

The O.U. Reporter



OPEN HEARTS
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Worship Schedule

Sunday, September 27

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—5:00 p.m.
Fall Gathering—5:00 p.m.
Jr. High U.M.Y.F.—5:30 p.m.
Sr. High U.M.Y.F.—6:45 p.m.

Wednesday, September 30

Children's Choristers—4:00 p.m.
Comfort Station Meal—5:15 p.m.
Holy Communion—6:00 p.m.
Youth Choir—6:00 p.m.
Celebration Ringers—6:00 p.m.
Faith in Literature—6:45 p.m.
Chancel Choir—7:00 p.m.
Youth Small Groups—7:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 4

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.
Bell Choir Meeting—5:00 p.m.
Genesis Ringers—5:00 p.m.
Fall Gathering—5:00 p.m.
Jr. High U.M.Y.F.—5:30 p.m.
Sr. High U.M.Y.F.—6:45 p.m.

Wednesday, October 7

Children's Choristers—4:00 p.m.
Comfort Station Meal—5:15 p.m.
Holy Communion—6:00 p.m.
Youth Choir—6:00 p.m.
Celebration Ringers—6:00 p.m.
Faith in Literature—6:45 p.m.
Chancel Choir—7:00 p.m.
Youth Small Groups—7:00 p.m.

Stewardship 2009

FALL GATHERINGS



This fall, OUUMC will have five fall neighborhood gatherings from 5:00-6:00 p.m. At these gatherings, we will share our hopes and dreams for the future of OUUMC. Light refreshments will be served, and a nursery will be available at the church.

September 27—Home of Lloyd and Missy Hewitt, 430 Turnberry Court

North West and South West Zones: Country Club, Glen Eagle, St. Andrew's, Rayner Road, College Hill, Lakeway, Leighton/Clubview, Stone/Garner/Philip Road

October 4—Home of Barrie Stevens, 3818 Majestic Oaks Drive

South East Zone: Grand Oaks, Hospital area, Center City South area

October 11—Home of Gary and Sue Gaston, 208 Woodland Hills

East Zone: Highway 6 East, Deer Run, Highway 334, Northpointe, Woodson Ridge, Woodland Hills

October 25—Mariella Scott, Wellgate Stonebridge Clubhouse

West Zone: Woodlawn, Royal Oaks, Clear Creek, Cumberland, Wellgate

November 8 - John and Dorothy Laurenzo, Church Activity Center

North Central Zone, North East Zone, South Central Zone: Church area, North Lamar, Vivian/Chickasaw, Center City North area, Avent Acres, Ridgewood, Park Drive, Old Taylor Road, South Oxford/Shelbi Place

The Journey Celebrates Three Years

On Sunday, October 4, *The Journey* will have a special **three-year anniversary worship service.**

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Congratulations on three wonderful years!



PRAYERS

- Bea Bratton
 - Mildred Davis
 - Sally Geraci
 - Gene Gratz
 - Barbara Green
 - Emma Frances Landrum
 - Bailey J Prestage
 - Mary Swayze
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- Grant Bradley, Brandee and Audie Branch's nephew
 - Joan Brown, Pat Brown's mother
 - 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
 - Mary Humphries, Cathy Cox's mother
 - Elizabeth Jones, Mary Beth Mobley's aunt
 - Jerrie Kemp, Brian Jones' grandmother
 - Adrian Langendoen, Eddie Langendoen's father
 - Ramona Lewis, Becky Bingner's mother
 - Susan Osterberg, Bert Felder's daughter
 - Trey Poole, Wanda Poole's grandson
 - Tommie Sue Rhodes, Billy Rhodes' mother
 - 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
 - Winnie Sykes, Jim Hellums' sister
 - 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
 - Lee Waldrup, Nick Russell's brother-in-law
 - Kenneth Young, Jerry Young's brother

Budget Update

Need per week	\$25,646.96
Rec. Sun 9/20/09	\$13,879.92
Need to date	\$974,584.48
Rec. to date	\$822,989.50
Expenses through 9/20/09	\$916,793.74

Total offerings for 9/20/09 including Interfaith Compassion, Specials, Memorials, and Building Fund were \$15,948.92

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

Blood Drive

Sunday, September 27

8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Youth Center

Help to save lives with the gift of donated blood. The sign-up sheet is posted outside the church office.

Congratulations To

Tracie and Jeremy Riddle, whose daughter Molly Ann was born August 7. She is the granddaughter of Stephanie and Mike Crosbie and is welcomed by sister Kate.

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Kate Meacham and Davis Jones, whose daughter Elsa Corinne was born May 19.

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Gena and David Wiggins, whose daughter Anna Christina was born September 5.

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Jessi and Danny Prestage, whose daughter Bailey J was born September 9. She is the granddaughter of Jacky and Larry Sparks and is welcomed by brother Bryce.

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Shannon and Derek Englert, whose daughter, Mary Dianna was born September 10. She is the granddaughter of Mary Ellen and Dexter Barr.

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Claire and Todd Williamson, whose daughter Elizabeth Gordon was born September 18.

PRESENCE**Sunday Worship****September 6**

Sunday School	247
8:45 a.m.	80
9:00 a.m.	58
10:55 a.m.	235

September 13

Sunday School	366
8:45 a.m.	122
9:00 a.m.	88
10:55 a.m.	258

September 20

Sunday School	283
8:45 a.m.	95
9:00 a.m.	51
10:55 a.m.	260

In Memoriam

Jewel Alice Green
September 30, 1912-September 11, 2009

Mack A. Breazeale
August 15, 1930-September 14, 2009

Christian Love and Sympathy is Extended to

Ellen Case in the death of her aunt, Bonnie McClung

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Glenn Hunt in the death of his mother, Margie Hunt

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Diann Coleman in the death of her mother, Rosalie Walker

▪

Pat Forrester in the death of her cousin, Don Threadgill

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Carol Strider in the death of her brother, Charles Long

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Glenn Woodard in the death of his aunt Edell Williams

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Betty Sue Moore in the death of her cousin Jane White

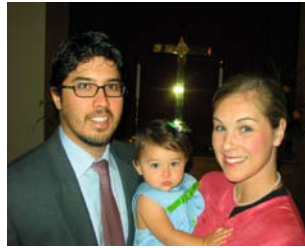
New Members and Baptisms



Ken and Elsie Denzel
220 Karen Drive
203-586-9533

Ken and Elsie joined OU on September 20 from Redding Congregational Church in Redding, Connecticut. They have three children: Megan, a resident in New York City; Stephanie,

a law student at the University of Michigan; and Christopher, a business student at Case Western Reserve University. The Denzels own a software support company.



Joshua, Nora, and Sally Quong
1018 CR 251
801-5764

Joshua and Sally joined OU on September 13. Both are teachers at South Panola High School. Joshua teaches history, and Sally teaches English. Sally comes to OU From

Palos Heights UMC in Palos, Illinois. Joshua was a member of Rolling Fork Baptist Church. Their daughter Nora is 10 months old.

EXPLORING AND UNDERSTANDING UNITED METHODISM



Claire Dobbs will be providing a basic overview of the

HISTORY, THEOLOGY, and STRUCTURE

of the United Methodist Church during Sunday School (10:00- 10:45 a.m.) on

SEPTEMBER 27, OCTOBER 4, AND OCTOBER 11

in the Activities Center. For more information, please email Claire Dobbs at clairedobbs8@gmail.com or call 234-5278.

Parenting Class

Wednesday nights beginning October 7
6:00 p.m., Room TBA

This class will cover understanding child development; talking to your child about difficult issues they may encounter (Specific topics and speakers TBA, suggestions welcome). The class is for parents with children of all ages within or outside our church. The class is free, but please call the church office (234-5278) to register.

Lifestyle Changes and Nutritional Seminar

Sunday, September 27
2:00 until 4:00, Wesley Hall

Nutritionist Rachel Wenzel will speak about the **simple and small changes** we can make in our diets to greatly improve our health. **Food samplings** will be available. A question and answer period will follow.

No fee required, but please call Julianna (234-5278) or email juliannaross@hotmail.com to make a reservation.

Week of Community Service: It's time to get involved!

September 27-October 3



FIVE STAR SENIOR LIVING, INC.



ANGEL RANCH



Working with Burns UMC and St Andrews UMC, O-U Missions Committee is organizing community service opportunities. You are welcome to help at these times and places:

- Help at Camp Lake Stephens with clean-up work. Any ages are welcome! Just show up on Sunday Sept. 27 - 2 - 6pm or Tuesday Sept. 29: 3:30 - 5:30 pm (Spirit Sunday School Class is going Sunday Oct. 3)
- Visit at **Graceland Nursing Home** (Belk Drive)
Tuesday Sept 29 - 2 pm Just show up or call Peggy Emerson 234-5974
Thursday Oct 1 - 5:15 pm call Ree Moses 901-262- 0164
- **Humane Society** (557 Highway 7 South)-Just show up weekdays 9 am til 5 pm or Saturdays 9:30 - 5. (Wear old shoes and clothes if you go in the morning - that's cleanup time)
- **Habitat for Humanity** We are trying to arrange for times in addition to the usual Saturdays 8 am – 3 pm.
- Help interview and assist clients at **Interfaith Compassion Ministry**. Sept 28, 29, and Oct. 2 --10 am until noon. To volunteer, call Lena Wiley at 281-1002 or email lenawiley@bellsouth.net.
- Help sort and label clothes at **Angel Ranch's Thrift Store** on North Lamar (site of old Salvation Army Store.) Call Elizabeth, the store's manager 259-2924 or just go in for an hour or more.
- Visit at **Azalea Gardens**. Go any time or meet in the Wesley Hall kitchen Monday Sept 28 at 9:30 am. Contact Jean Shaw (jmshaw2@bellsouth.net) 234-1053 for more information.
- **Visit residents at Hermitage Gardens**—Claire Dobbs and Barbara Camp will take people to visit 52 residents at Hermitage Gardens on Monday, September 28 at 1:30. If you would like to join, meet at the church office at 1:30 to leave in the church vans. They will take a small happy to the residents.
- Help at the **Domestic Violence Center** with support groups, education and tutoring, office work, yard and building maintenance. Contact Martha Day (281-8881, 801-9498) to sign up.
- Visit at the **Veteran's Home**. Meet in O-U's front parking lot at 1:30 Thursday October 1 or go any time on your own. Contact Buddy Chain 234-8475 for more information.
- Assist at the **Public Library** Sort books, "read" the shelves, or do outside weeding; children could help Hours: Saturdays 10 am -5:30 pm, Monday-Friday 10 am - 8 pm, Sundays 2 - 5 pm. Call Dotsie Fitts for more information.
- OU's **Youth will visit Graceland Nursing Home** Sunday, September 27 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. They will visit, sing, serve refreshments, and play bingo with the residents. Meet at the church at 1:30. Regular Sunday night Youth activities will continue as normal.

Small groups are making arrangements to help at United Way office, Salvation Army, Family Crisis Center, and Della Davidson School. Several individuals and small groups will visit elderly or homebound friends -- more are welcome to help with this. We hope to set up times to visit other care facilities soon.

Consult United Way at unitedwayoxford.org for more ideas for things that could be done during the week.

CHILDREN'S MESSENGER



Children's Sabbath is a time to celebrate the gifts of our children while underscoring the responsibility of adults to protect and nurture. It is a time to raise awareness of children's needs and broaden the concern of the congregation to the needs of the community. It is also a time to energize our existing pro-

grams—Leap Frog, the Pantry, and Interfaith Compassion Ministries.

Please join OUUMC in celebrating Children's Sabbath on Sunday, October 11 at the 10:55 worship service. Buddy Chain will be our guest speaker. All children wanting to participate can sign-up on Ms. Pat's door, call the Children's Ministry office at 234-4293, or email pforrester@ouumc.org.

Children's Christmas Drama

The Christmas Drama will be performed in the **Sanctuary Wednesday, December 2, at 6:00 p.m.** Children—dressed in costumes—will read the Christmas Story told by Luke. The Children's Choristers and the W.O.W. Worship Music singers will perform. All other children who are not scripture readers or singers should dress as shepherds or angels and will sing along with all music.

Scripture reader practice will be November 18 at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. **Practice for everyone** will be Tuesday, December 1 at 4:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend the **performance December 2 at 6:00 p.m.** We will have a wrap party following the drama.

If you are interested in participating in the drama, please call Ms. Pat at 234-4293, email pforrester@ouumc.org, or sign up on Ms. Pat's door.



Church Bank

The children at O-U would like to thank Harry Sneed and Nicole Lamar for the construction and design of our church bank that is in the sanctuary. The Children's Team needed a specific collection point for special offerings. Children

are asked to place their offerings in the church bank as they leave for Children's Church each Sunday. Of course, everyone is invited to place their gifts into the bank.

Thank you for the continued and increased support this congregation has shown toward our children's endeavors.

LAVINRAC

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28
5:30-7:30 P.M.

Lavinrac (Carnival spelled backwards) is a well-loved tradition at OU. We have a costume contest, a silent auction, pumpkin decorating contest, face painting, a moon bounce, cotton candy, hot dogs, and a chili cook-off.

Lavinrac began as a fall fellowship celebration and has grown into a wonderful, fun fundraising event for the Scott Center. The Scott Center is a mission of our Children's Ministry here at O-U. In memory of Amy Scott, OU has donated proceeds from Lavinrac and other children's events to the Scott Center for the past several years. We invite everyone to come out and enjoy the costumes, food, and fun.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Weekly Schedule

Sundays

5:30 p.m.—Gym Time
6:30 p.m.—Dinner
7:00 p.m.—Youth Worship

Tuesday/Wednesday

7:00 a.m.—Prayer Breakfasts

Monday/ Tuesday

3:30-5:00 p.m.—Gym Time

Wednesday

7:00 p.m.—Small Groups

Special thanks to the following Youth Small Group Leaders for the fall:

Russell Casteel	Doug Adamson
Kin Kinney	Jacqui Lear
Corinne Williamson	Dorothy Laurenzo
Raina McClure	Lori Meadows
Susan Thomason	Camille Murphy
Chelle Caldwell	Denise Smith

Notes From the Past

SIXTY YEARS AGO: On September 11, 1949, J. Dwight Sneed was welcomed to membership in the church.

FORTY YEARS AGO: On September 21, the church's only Scouting award, the God and Country emblem, was given to Allen Boyer, Randy Brammer, David Carroll, Carey Fortune, Thomas Landrum, and Linwood Nolan.

TEN YEARS AGO: Emma Marie Humphreys was baptized on September 12, 1999

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