brown</i>
ANNUAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES		PRE-SCHOOL POLICY BOARD				
1. John Webb, rel. to Finance 2011		CHAIR Judy Riddell, 2009				
2 Polly Williams, rel. to SPRC 2011		PRE-SCHOOL DIRECTOR Susan Phillips		TREASURER Al Fenger, rel to Finance		
Reserve Delegate: Gerald Walton		STAFF REP. Pat Forrester		STEWARDSHIP To Be Named		
CHURCH HISTORIAN: Gerald Walton		2009 Judy Riddell, Chair				
DISTRICT New Albany		2009 CHILDREN'S REP. Merrill Nordstrom				
SUPERINTENDENT Jerry Beam		2009 FINANCE REP. Beth Rosson				
CONFERENCE Mississippi		2010 SPRC REP.				
BISHOP Hope Morgan Ward		2010 TRUSTEES REP. Carolyn Davis				
SPRC and Trustees Elect Rep.						

EXTENDED TEAMS

<u>Worship</u>	<u>Evangelism/Assimilation</u>	<u>Missions Outreach</u>	<u>Congregational Care</u>	<u>Fellowship</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Youth</u>
Tina/Richard Daniels John Adham Cecilia Marshall Julie Overstreet Billy Brewer Janis Miller Becky Hipp Gene Bramlett	Ann/James Huggins Julie Montgomery Wanda Holley Marjorie Buckley	Claire Kiamie Katie/Chip Pearson Cody Giles Net Bethea Connie Lilly	Jan Estes Carolyn Pegram Nella Wicker Ruth/Danny Caldwell Carole Dye Bob/Jane Kerr Nance	Chip Pearson Laura Banahan Jacqui Lear	Pat Brown	Brenda Norman Tracie Riddle	Anne Farley Smith Russell Casteel

New Members



Colin, Desiree, and Allison Krieger
1207 Academy Cove
251-6801

Colin and Desiree joined OU on December 21, 2008. Colin is the manager at Papa John's Pizza. He previously attended a Catholic

church in New Orleans. Desiree attended Memorial United Methodist Church in Opelousa, Louisiana. Their daughter Allison is 2.



Pat Martini
816-6868
130 Heights Drive

Pat also joined OU on December 21. She comes to us from St. Phillip's Episcopal Church in Brevard, North Carolina, and is the mother of Colin Krieger.

Baptisms



Cohen Hux Tatum was baptized on December 21. He is the son of Bridget and Mike Tatum. He is the brother of Carlisle.

Dear Warren and OUUMC,

The Burns United Methodist Church family says, "THANK YOU" for your generous donation of \$1,000. The gift was a blessing to us.

Blessings in peace!!!

Servant,

Deborah Palmer

Pastor, Burns UMC

CHILDREN'S MESSENGER

All children who participated in the Children's Christmas Drama please return your costumes to Ms. Pat's office as soon as possible.

W.O.W. Volunteers

Parents interested in helping out with our W.O.W. activities on Wednesday nights, please contact Adrian Shipman, chair of W.O.W., @236-6585 abshipman@gmail.com or Pat Forrester, Director of Children's Ministry, @234-4293 pforrester@ouumc.org.

Children's Church Volunteers

Children's Church is for our younger children, 4 years and older, who are too old for the nursery and too young to sit in the Worship service. The willing parents of children who attend Children's Church are put on a volunteer schedule to help out and lead our children once every 10-12 weeks.

Materials, curriculum, games, movies, and ideas are provided. Reach out to Children's Ministry and enjoy the gift of our children.

If you wish to volunteer please contact Children's office @234-4293 or contact pforrester@ouumc.org

OUUMC on the Web

Check out OU's newly redesigned website, www.ouumc.org. Thanks to Robert Mason who created the site.

A Baptism Story

A legend circulating in Detroit about the early days of Henry Ford and Ford Motor Company tells of a machinist with Ford Motor Company who had borrowed, over a period of years, tools and other automotive parts. Though this was against company policy, everyone did it, and management did nothing about it. However, one day this machinist joined a church, was baptized, and became a believer who took his baptism seriously. The day after his baptism, he collected all the tools he had accumulated over the years, loaded them into his pickup took them to the plant and presented them to the foreman with his confession and appeal for forgiveness. The foreman was so overcome by his honesty that he cabled Henry Ford himself, who was visiting a European plant. After detailing the entire event, Ford immediately cabled back this response: Dam up the Detroit River and baptize the entire plant.

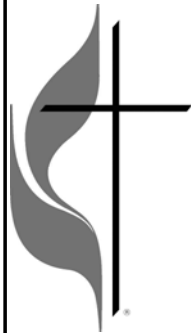
—taken from "Preaching Word and Witness"

This Sunday is Baptism of the Lord Sunday. We hope to see you there.

—Warren and Claire

Appreciation Reception

RE/MAX Legacy Realty would like to invite the OUUMC friends of Nita Lovelady to an Appreciation Reception given in her honor. The reception will be Thursday, January 15, 2009, from 5 until 7 PM. The reception will be at the offices of RE/MAX Legacy Realty which is located at 1923 University Avenue between Tuesday Morning and Sugar Magnolia in the old Kroger Shopping Center. We hope to see you there.



Confirmation 2009: All Sixth Graders Are Invited!!!

Confirmation begins this January! Confirmation is open to all 6th graders whose parents worship or visit at OUUMC. During Confirmation, a 3 ½ month journey, we explore with our confirmands the basic teachings of Christianity and the United Methodist Church. Each child is assigned a mentor, and through Sunday afternoon lessons, field trips, and a few retreats, we encourage our children to take responsibility for their relationship with Christ and Christ's Church. This rite also marks a time when our confirmands may decide to "officially" join our congregation.

If you would like your child to participate in Confirmation, please contact Claire Dobbs at cdobbs8@gmail.com or 801-5608 or Pat Forrester at pforrester@ouumc.org or 234-5278.

Notes from the Past

FIFTY YEARS AGO: On December 10, 1958, it was announced that plates were \$1.75 each for the dinner at the Malcolm Guess Day. At the Official Board meeting on December 16, 1958, "Dean Malcolm Guess commented on the work of the Wesley Foundation, stating that the student leaders are highly pleased with the new Director, Rev. Don Anderson."

TWENTY YEARS AGO: On December 11, 1988, Ginger Jones Holland was the soloist, and Brent and Sarah Hampton lighted candles in the Advent wreath. Jamie Vernon was soloist on December 18, 1988. On that day the Rupert Bruner family (8:45 service) and the Bob Rosson family (10:55) lighted candles in the Advent wreath. Dennis and Mary Lisa King were married in the sanctuary on December 22. The Lance Hale family lighted candles in the Advent wreath on December 24.

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Director of Youth and College Ministries	J Johnson	234-4220	j@theoxu.org
Director of Children's Ministries	Pat Forrester	234-4293	pforrester@ouumc.org
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