

The O.U. Reporter



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Stewardship 2009



We are excited about our plans for this year's Stewardship Campaign. We are also motivated by the many important programs and ministries that are financially supported by this church and its members. The giving of our gifts is a part of the commitment that we have all made to support our church, and it is these gifts which will greatly affect what this church will have to offer its members and, more importantly, our community.

Worship Schedule

Sunday, September 6

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

Wednesday, September 9

Yoga—6:30 a.m.
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.
Chancel Choir—7:00 .m.

Sunday, September 13

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

Wednesday, September 16

Yoga—6:30 a.m.
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.
Faith in Literature—6:45 p.m.
Chancel Choir—7:00 .m.

What you will see and hear over the coming months during our worship services are **stories**—stories from people who have been blessed by the ministries which are supported by our church. Ministries such as **Habitat for Humanity, Oxford Medical Ministries Clinic, Interfaith Compassion Ministries**, and **many other organizations**. You will also hear **stories from our church members** about their faith journeys and how their lives have been transformed by Christ and how this church has been a part of those journeys.

Plans are being made to begin a series of **fall gatherings**, which will be held in the homes of members of this congregation. These will begin in late September on Sunday evenings and continue through early November. These will be informal and will allow an opportunity for fellowship with other members and a chance to share your vision for the future ministries, hopes, and dreams for this church. The dates for these will be announced soon. Look for your invitation for a gathering in your area.

Our church will be offering a number of small group opportunities this fall, one of which is a **Good Cents** course taught by Kin and Laura Kinney. This course, which begins September 20, will deal with some of the tough decisions we face regarding our financial issues and how faith can help with this.

Bishop Hope Morgan Ward will be the guest minister on November 8. She will lead a combined worship service (*The Journey* and the 10:55 traditional service), which should provide a unique and memorable worship experience. Our Stewardship commitment service and celebration will be November 15.

Our church needs your help in making this Stewardship campaign successful. We are asking you to get involved with the events we have planned this fall:

- **First of all, the Stewardship Team needs your prayers.**
- **Come to a Fall Gathering near you.**
- **Attend the Good Cents course on Sunday evenings (call the church office, 234-5278 to sign up.)**
- **Come to church and pay attention to what people are saying about our church ministries.**
- **Listen to members of this congregation tell their stories, and take some time to think about your own story.**

Thank you for your time and prayers,
The 2009 Stewardship Team

John Webb, Chair Kin and Laura Kinney Pat and Patty Tatum
Robert and Leighton Mason BJ and Dixie Jordan Richard and Cindy Sinervo

PRAYERS

- Roy Arnold
- Charlie Black
- Mack Breazeale
- Kay Brewer
- Mildred Davis
- Sherry Felder
- Larry Sparks
- Mary Swayze

- Dottie Austin, Matt Austin's mother
- Grant Bradley, Brandee and Audie Branch's nephew
- Joyce Butler, Kay Locke and Martha Mitchell's niece
- 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
- Marshall Jenkins, Susan Frega's uncle
- Elizabeth Jones, Mary Beth Mobley's aunt
- Jerrie Kemp, Brian Jones' grandmother
- Adrian Langendoen, Eddie Langendoen's father
- Ramona Lewis, Becky Bingner's mother
- Larry Miller, JoAnn Edwards' brother
- 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
- Rosalie Walker, Diann Coleman's mother
- Kenneth Young, Jerry Young's brother

Budget Update

Need per week	\$25,646.96
Rec Sun 8/23/09	\$20,155.78
Need to date	\$871,996.64
Rec to date	\$710,800.46
Expenses through 8/25/09	\$784,344.77

Total offerings for 8/23/09 including Interfaith Compassion, Specials, Memorials, and Building Fund were \$25,417.78.

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

Mission Outreach Moment: Boy and Girl Scouts

For 52 years OUUMC has been the sponsor church for Cub Scout Pack 4. It is considered one of the top four packs north of Hwy 82 based on quality and membership. There are currently 60 boys in the pack being taught lessons in citizenship, character, and responsibility by their dedicated pack leaders. O-U provides meeting space and will give Pack 4 \$750 in 2009 to further these goals.

O-U also provides meeting space for several Girl Scout and Brownie troops. In addition to space, O-U will give \$250 to these troops in 2009.

Blood Drive

Sunday, September 7
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.

PRESENCE**Sunday Worship****August 16**

Sunday School	309
8:45 a.m.	117
9:00 a.m.	77
10:55 a.m.	333

August 23

Sunday School	373
8:45 a.m.	116
9:00 a.m.	79
10:55 a.m.	431

August 30

Sunday School	399
8:45 a.m.	113
9:00 a.m.	68
10:55 a.m.	599

In Memoriam

Delma Edwards

June 23, 1922-August 19, 2009

**Christian Love and Sympathy
is Extended to**

Erma Goodman in the death of her mother, Naomi Tubbs

Pat Forrester in the death of her aunt, Laverne McCary

Madge Stubblefield in the death of her sister, Billye Crockett

Jim Rayner in the death of his mother, Lois Birdsong Rayner

New Members and Baptisms



Jessica Arnold
213 CR 102
234-1235

Jessica joined OU by profession of faith and baptism on August 23. She is married to Bill Arnold. They have four children, Dylan, Elizabeth, Alyssa, and Emilie.

Elizabeth, Alyssa, and Emilie were all baptized on August 23.



Mary and Derek Moreton
909 Olde Creek Lane
236-3895

Mary and Derek joined OU on August 23 from Harrisburg Baptist Church. Derek is an academic account manager at Thomson Reuters. Mary is a homemaker. Their sons Jackson and Anders are four and two.



Amanda West
2100 Old Taylor Road #257
202-4428

Amanda joined OU on August 16. She comes to us from West Laurel United Methodist Church. She is a special education teacher in the La-

fayette County schools.



Bert and Sherry Felder



Erma Goodman
Gary Churchill

Sherry, Erma and Gary were featured in our New Member section previously, but their pictures were unavailable for printing.



Volunteers Information

Here's how you can help with OU's current Habitat House:

Visit www.carecalendar.org/logon/18230 (security code 5057). This calendar keeps up with needs for each Saturday. Current needs include water, ice and bottled drinks.

If you would like to bring lunch to the workers, call Julie Drott (236-5966 h or 236-0025 w) to find out how many people are scheduled to work.

To make a donation, please designate your check either Habitat for Humanity International or local Habitat Affiliate. If you would like to volunteer an organized group please call Julie Drott (236-5966 or 236-0025)

If you organize a group of labor volunteers, Julie will email you a work site safety checklist, a map and a Volunteer Intake Form (Julie@magnolialighting.com). These are to be made available to each perspective worker/volunteer. Each volunteer is to fill out the Volunteer Intake Form and bring it with him to the work site. The worksite is an unsafe place for children. Anyone between sixteen and eighteen must bring a waiver of liability signed by a guardian, which Julie will email as needed.

You can also visit olemiss.edu/orgs/habitat/habitat.html for more information.

Week of Community Service

September 27-October 3

O-U's Missions Committee is planning a week of community service during the week of September 27 through October 3, 2009. We are seeking group leaders who will plan for and initiate community service projects such as visiting and helping shut-ins with household chores; helping at community agencies such as Salvation Army, Inter-faith Compassion Ministries, or the Humane Society; cleaning and doing repairs at Camp Lake Stephens; and visiting at local care homes. Members of Burns UMC and St Andrews UMC will also work with us during this week.

Groups of workers may be large or small—families might team together or this may provide a chance for people to get to know other church members by working together.

For more information, contact Jean Shaw--234-1053, jmshaw2@bellsouth.net or Nicole Gladden--nicole.gladden@hotmail.com.

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.

Fall Small Groups at OU

For more detailed information on these groups, please pick up a Small Group brochure in the narthex or church office.

To sign up for any of the new fall groups, call the church office (234-5278) or contact Claire Dobbs (clairedobbs8@gmail.com).

Introduction and Overview of the Bible Study

Facilitators: J Johnson and Claire Dobbs

Freed-Up Financial Living by Good Sense

Facilitators: Kin and Laura Kinney

Faith in Literature

Facilitator: Mike Mills

Weavings:

A Journal of the Christian Spiritual Life Reading Group

Facilitator: Janis Black

Young Women's Group

Facilitators: Stephanie Berry and Eason Futch

Faces on Faith: A Small Group Study Celebrating All Saints

"...Saints stretch our imaginations and stand as imperatives, calling, wooing us into a higher, holier life." – James Howell

Facilitator: Claire Dobbs

Beth Moore Study—Following John to the Heart of Jesus

Facilitator: Angelita Morris

Sunday Night Reading Group

Facilitators: Brenda Eagles, Fred Lorenzo, and Frank Poole

Twice a Month Bible Study

Facilitators: John and Martin Case

Adult Fitness Classes

Adult fitness classes for men and women 18 and up begin Tuesday, September 8.

Yoga

M,W,F 6:30 a.m. \$70 Activities Center
Free class Sept. 9

T, Th 6:30 p.m. \$50 Wesley Hall*
Free class Sept. 8

Age Busters

T,Th 8:30 a.m. \$25 Activities Center
Free class Sept. 8

Pilates

T,Th,F 9:30 a.m. \$70 Free class Sept. 8 Activities Center*

All classes run for a 5-week period from September 10-October 9. Exercise mats, quilts, or thick beach towels are needed for the Yoga and Pilates classes. Yoga straps are needed in the Yoga classes. Walmart has these items.

*Nursery provided

Potluck Luncheon Sunday, August 30

OUUMC welcomed new and returning students with a potluck luncheon last Sunday. Dr. Dan Jones, Chancellor at the University of Mississippi spoke at the 10:55 service.



OUUMC Homecoming Sunday, October 18

Worship Services:

8:45 Traditional service in Sanctuary
No Sunday School or Journey service

10:55 Children's Sabbath service at Camp Lake Stephens

Church-wide picnic following service
Meal provided; donations appreciated

Shuttle vans will run between OUUMC and CLS

CHILDREN'S MESSENGER



Five year-old Sunday School Class hanging out on the OU playground.

W.O.W. Classes

3 years old-Kindergarten

Worship Music led by Lisa Scott
Room 11

1-2 Grades

Books of the Bible led by Dorothy
Laurenzo and Denise Smith
Room 213

3-4 Grades

Old Testament Bible Study led by
Pat Forrester and Judy Riddell
Room 212

5-6 Grades

Choosing to be a Christian led by
Katie Naron and Allison Crain
Room 214

Mary Beth Mobley, coordinator

MS Child Identification Program

Thanks to the following church members who worked with the Masonic Lodge #33 to provide free child identification to **188 children**. The event, held August 22, was a great success and served a need in our community.

Jim Stephens	Meghan Feltenstein
Cecil Locke	Susan Thomason
Carl Cuneo	Mary Beth Mobley
Toni Ewing	Sarah Russell
Susan Gunn	Adriennia Williams
Lori Meadows	Guardrenia Williams
Simone	Adrian Shipman
Kelly Notestone	

F.I.S.H. BLOWOUT 2009

Outgoing '08-'09 F.I.S.H. kids had a great time at Camp Lake Stephens hiking, canoeing, and riding the zip line.

The new F.I.S.H. class will begin September 13 at 5:30 in Wesley Hall. The group is led by Joe Woolsey.



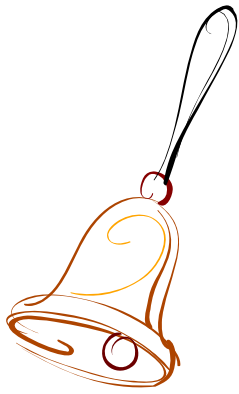
STUDENT MINISTRIES

Camp Lake Stephens Spiritual Life Retreat

Jr. High: September 12-13

Sr. High: September 19-20

Registration: \$45, due September 9



Bell Choir

Handbell choirs will meet Sunday, September 13 at 5 p.m. in room 418. Anyone interested in learning to ring handbells is encouraged to come and certainly, we hope all former choir members will be rejoining us this year. We will get the equipment set up and then talk about meeting times for the choirs. (I might even have a freezer of ice cream to reward your efforts.)

We are going to need several new ringers to be able to fill out our two choirs. Please think about serving the music ministry of O-U Methodist by learning to ring. You will be most welcomed! Call Mary Poole for further information or if you know someone who needs to be encouraged. (281-8103)

Youth Choir Returns!

Calling all students, 7th grade through high school:

Come serve the Lord and your church by singing in **Youth Choir**. We start weekly practices on Wednesday, September 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. There will be **PIZZA, MUSIC, & FUN**. All youth are welcome.

Contact Janis Miller at 234-8623 for more information.

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