

The O.U. Reporter

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Worship Schedule

Sunday, March 14

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.

Wednesday, March 17

Lenten Luncheon—12:00 p.m.

Children's Choristers—4:00 p.m.

Comfort Station Meal—5:00 p.m.

Way of the Cross—6:00 p.m.

Youth Choir—6:00 p.m.

Celebration Ringers—6:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir—7:00 pm.

Sunday, March 21

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.

Confirmation Class—3:30 p.m.

Genesis Ringers—5:00 p.m.

F.I.S.H.—5:30 p.m.

U.M.Y.F. Dinner—6:30 p.m.

Youth Worship—7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 24

Lenten Luncheon—12:00 p.m.

Children's Choristers—4:00 p.m.

Comfort Station Meal—5:00 p.m.

Confirmation Trip to Waller Funeral Home—4:15 p.m.

Way of the Cross—6:00 p.m.

Youth Choir—6:00 p.m.

Celebration Ringers—6:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir—7:00 pm.

Holy Week Schedule

March 28-April 4

Passion/Palm Sunday (March 28)

Services of Music and Scripture, 8:45 & 10:55; *The Journey*, 9:00

Holy Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday (March 29-31)

12:00 Noon Prayer Services

Maundy Thursday (April 1)

6:00 p.m. Service of The Washing of Feet, Holy Communion, and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday (April 2)

7:00 p.m. Service of Tenebrae (darkness)
Commemorating the Passion of Jesus Christ

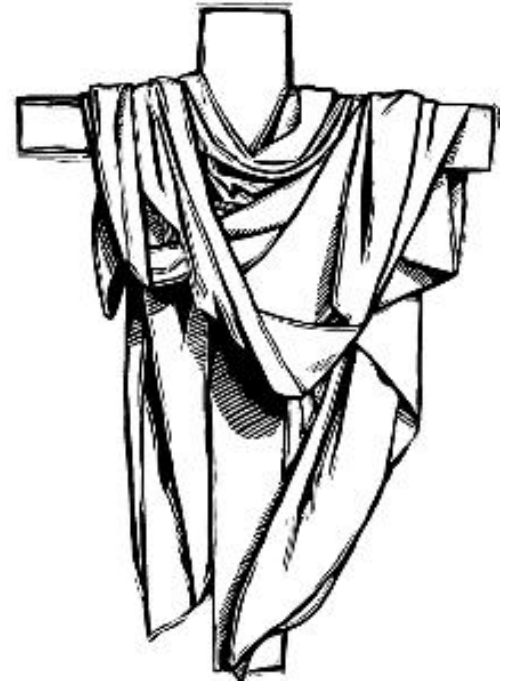
Easter Sunday (April 4)

Services celebrating the Resurrection with
choirs and brass, 8:45 and 10:55;

The Journey, 9:00

Our special Easter offering will go to earthquake relief in Chile and Haiti through UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief).

During Holy Week, we try to refrain from scheduling work and administrative meetings at the church. We hope that you will also take a break from your busy schedules by taking time for worship, prayer, reflection, rest, play, and fellowship with friends and family. The church office will be closed Good Friday.



**Spring Forward this weekend!
Don't forget to set your clocks
forward an hour this Sunday,
March 14.**

PRAYERS

- Frank Anderson
- Lou Breazeale
- Bill Champion
- Mildred Davis
- Sherry Felder
- Emma Frances Landrum
- Frank Poole
- Mary Swayze
- Charles Walker
- Margaret Weems

- Daniel Allen, Lorraine Wagster's nephew
- Peggy Butler, Beth Rasberry's mother
- Howard Cole, Kevin Cole's father
- Ann Logan Edwards, Mary Beth Mobley's sister-in-law
- Eva Grayson, Sandra Kennedy's mother
- Earl Hampton, Jim Hampton's brother
- Mary Humphries, Cathy Cox's mother
- Elizabeth Jones, Mary Beth Mobley's aunt
- Paul Klotz, Cile Downer's son-in-law
- Adrian Langendoen, Eddie Langendoen's father
- Blanche Miller, Cecilia Marshall's mother
- Donna O'Callaghan, Diana Mobley's mother
- Susan Osterberg, Bert Felder's daughter
- Trey Poole, Wanda Poole's grandson
- 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
- Hayden Thornton, Marie Moses' mother
- Beverly Tucker, Charlie Black's sister

Budget Update

Need per week	\$25,646.96
Rec Sun 2/21/10	\$15,504.36
Rec Sun 2/28/10	\$52,613.87
Need to date 2/28/10	\$230,822.64
Rec to date 2/28/10	\$204,417.92
Expenses through 3/5/10	\$185,449.64

Total offerings for 2/21/10 including Interfaith Compassion, Specials, Memorials, and Building Fund were \$17,424.36

Total offerings for 2/28/10 including Interfaith Compassion, Specials, Memorials, and Building Fund were \$59,517.51

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

We are still in the process of closing the 2009 financial books and will report the year-end numbers as soon as they are available. —The Finance Team

PRESENCE

Sunday Worship

February 28	
Sunday School	355
8:45 a.m.	127
9:00 a.m.	76
10:55 a.m.	400
March 7	
Sunday School	327
8:45 a.m.	104
9:00 a.m.	51
10:55 a.m.	358

In Memoriam

Rachel Gerdes Lewand
July 4, 1942
March 4, 2010

Shirley Ann Godbold
McCauley
December 27-1938
February 26, 2010

David Cowart
August 14, 1937
March 6, 2010

Christian Love and Sympathy is Extended to

Billy Rhodes in the death of his mother, Tommie Sue Rhodes

Congratulations to

Jenny and Corey Addy whose son Jackson Thomas was born March 8.

Mission Outreach Moment: Oxford Medical Ministries Clinic

The Medical Ministries Clinic, located off Highway 7 South, is headed by Marlene Bishop. The Clinic serves the working poor who have no health insurance and meet income guidelines. On Tuesday evenings, clients are served by licensed doctors, nurses, a pharmacist, medical technologists and other health care professionals who volunteer without pay. Services include primary care for adults with chronic illness such a high blood pressure and diabetes, limited laboratory testing ordered by OMMC doctors, prescription medicines (no controlled drugs), and health education counseling, and basic x-rays. The Clinic is open Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. for screening, referrals, pharmacy services, monitoring, and patient education.

For the past several years, O-UUMC has tithed and contributed 10% of building fund contributions to the Medical Ministries Clinic – **\$107,875** since December 2007. We will continue to tithe in 2010.

OMMC currently serves 470 active patients; the number is increasing slowly. You may visit their website at oxfordmmc.org.

Health Kits for Haiti Update:

We collected **510**
Health Kits.
Thanks to everyone
who donated!

New Members



Suzanne, Morgan, Emory, and Beau Ryals

200 St. Andrew's Circle
902-5836

The Ryals family joined OU on February 28. Suzanne is the assistant principle at Oxford Elementary. They previously attended First United Methodist Church in Clarksdale. Emory is in the ninth grade, and Beau is in the fifth grade. Morgan is a freshman at Ole Miss. Suzanne grew up in Oxford



Carol Livingston

2000 Lexington Pointe Dr. Apt. 9F
(256)-613-0080

Carol joined our congregation on March 7 from Gadsden First United Methodist Church in Gadsden, AL. She is a professor in the School of Education at Ole Miss and has two daughters, Leah and Rebecca. She is interested in the choir and enjoys biking.

Lenten Luncheon Line-Up

Who has influenced your spiritual journey?

March 17: Sue Hale—Assistant Professor and Director of Clinical Education at Vanderbilt University

Introduced by Gloria Kellum

Music: Gospel Harmonettes, Jordan Chapel CME

March 24: Rose Flenorl—President of the Ole Miss Alumni Association, Fed-Ex executive

Introduced by Mary Sharp Rayner

Music: Oxford Civic Chorus; Brooke Bagley Worthy, director

Everyone is welcome to join us. The luncheons begin at noon in our Activities Center; no reservation is required. A nursery will be provided.

Parenting Course: Raising Healthy Children

April 18, April 25, May 2nd during the Sunday School hour

This course is for parents of children of all ages and is designed to address the physical, social, cognitive, and spiritual development of children. Speakers: Tomiko D. Mackey, LCSW; Dr. Michael Dennis; Mrs. Janis Black. Sponsored by the Spirit Class. The first class on April 18 will last an hour and a half.

Please contact the church office (234-5278, office@ouumc.org) if you are interested in attending.

O-U Planned Giving Moment

Did you know that assets such as marketable stock certificates, real estate (farms, lots, houses, etc.), tangible personal property (such as antiques, art, and jewelry), and life insurance can be gifted to the church? In most cases, you can receive tax benefits from these gifts as well.

Also, another method of making a gift with a retained right to income is a charitable remainder trust. You fund the trust with an irrevocable gift of an asset such as real estate, stock or cash. A charitable remainder trust will provide:

- An income for you and/or the beneficiaries selected by you for life or a period of up to 20 years.
- An immediate and substantial income tax charitable deduction.
- The avoidance of capital gains taxes if the trust is funded with long term appreciated property.
- The potential of a substantial reduction of probate costs and estate taxes.

The above information was provided by The Mississippi United Methodist Foundation. Please see a member of the Futures Committee on Planned Giving if you are interested. Dr. Bill Baker, Ron Hipp, or Dr. Parham Williams.

Confirmation Field Trip

Wednesday, March 24
Waller Funeral Home
4:15-7:00

Confirmands and mentors meet in the front church parking lot at 4:15. A meal will be provided, and the group will return to the church at 7.

Confirmation class will not meet this Sunday, March 14 because of Spring Break.



CAMP LAKE STEPHENS

Camp Lake Stephens desperately needs work groups to participate in our Spring Work Day, which is scheduled for Saturday March 27th! We have lots of work that needs to be done before campers start arriving this summer and we need your help! Here are a few of the projects we will be working on:

- **New Trails**—we have completed the dirt work for several new trails but need volunteers to help spread wood chips down on these trails to prevent erosion
- **Retaining Walls**—we are working on several landscaping projects and need volunteers to help build cross tie retaining walls
- **Landscaping**—we need volunteers to help plant trees and shrubs
- **Benches**—we need volunteers with construction experience to help build some new benches
- **Painting**—we are always in need of volunteers to help paint
- **Splitting Wood**—we desperately need volunteers to split wood (we will provide splitter)
- **Chain Saw Work**—over the last couple of years we have lost lots of large trees in storms and desperately need volunteers to help cut up trees so we can split into firewood (need groups with chain saws)

As you can see, we have a lot to do before May and need your help on March 27th! We will start at 8:00 that Saturday morning and camp will provide lunch for all volunteers.

Please encourage groups from your church to participate! We do need to know which churches are bringing a group and whether or not anyone in your group has specific skills so we can assign projects to different groups. Please email or call Darrell Whitaker at the camp office (darrell@camplakestephens.com, 662-234-3350) if you have questions or if you want to sign up your group.

Work Day
March 27, 2010
8:00 until

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



**Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday, March 28
637 North Lamar**



Please bring a dozen candy-filled eggs and leave them outside Ms. Pat's office door.



Vacation Bible School 2010: Hero Headquarters

June 15-18

For children ages 3 years old through the fourth grade. Fifth and sixth graders will have a pool-side Disciple study with Ms. Pat.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

5 SPOTS LEFT!

for Summer Youth Trips

Jr. High Trip to Atlanta: \$50

Sr. High Trip to Chicago: \$100

Download registration forms from theoxu.org.

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

COLLEGE MINISTRIES

Dinner and Devotion

March 28

6:00 p.m.

168 Hwy. 6 East

Directions : The Phillips' home is the first house on Highway 6 East (from campus, turn left on Hwy 6 towards Pontotoc and Tupelo). Stay on Hwy 6 East and pass the exits for downtown Oxford, Water Valley and Highway 334. Highway 6 will curve slightly to the right. Continue past a green mileage sign for Tupelo and Pontotoc, followed by a sign "Bridge May Ice in Cold Weather". The driveway is immediately after the signs, to the right, before you cross the bridge. A black mailbox with "168" is at the mouth of the drive.

Notes From the Past

SIXTY YEARS AGO: On March 12, 1950, Pastor H. E. Finger announced that “the pastor and his family had moved into the beautiful parsonage [last lived in by the Warren Blacks] provided by the Church. The pastor’s home is a most adequate addition to the property of the Church, and the congregation is to be congratulated on this fine progress.”

FIFTY YEARS AGO: On March 13, 1960, District Superintendent K. I. Tucker preached at the evening service .

TWENTY YEARS AGO: Dr. Gerald Turner was the speaker at the Lenten Lunch program on March 7, 1990.

Upcoming Small Groups

Good Sense: This study is designed to help individuals at every stage of their lives effectively deal with day-to-day issues related to finances. The *Freed-Up Financial Living* Curriculum outlines biblical essentials on earning, giving, saving, spending and reducing debt, while providing practical tips to help participants achieve their own financial, personal, and spiritual goals. The setting will provide a safe, guided, and confidential opportunity to become more confident stewards of your resources. Pre-work is required and will be mailed or e-mailed to you.

Facilitators: Kin and Laura Kinney

Time & Place: Wednesdays, April 21-May 12, 6:45 p.m. in Conf. 327

Classification: Adults

Cost: participant’s book

United Methodist Orientation: Sunday, May 2, 3:30-5:30 p.m. in Wesley Hall. Come learn about the teachings, history, theology, polity/structure of United Methodism in one afternoon.

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