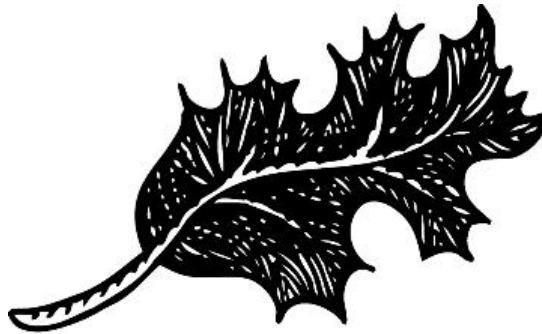


The O.U. Reporter

OPEN HEARTS
OPEN MINDS

September 11, 2008
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Fall Programs

September 10 – November 12 (10 week study)
6:45p.m., Conference 327
Led by Claire Dobbs and Fred Laurenzo

Additional Fall Study Groups:

Invitation to the Old Testament Disciple Bible Study

September 24-November 12 (8 week study)
Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

Led by Danny Kelly

Call or email Danny to sign up and get a book (234-5278 or dkelly@ouumc.org)

Jesus, Politics and the Kingdom of God

Tuesdays, beginning September 23

7:00 p.m., Conference 107

Led by: J Johnson

We will be working with a short book called *Resident Aliens* written by Stanley Hauerwas and Will Willimon.

Fellowship, Prayer and Bible Study Group

1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month

6:30 p.m., group members' homes

This group, led by John and Martin Case, is currently studying Philippians. Contact Martin for more information (281-8117).

An OU United Methodist Orientation

Claire Dobbs will be providing a basic overview of the history, theology and structure of The United Methodist Church during Sunday School (10- 10:45am) on the following dates:

September 21, 2008 – History of United Methodism

September 28, 2008 – Theology of United Methodism

October 5, 2008 – Organization and Structure of United Methodist Church

For more information, please email Claire at cdobbs@ouumc.org or 234-5278.

Wednesday Nights at O-U

Children's Choir—4:00 p.m.

Youth Bible Study—5:00 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.

Focus on Marriage—6:45 p.m.

Invitation to Genesis—6:45 p.m.

Chancel Choir—7:00 p.m.

Youth Worship Service—7:00 p.m.

Worship Schedule

Sunday, September 14

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 17

Children's Choir—4:00 p.m.

Youth Bible Study—5:00 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.

Focus on Marriage—6:45 p.m.

Invitation to Genesis—6:45 p.m.

Chancel Choir—7:00 p.m.

Youth Worship Service—7:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 21

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.

Potluck Luncheon—12:00 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, September 24

Children's Choir—4:00 p.m.

Youth Bible Study—5:00 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.

Focus on Marriage—6:45 p.m.

Invitation to Genesis—6:45 p.m.

Chancel Choir—7:00 p.m.

Youth Worship Service—7:00 p.m.

PRAYERS

- Kay Brewer
- Bill Champion
- Mildred Davis
- Jaby Denton
- Pat Elmore
- Marie Gillis
- Tom Lilly
- Virginia Parker
- Susie Reagan
- Bryant Reed
- Sarah Robinson
- Marjorie Sanford
- Charles and Ann Scott
- Russell Stokes
- Dorothy Lee Tatum

- 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
- Jamie Gibbs, Linda Spargo's sister
- Eva Grayson, Sandra Kennedy's mother
- Kathy Haynes, Richard Hopper's sister
- Elizabeth Jones, Mary Beth Mobley's aunt
- Martha McClain, Dixie Jordan's Sister
- S.J. McDuffie, Kay McDuffie's father
- William Miller, Cecilia Marshall's uncle
- Tommy Pumphrey, Bridgett Turner's grandfather
- Rebecca Robertson, Jim Taylor's sister
- Joanne Rone, Scott Rone's mother
- Robert Rosson, Bob Rosson's father
- Francis Scott, Shellie Ross' Grandfather
- Frances Smith, Barbara Chain's mother
- Deborah Thompson, Pat Forrester's cousin
- Melinda Thornburg, Julianna Ross' sister
- Helen Tosh, Dennis Tosh's mother
- Ann Moore Tucker, Laura Parkinson's cousin
- Bill and Betty Wallace, Tina Daniels' grandparents
- Charles Williams, Linda Taylor's cousin
- Louise Williford, Clint Williford's mother

Sunday Parking at OU

There is **no parking** from South Lamar to South 10th Street on University Avenue. The only parking available on University Avenue is in the west-bound lane between 9th and 10th Street. The Oxford Police Department will start ticketing people parked in this area. Parking is still available in front of the church.

Blood Drive

Sunday, September 21
8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Youth Center

If you would like to help OUUMC keep its blood insurance for church members and immediate family members, please come to the blood drive in September. You may sign up for an appointment on the bulletin board outside the church office or just drop in. We work with United Blood Services. If you would like to help, contact Rosemary Oliphant-Ingham (ringham@olemiss.edu or 234 4162).

General Budget

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| 2008 Budget | \$1,558,376.00 | | |
| Needed to be current 9.7.08 | \$1,078,875.69 | | |
| Received through 9.7.08 | \$1,003,033.78 | | |
| Expenditures through 9.9.08 | \$995,983.02 | | |
| Balance | \$7,050.76 | | |
| EXPENDITURES | BUDGET | YTD | BUDGET REMAINING |
| Program Ministries | \$249,168.00 | \$98,084.29 | \$151,083.71 |
| Apportionments | \$267,042.00 | \$190,829.70 | \$76,212.30 |
| Local Administration | \$256,000.00 | \$178,677.97 | \$77,322.03 |
| Salaries and Benefits | \$786,168.00 | \$528,391.06 | \$257,776.94 |
| | \$1,558,378.00 | \$995,983.02 | \$562,394.98 |
| Outstanding Building Fund Balance (GMOC) as of 9.9.08 | | | \$950,445.28 |
| Compassion Receipts as of 9.7.08 | | \$22,784.35 | |
| Building Fund (GMOC) Receipts as of 9.7.08 | | \$169,824.00 | |
| Ox.Medical Ministries Clinic Payments (10% of Building Fund Receipts) | 1st Quarter 2008 | \$8,146.60 | |
| | 2nd Quarter 2008 | \$6,438.70 | |
| MS UM Senior Services, Sunday Fund-5.11.08 | | \$567.00 | |
| MS Annual Conference Global Aids Fund-6.11.08 | | \$700.00 | |

PRESENCE

Sunday Worship

August 31

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| Sunday School 8:45 a.m. | 279 |
| 9:00 a.m. | 117 |
| 10:55 a.m. | 82 |
| | 327 |

September 7

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| Sunday School 8:45 a.m. | 359 |
| 9:00 a.m. | 129 |
| 10:55 a.m. | 137 |
| | 360 |

Holy Communion

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| August 27 | 30 |
| September 3 | |

We extend Christian love and sympathy to:

Danny Caldwell in the death of his uncle, James Kelly

Sandra Medley in the death of her sister, Marlene Gifford

New Members



Clint and Sharyn Williford
1223 Beanland Drive
234-6883

Clint and Sharyn joined our church September 7. Clint is the chairman of the chemical engineering department at Ole Miss, and Sharyn works as a hospice nurse. They have two sons, Josh, a student at Ole Miss, and Jake, who is in the Navy in San Diego. The Willifords join us from a sister church in Oxford.

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Will, Stephanie, Eleanor, William, and Caroline Berry
803 Maplewood Drive
281-9956

The Berry family come to OU from Charlotte, NC where they attended Myers Park United Methodist Church. Will is a law professor at Ole Miss. Stephanie, a stay-at-home mom, was baptized at OU in 1975. She was a member of our congregation until she and her family moved to Nashville

when she was 10 years old. Caroline is 2, William is 4, and Eleanor is 7.

A Word from the Pastor



“The Bridge to Forgiveness”

Sunday, September 14, 2008

In her book, *The Bridge to Forgiveness*, Rabbi Karyn Kedar writes, “Forgiveness is like a bridge. It carries you over an expanse to the side of life that is softer, kinder, easier to bear. It is a shift of perspective, a new way of seeing our world, a different way of experiencing our inner life. If life is really a journey, then forgiveness is a main avenue, a path to life renewed. And along the way, there are stepping-stones to carry you through: loss, anger, acceptance, forgiveness, learning and restoration. With each step, a new perspective is gained.” Kedar goes on to examine each of the stepping-stones and concludes, “You do not go back to the way you were when life seemed simpler, because now you know that life is not simple. It is a complicated path of pain and joy, of disappointment and achievement, of betrayal and love. And now that you know that, and accept the impact that it has upon you, you can regain a sense of wholeness and restore the light within.”

—*Word and Witness, Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Our text for Sunday is *Matthew 18:21-35* and the theme is **forgiveness**. The spiritual life is not often visible to the eye—things like love...hope...patience...forgiveness—but they are the forces that make life work.

- How can you **love** in the face of despair?
- How can you **forgive** the undeserving?
- How can you **give abundantly** when there doesn't seem to be enough forgiveness to go around?

Come join us Sunday at 8:45 and 10:55 as we seek answers together.

—Warren

New Church Directory

We will take pictures for the new full-color church directory beginning October 9 with the help of First Choice Resources. Please see the sign-up sheets outside the church office to make your appointment. Each family that participates will receive a complimentary copy of the directory.

If you order pictures, they will be delivered in time for Christmas—the perfect Christmas gift.

Red Cross Shelter Training—Canceled

Due to our operation of the OUUMC Red Cross shelter and concerns about the impact of other storms and a possible local community response, we are postponing the Red Cross first aid and CPR classes we planned for September.

As soon as all is quite we will reschedule the important classes.

Thank you for supporting the OUUMC Red Cross shelter.

Discover God's Call

Mississippi Fall Retreat
November 7-9
Gallman Mississippi
Registration Deadline: September 26

Registration forms for this year's Discover God's Call retreat are in the church office. The speaker will be Rev. Dale Hathorn of Corinth, MS. Rev. Hathorn is a General Evangelist for the United Methodist Church.

Primetimers

Friday, September 19
Noon
Wesley Hall

Our guest speaker will be Warren Black, who will speak about General Conference. Hope to see you there!

Congratulations to...

Terry and Kelly Shinall, whose son Trevor Dean was born on August 28. He is welcomed by sister Ally and brother Callan.

Nancy and Matt Campbell, whose son James Bryan was born on August 29. He is welcomed by brothers Hayden and Ben.

Bridget and Mike Tatum, whose son Cohen Hux was born on August 29. He is welcomed by sister Carlisle.

Ginger Patterson and John Pruitt, who were married in our sanctuary on August 30.

Amy and Chad Koons, whose daughter Caroline was born on September 3.

September 2008

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 14 Traditional: Warren Black Journey: Claire Dobbs | 15 Finance Team, 5:15, Conf. 107 | 16 | 17 Wednesday Night Programs | 18 | 19 Primetimers Potluck, noon, Wesley Hall | 20 Youth Football Parking: Vanderbilt |
| 21 Blood Drive, 8:30-1:00, Youth Center United Methodist Orientation | 22 Admin. Council 5:15, MAC | 23 Jesus, Politics, and the Kingdom of God, 7:00 p.m., Conf. 107 | 24 10 a.m. Invitation to the Old Testament Wednesday Night Programs | 25 Every Child Matters Program, MAC | 26 Presidential Debate, Ole Miss | 27 |
| 28 United Methodist Orientation | 29 | 30 | 1 Wednesday Night Programs | 2 | 3 | 4 Youth Football Parking: South Carolina |

YOUTH NEWS

Upcoming Events:

- September 19 Fifth Quarter Party following the Oxford-Lafayette Football Game, 9:30 p.m.– midnight, Youth Center
 - October 11-12 Jr. High Dare to Lead, Camp Lake Stephens (**sign up and \$25 due Sept. 21**)
 - October 18-19 Sr. High Dare to Lead, Camp Lake Stephens (**sign up and \$25 due Sept. 28**)
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| <p>Sundays</p> <p>3:00 p.m. Frisbee and volleyball the Ole Miss intramural fields</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Jr. High Bible Study, Room 201</p> <p>6:15 p.m. Youth Dinner</p> <p>6:45 p.m. Sr. High Bible Study, Room 201</p> <p>8:00 p.m. Church closes all youth should be picked up</p> | <p>wednesdays</p> <p>7:00 a.m. Sr. High Prayer Breakfast Phillips Grocery</p> <p>5:00 p.m. All Youth discussion Group Conference 327</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Youth Worship Service</p> <p>8:30 p.m. Church closes</p> |
| <p>Tuesdays</p> <p>7:00 a.m. Jr. High Prayer Breakfast Phillips Grocery</p> <p>5:00 p.m. 11th and 12th grade Bible Study Uptown Coffee</p> | |

CHILDREN'S MESSENGER

W.O.W.—Living B.I.G.
Live Believing In God.
 Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

F.I.S.H.
First In Serving Him.
 Sundays at 5:30 p.m., Wesley Hall

All OU fifth and sixth graders are invited to join F.I.S.H. The group is led by Joe Woolsey.

Coming SOON...



Children's Sabbath



Wednesday, December 10
 6:00 p.m. Communion Service
 Activities Center

Sunday, December 14
 9:00 a.m. Journey service
 Activities Center

the Christmas Story

If you would like to help with any of these events, call the church office, 234-5278.



OUUMC's Fall Festival
A Fundraising Good Time!
 Wednesday, October 29
 6:00 p.m.
 Activities Center

Notes from the Past

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY YEARS AGO: At the September 1858 Quarterly Conference the minister, in responding to the question "Is there a written report from the Preacher in charge of the members and state of the Sunday school and the Pastoral instruction of the children," said, succinctly, "No grounds for complaint."

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY YEARS AGO: At an 1888 meeting of the Quarterly Conference, the minister stated: "The Spiritual state of the Church is fair."

SIXTY YEARS AGO: On September 12, 1948, part of the report to the Quarterly Conference was this: "We finally took action on the parsonage situation. We rented a small apartment in the Elliott Apartment House across the street from our Church. We advertised the old parsonage [210 South Fifth Street] for sale and will buy another lot when this sale goes through. We do not think it wise to attempt to renovate the old parsonage; it is too large and would run into too heavy expenses for complete renovation."

FIFTY YEARS AGO: At the Official Board meeting of September 16, 1958, Dr. James Webb reported that at the last meeting of the Wesley Foundation committee meeting "Donald Anderson, a young minister, was hired to report as director to report Oct. 1 for duty."

TEN YEARS AGO: At their meeting on September 10, 1998, members of the Board of Trustees "received a plan from Tom Howorth, architect, for a fence to enclose the play area in front of the church."

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