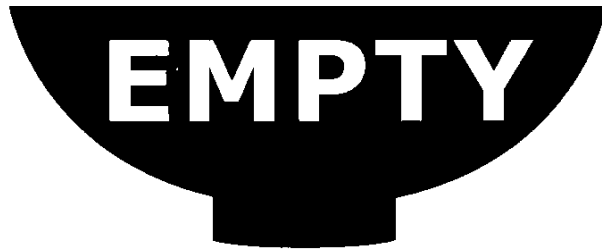


The O.U. Reporter



BOWLS

OPEN HEARTS
OPEN MINDS
OPEN DOORS

February 5, 2009
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Thursday, February 12

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Activities Center

\$15.00

Worship Schedule

Sunday, February 8

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.

Genesis Ringers—4:30 p.m.

Celebration Ringers—5:30 p.m.

Confirmation Class—3:30 p.m.

Marriage Course—4:45 p.m.

F.I.S.H.—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, February 11

Children's Choisters—3:30 p.m.

Wednesday Night Supper—5:15 p.m.

Holy Communion—6:00 p.m.

W.O.W.—6:00 p.m.

Youth Choir—6:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir—7:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 15

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.

Genesis Ringers—4:30 p.m.

Celebration Ringers—5:30 p.m.

Confirmation Class—3:30 p.m.

Marriage Course—4:45 p.m.

F.I.S.H.—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, February 18

Children's Choisters—3:30 p.m.

Wednesday Night Supper—5:15 p.m.

Holy Communion—6:00 p.m.

W.O.W.—6:00 p.m.

Youth Choir—6:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir—7:00 p.m.

Please join us next Thursday for the Pantry's annual Empty Bowls fundraiser. For \$15, you will receive an empty, collectable bowl of your choice—crafted and donated by the University of Mississippi's Mud Daubers and local potters—as a reminder of the meal's purpose...that someone's bowl is always empty.

All proceeds from the fundraiser go to the Pantry.

THE MARRIAGE COURSE

Sundays, February 8-April 5 (no meeting during Spring Break)

4:45-7:00 pm, Activities Center

Led by Stephanie and Will Berry, Ann and Danny Kelly, and Janis and Warren Black

Cost: \$100

The Marriage Course is very practical, giving any married couple the tools to build a strong and healthy marriage that lasts a lifetime.

Topics covered include: recognizing each others' needs, learning to communicate effectively, resolving conflict, healing past hurts, knowing how to make each other feel loved, relating to parents and in-laws, good sex, making time for each other, and having fun together.

The cost of the course is \$100 per couple, made payable to OUUMC, due by Feb. 8. This cost covers the curriculum, manuals, dinner, and dessert for the entire eight weeks. Registration forms may be picked up in the church office or you may tear off the form below.

MARRIAGE COURSE REGISTRATION FORM

Please fill in this form and send it with your \$100 payment to the church office:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Home phone: _____

Cell phone: _____

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PRAYERS

- Mildred Davis
- Marie Gillis
- Sarah Robinson
- Marjorie Sanford
- Charles and Ann Scott
- Betsy Smith
- Mary Swayze

- Jackie Atkins, Jack Atkins' mother
- 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
- Dianne Martin, Bo Martin's mother
- William Miller, Cecilia Marshall's uncle
- Cora Norman, Bob Norman's mother
- Ginger Pepper, Will Pepper's mother
- 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
- Lois Thornton, Suzanne Spruiell's mother
- Ann Moore Tucker, Laura Parkinson's cousin
- Patsy Waller, Beth Rosson's mother
- Dimple Whitaker, Darrell Whitaker's stepmother
- Willie Wicker, Walter Wicker's mother
- Martha Witherspoon, Kara Giles' mother

Missions-Outreach Moment Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels delivers both frozen and hot meals to house-bound people in Lafayette County. Their drivers also greet their more than 170 clients, thus providing human contact and a safety net element on a regular basis. Meals on Wheels also serves about 10 clients who meet each weekday morning at the office for food and fellowship. Last year O-U's UMW provided tray favors for clients on several holidays. O-U makes no monetary donation to MoW, but we do provide several drivers, provide Goody bags for clients at several holiday times, and regularly issue calls for helpers, mostly drivers. The MoW director is Carolyn Brassell.

2009 Budget: \$1,333,646
The 2009 Budget was approved by the Administrative Council on Monday, February 2, 2009.

All Aboard for the Comfort Station!



Come for the food, stay for the fellowship!

Wednesdays beginning February 4, 5:15 p.m., Activities Center

Don't forget to sign up for your Comfort Station Reservation. Upcoming meals include:

February 11—**Chicken Spaghetti** by Bill Forrester, salad, rolls by Mary Poole, PB & J sandwiches, cake by Carolyn Davis

February 18—**Noodles Marmaduke** by Bill Forrester, salad, rolls by Mary Poole, dessert by Carolyn Davis

February 24, Shrove Tuesday—Come sample a variety of food by a variety of OU's chefs, including **gumbo, jambalaya, sandwiches, pancakes, and King cake.**

There will be no meal Wednesday in observance of Ash Wednesday.

Call the church office (234-57278) to make your reservation today! Reservations must be made by noon the Monday prior to the meal.

PRESENCE Sunday Worship

January 25

Sunday School	349
8:45 a.m.	116
9:00 a.m.	121
10:55 a.m.	496
Azalea Worship	18

February 1

Sunday School	339
8:45 a.m.	133
9:00 a.m.	113
10:55 a.m.	527
Azalea Worship	16

Holy Communion

January 21	70
January 29	20

Christian Love and Sympathy is Extended to

Niles Norris in the death of his uncle, Paul Norris

Jennifer Taylor in the death of her grandmother, Jeanne Jones

Becky Bingner in the death of her father, Herb Lewis

Susan Bradley in the death of her grandmother, Thelma Spears

Rodney Holley in the death of his stepfather, Jerry Buntin

In Memoriam

Dr. Robert Byron Ellis
October 18, 1921-February 1, 2009

John "Buddy" Gresham
May 12, 1930-February 2, 2009

Congratulations to

Melissa and Robert Pittman, whose daughter Mary Emmett was born on January 29. She is the granddaughter of Dan and Lynn Pittman.

New Members



Annie and George Haymans
208 Colonial Road
832-7026

Annie and George Haymans joined OU on January 25. George, a real estate attorney, joined by profession of faith. Annie comes to our congregation from First Presbyterian in Greenwood. She is a homemaker. Their son George is 10 months old. They are both graduates of Ole Miss.

Baptisms



James Bryan Campbell
was baptized on January 25. He is the son of Nancy and Matthew Campbell and the brother of Ben and William.

Staff-Parish Announces Realignment of Duties

At the Administrative Council meeting held on Monday, January 26, the Staff-Parish Committee announced several changes to the duties of our existing staff members. The new staff organizational chart appears nearby.

Danny Kelly has agreed to take up the roll of **Director of Finance** at least for a two to three month trial period. During this trial period he will be able to get acquainted with the detailed duties of this position. Following the trial period both SPRC and Danny will determine whether his skills and abilities will be a good fit for this job in the longer term. During this period, Danny will also continue to serve as **Facility, Fellowship and Missions Director**. In support of these duties, the custodial staff, gym stewards, and bookkeeper, Sylvia Harvey, will report to Danny.

Barbara Camp has agreed to take on the additional duties of **Human Resources and Office Manager**. She will continue to serve as **Pastoral Administrative Assistant**. In support of her duties, Jan Estes, Secretary/Receptionist and Emilie Bramlett, Communications Coordinator, will report to Barbara.

Pat Forrester will be assuming a larger role in our overall **education program** as well as continuing her duties as **Director of Children's Ministry**. The nursery workers will continue to report to Pat.

J Johnson will continue to be our **Director of Youth Ministry** while taking on a larger role in **gym operations and fellowship activities**. If his time permits, we would additionally like to have J help in education programming since he has ability and desire to work in this area. Youth Interns will help J in his duties.

Julianna Ross will continue her work as **The Journey service coordinator** and as **Coordinator of New Member Assimilation**. She works closely with Claire and other members of *The Journey* team to make sure resources are in place for all aspects of that service—from setup to takedown and all time in between. As the Coordinator of New Member Assimilation, Julianna will continue to make contact with new members to be sure that they are made aware of all of our church's worship, service, and stewardship opportunities. The goal for this job is to get new members involved in the church's many functions as soon as possible.

Lee Uhlhorn continues her duties as **Director of Music**, providing direction to our Chancel Choir as well as to the Youth Choir. She calls on many volunteers from both members of our congregation and from local artists to help enrich the worship experience through music in our various services.

Jason Derrick continues in his role as **organist and pianist** in support of the music program.

Dasha Teelin, our **Music Associate**, is primarily responsible for all aspects of the music for *The Journey* service. She works with Claire and Julianna Ross in preparing for that service. Dasha also assists Lee Uhlhorn with directing and performing with the Chancel Choir.

Susan Phillips continues to serve as **Director of Preschool Programs**. Pre-School includes the Discovery Day School, which is a 3 day or 5 day per week program for children ages 3-4, and Mothers Morning Out, which is a 2 half-day per week program for children 18 months-2 years old. The pre-school program is a ministry of our church and operates on a zero profit margin. Because of the way this program operates and through help that our church provides, some scholarships are made available to needy children. Currently the program serves 82 children with six children receiving scholarship assistance. Keeping tuition costs low is a priority of this program as it seeks to serve young families with limited income.

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2009 Lenten Covenant Groups

A **Covenant Group** consists of three to 15 people who meet one hour a week during Lent, the 40 days before Easter. These groups

- Promote **fellowship**;
- **Do something positive** during the Lenten season;
- Share in the **study of scripture or other spiritual writings, works or practices.**

Registration forms are available in the church office. You may also contact Patty Tatum for more information (tatumpr@bellsouth.net). Registration forms must be turned in by **February 21 at noon.**

After you register, you will receive information from the church office about your group, leader, starting date, and location.

College Student Covenant Group

This group is geared towards undergraduate students who want to explore God's call for their lives. They will read Parker Palmer's book, *Let Your Life Speak*, which offers insights on finding one's true calling.

Facilitators: Margaret Goodwyn Phillips and Ben Dobbs

Time and Place: Thursdays at 6:30 p.m., Conference 327

Classification: Undergraduate Coeds

Cost: \$13.00 for participant's book

Women's Small Group

Following the Cokesbury curriculum, "Living the Good Life," this group will explore the spiritual art of "Attentiveness." The series includes DVD presentations and provides opportunities for personal reflection/journaling and group discussion.

Facilitator: Theresa Holley

Time and Place: Mondays at 10:00 a.m., Conference 327

Classification: Adult Women

Cost: \$8 for participant's workbook

Women's Beth Moore Study of Esther

This women's study group is currently reading the Old Testament book of Esther. They wish to invite more women to join them to serve as a Lenten Covenant group, holding one another accountable in doing something positive during Lent.

Facilitators: Angelita Morris

Time and Place: Tuesdays at 1:30, Conference 327

Classification: Adult Women

Cost: \$20 for participant's book

The History of Lent & Way of the Cross

This group is open to anyone who would like to know more about the history of Lent and the Way of the Cross, exploring together the significance of these rituals within the Christian Church.

Facilitator: Tom Lilly

Time and Place: Sundays at 5:15 p.m., Conference 107

Classification: Coed & All Ages

Cost: None

Stillness for a Restless Heart

Gather around the organ console for a half-hour of music and discussion focused on the challenge of finding calm in our hectic lives.

Facilitator: Jason Derrick

Time and Place: Mondays, 12:15-12:45 p.m., sanctuary

Classification: Coed Adults

Cost: None

A 40-Day Spiritual Journey

In a *Meet the Press* interview with Tim Russert, Sister Joan Chittister made it clear that people of religious faith "must see life as our basic value."

Time is sacred. Time is holy. Time is the raw material of the sacramental. Somehow or other we have to understand that this life is our life and the way we spend it is the kind of person we will, in the end, come to be.

—Joan Chittister

This group will be encouraged to participate in daily scripture/spiritual reading, reflection, and journaling as they read Joan Chittister's *40-Day Journey*. People wanting to explore "the price we must pay to become the person we yearn to be, the person whom God intends" are invited to participate. Open exploration and discussion will be encouraged.

Facilitator: Marian Miller

Time and Place: Mondays at noon, Conference 107

Classification: Coed Adults

Cost: \$12.00 for participant's book

Contemplative Prayer

"Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10

For 30 minutes each week, this group will pray in silence honoring the Christian tradition of meditation. Participants will be encouraged simply to rest in the presence of God.

Facilitator: Claire Dobbs

Time and Place: Tuesdays at 1:15 p.m., place TBA

Classification: Coed & All Ages

Cost: None

Men's Small Group

Centered around scripture and spiritual study, these men will be invited to explore their Christian faith lived out at home and at work and in every day living. Open discussion will be encouraged.

Facilitator: John Webb

Time and Place: TBA

Classification: Adult Men

Cost: TBA

Dan Phillips Men's Prayer Group

This is an already-existing men's group that also wants to serve as a Lenten Covenant group. They are inviting other men to share in Christian learning and fellowship as they study the New Testament book of John.

Facilitators: Wylie Richards

Time and Place: Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m., Conference 107

Classification: Adult Men

Cost: None

CHILDREN'S MESSENGER



Every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Activities Center.
For children ages 3 through sixth grade. Join us!

YOUTH NEWS

Hey OU!

Upcoming dates to keep on your calendar:

Tuesday, February 10th—*Youth Council* meeting in the Conference 107 at 5:30!

Sunday, March 8th - *WINTER JAM!!* We'll be meeting at the church at 4:00 and rolling out to Tupelo. Tickets at the door cost \$10, and we'll probably get a meal on the way. *Get ready to have your face rocked off (in the power of Jesus of course)!*

SUMMER TRIPS have been set. They are:

- May 31st-June 5th - *SIFAT* (Servants in Faith and Technology) A camp in Alabama. This will be a trip for our Sr. High!
- July 5th-10th - *HINTON* - An all-youth group trip to the hills of North Carolina to help fix houses!

If you have any questions, let me know. More details to follow.

PARENTS and ADULTS! If you feel that tug on your heart to help chaperone one of these trips, we **NEED** your help! If you don't feel the tug yet, don't worry, I'll be calling you soon!!

Thanks!

J

Notes from the Past

SEVENTY YEARS AGO: At the First Quarterly Conference in 1939, new Pastor J. A. George reported that "Your Pastor finds a well organized Church with faithful and efficient leaders in all of its different departments and divisions. The attendance upon all the services of the church by the people of Oxford and the University Students is an inspiration to the Pastor and is very encouraging." For the first three months of 1939 the cost of lights and water was \$18.90; coal cost \$39.21; the telephone bill was \$5.62 (the minister's residence number was 322; the church number was 578).

SIXTY YEARS AGO: Mary King joined the church on February 1, 1949. Mrs. Frank (Mary) Anderson sang alto in a Ministry of Music program at 5 p. m. on February 20.

FIFTY YEARS AGO: Mr. H. A. Peacock, Director at Camp Lake Stephens, delivered the morning message on February 1, 1959, on Laymen's Sunday.

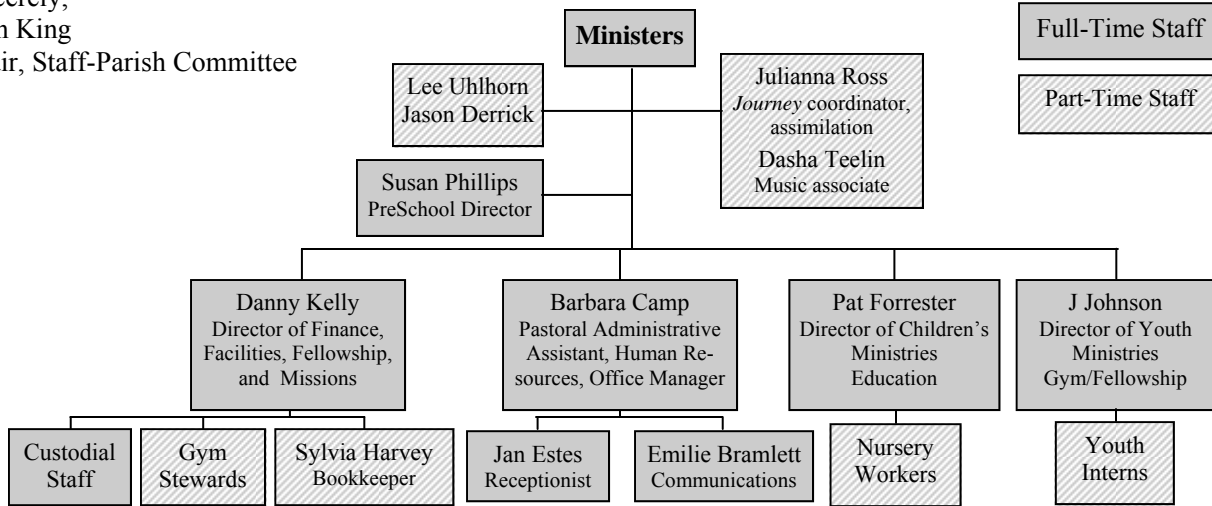
TWENTY YEARS AGO: Mack and Deanna Mackie joined the church on January 22, 1989, Gary Ryan on February 19.

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We have been impressed by the can-do spirit that our staff has exhibited during this time of realignment of duties. They share in our confidence that these changes will provide our church not only with better service but will also result in improved communications both within the staff and between staff and members. We should all give a big **“Thank You”** to **Laura Kinney** for her accounting expertise and **Al Finger** as the church’s treasurer as they provide help to Danny in this time of transition.

At the Administrative Council, SPRC also announced standing meeting dates. The committee will meet on the second Sunday of the last month of each calendar quarter at 12:15 p.m. This translates into March 8, June 14, September 13, and December 13 for 2009. Meetings will also be called at any additional time that circumstances and need dictate.

Sincerely,
John King
Chair, Staff-Parish Committee



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