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NEW STAFF MEMBER AT OUUMC Music Director & Organist: Anita Ludlow



Anita Ludlow has been playing music nearly all her life. Born in Clarksdale, she and her family moved to Pontotoc when she was six years old. She began piano lessons at age 9 and started playing for church at 14. She received her Bachelor of Music degree from Blue Mountain College in 1984. She served as music director of Ripley Presbyterian Church for 20 years before moving to Washington state where she served as Music Director of St. Phillip's Episcopal Church in Marysville, Washington. She moved back to Pontotoc in 2010 to help take care of her father, and has worked at Pontotoc United Methodist Church for the last three years, playing the organ and piano and working as an administrative assistant.

As OU's Music Director, Anita will coordinate, plan, and administer all aspects of our music ministry, including coordinating worship services, oversee the choirs, supervise musical staff, maintain the music library, oversee the upkeep of church musical instruments and sound equipment, and assist with music for weddings, funerals, and other special services. She also will provide support to *The Journey* and its music team. As organist, Anita will play for our traditional services, practice with the choirs, and will be the accompanist for funerals, weddings, and special services. We welcome Anita to OUUMC, and we look forward to working with her. Her first Sunday as our organist will be March 3.

Upcoming Guest Preachers



Rev. John Case

Sunday, February 24, **Rev. John Case** will preach at the 8:45 and 10:55 a.m. traditional services. Before his retirement in June, 2001, Dr. Case served 18 years as Senior Minister of Christ United Methodist Church in Jackson. Under his leadership, Christ Church grew to a membership of over 5,000. Part of the secret of growth was the involvement and assimilation of people in meaningful ministries and exciting, positive, and Christ-centered worship.

Dr. Case graduated from Central High School in Jackson in 1954. He received his B.A. degree from Millsaps College in 1959, an M.Div. degree from Candler School of Theology in 1961, and honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees from Asbury College and Wesley Biblical Seminary in 1987. Each of the churches he served received the "church of the year" award under his leadership. John is married to the former Ellen McClung of Vicksburg. They have three children and three grandchildren. They live in Oxford. Ellen is a member of OU.

Sunday, March 3, OU member and Rhodes Scholar **Kenneth Townsend** will preach the 8:45 and 10:55 traditional services. Kenneth works at Millsaps College as the Special Assistant to the President and an Assistant Professor of political science. He received degrees from several universities: a B.A. from Millsaps in 2004, a Master's of Philosophy from Oxford University in 2006, a Master's of Art and Religion from Yale Divinity School in 2012, and a Juris Doctor degree from Yale Law School in 2012. He also taught at the University of Mississippi's Honors College.



Kenneth Townsend & Ann Phelps

He and his wife Ann Phelps met at Yale Divinity School. They married in October 2010. Ann, who is from Nebraska, also works at Millsaps with the Faith in Work program and the One Campus, One Community program.

Worship Schedule

Sunday, February 24

Worship Services—8:45, 9:00, & 10:55 a.m.

Fellowship Time—9:30 a.m.

Sunday School—10:00 a.m.

Confirmation—3:30 p.m.

Handbell Workshop—5:00 p.m.

UMYF*—5:00 p.m.

*seventh-twelfth grades

F.I.S.H.*—5:30 p.m.

*fifth and sixth grades

Reading Group—5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 27

Growing in Grace Men's Group—7:00

Dan Phillip's Men's Bible Study—7:00 a.m.

Women's Prison Ministry—1:45 p.m.

Children Choristers—4:00 p.m.

Youth Band—4:00 p.m.

Youth Choir—5:00 p.m.

Wednesday Meal—5:00 p.m.

Holy Communion—6:00 p.m.

W.O.W.—6:00 p.m.

*preschool-6th grade

Youth Bible Study—6:00 p.m.

Young Adult Bible Study—6:00 p.m.

Celebration Ringers—6:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir—7:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 3

Worship Services—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—3:30 p.m.

Genesis Ringers—5:00 p.m.

UMYF*—5:00 p.m.

*seventh-twelfth grades

F.I.S.H.*—5:30 p.m.

*fifth and sixth grades

Wednesday, March 6

Growing in Grace Men's Group—7:00

Dan Phillip's Men's Bible Study—7:00 a.m.

Women's Prison Ministry—1:45 p.m.

Children Choristers—4:00 p.m.

Youth Band—4:00 p.m.

Youth Choir—5:00 p.m.

Wednesday Meal—5:00 p.m.

Holy Communion—6:00 p.m.

W.O.W.—6:00 p.m.

*preschool-6th grade

Youth Bible Study—6:00 p.m.

Young Adult Bible Study—6:00 p.m.

Celebration Ringers—6:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir—7:00 p.m.

PRAYERS

- Billy Brewer
- Clyde Coltharp
- Lilene Condon
- Cecil Locke
- Carter McLaurin
- Susie Reagan

- Paula Brown, Linda Tatum's sister
- Jo Ann Bradshaw, Camille Murphy's mother
- Tommy Bufkin, Sandra Northern's brother
- Carolyn Collier, Ken Collier's mother
- Landon Crews, Nita & Morris Love-lady's grandson
- Laurie Davis, Kitty Mann's niece
- Egan Bramlett Delaney, Purves & Eugenia McLaurin's great-granddaughter
- Joe Ann Farley, Bob Farley's mother
- Jean Halford, Lisa Thompson's mother
- Tina Heath, Earl Dismuke's mother
- Jimmie Kemp, Carol Champion's mother
- Drew Knight, Greg and Cindy Summerlin's nephew
- Terry Landrum, Glenda Carroll's father
- Jeremy Moorhead, Barbara Camp's grandson
- Linn Parkinson, Ken Parkinson's father
- Hampton Elizabeth Pittman, Lynn and Dan Pittman's granddaughter
- Jessie Phillips
- Christy Price, Susan Thomason's sister-in-law
- Laura Reid, Betty Gresham's sister
- Joanne Rone, Scott Rone's mother
- Emel Sanders, Wanda Poole's son-in-law
- Lois Shipp, Walker Swaney's mother
- Phil Sneed, Claire Hardy's brother
- Jessica Taylor, Dianne & Glenn Woodard's niece
- J.D. Wagster, Larry Wagster's father
- Jack Walters, Jackie Rozier's father
- Nalie Yates, Travis Yates' father

Women's Prison Ministry

We are collecting items for the Women's Prison Ministry to help women when they are released. Small toiletries (shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.), WalMart gift cards, or anything that will help are appreciated. You can leave them at the church or contact Bettye Parham, 816-0114.

Budget Information

February 17

Expenses YTD Date	\$	160,547.98
Received Sunday	\$	26,981.17
Received YTD	\$	184,420.62
Needed Each Week	\$	30,022.29
Budget Needed to Date, 2013	\$	210,156.02
Shortage, 2013	\$	(25,735.40)
Budget Needed to Date, 2012	\$	203,501.06
Shortage, 2012	\$	(40,893.62)

Lilly Grant Opportunity

"A Day Apart Silent Retreat" at the Duncan Gray Center

in Canton, MS

"A Time for Rest and Prayer: A Day of Gathering in Solitude within Community"

With the funding of our Lilly Renewal Grant, OUUMC invites you to travel with spiritual director Janis Black to Canton for a "Day Apart" silent retreat. With our busy and fast-paced lives, taking intentional time apart for prayer, reflection, silence, and holy listening is greatly beneficial. Consider taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity to encounter the presence of the Holy Spirit with these guided prayer retreat offerings.

Retreat Dates:

May 3, 2013 (9am-2pm) – The Rt. Reverend Duncan M. Gray, Bishop of the Diocese of MS
Sept. 27 (9am – 2pm) – Reverend Diane Braman, LCS

The Duncan Gray Center is only 2 hours away from Oxford. The retreat center is beautiful and sacred and well worth the drive. Those wanting to attend one of these "Day Apart" retreats may choose to travel to and from Canton on their own, but transportation is available upon request. The total cost of the retreat will be paid out of OU's Lilly renewal grant funds.

For more information or to sign up, please contact Janis Black (jegblack@gmail.com, 236- 2821).

Special thanks to Janis for her leadership in coordinating these retreats.

Gratefully,
Claire Dobbs

Pastor Appointment

As part of the ministerial appointment process of the United Methodist Church, the OUUMC Staff-Parish Committee invites your feedback relating to reappointment of our pastors. Please direct any comments to one of the following Staff-Parish members:

Jim Lear, <i>Chair</i>	Robert Mason
Lisa Mullins	Susan Gunn
Ed Morgan	Camille Murphy
David Shelton	Ginny Terry
Liza Fruge	Brent Smith, <i>Lay Leader</i>
Dorothy Laurenzo, <i>Lay Delegate</i>	

PRESENCE

Sunday Worship

February 10

8:45 a.m.	104
9:00 a.m.	117
10:55 a.m.	306
Azalea Gardens	22
Sunday School	377

February 17

8:45 a.m.	119
9:00 a.m.	126
10:55 a.m.	299
Azalea Gardens	18
Sunday School	310

In Memoriam

Nancy Ann Smith Hampton
May 9, 1932-February 13, 2013

Christian Love & Sympathy is Extended to

Suzanne Spruiell
in the death of her father
Walter Bruce Thornton

Ashley Windham
in the death of her father
Dennis Hendricks

Congratulations to Sally Kate & Jonathan Walker

Whose son Rosson Eli was born February 11. He is the grandson of Beth & Bob Rosson and Mary and Charles Walker. He is welcomed by brother Tom.

Lindsey & Tyler Meisenheimer

whose son Aaron Edward was born February 12. He is the grandson of Molly & Ed Meisenheimer and is welcomed by brother Miller.

Altar Flowers

If you would like to place flowers on the altar on April 21, 28; June 2, 23; July 7, 14, 21; or August 11, please call Toya Bruss at 832-3061

Sunday School Offering: Good Samaritan Fund

Unless otherwise noted, all Sunday School offerings will go to OU's Good Samaritan Fund.

NEW MEMBERS



Daphne Johnson
3201 Jeff Davis Ext.
601-498-3632

Daphne joined OU from the Episcopal church on February 10. She is an accountant at Devoe Carr. She and OU member Jason Johnson, a banker at M&F Bank, were married on October 20.



Karissa Mizner
1611 Pierce Ave. Ext.
662-701-1324

Karissa joined in *The Journey* February 10 by baptism and profession of faith. She is in pharmacy school at the University of Mississippi and will graduate in May. She is engaged to OU member Jack Atkins. They will marry in May.



Emily & Christopher Suber
317 Centerpointe Dr.
662-419-0844

The Subers became members on February 17. Christopher comes from Bruce UMC, and Emily joins from First UMC in Selmer, TN. Christopher works in oil and gas exploration. Emily is a graphic designer at Invitation Oxford. They are expecting a child in August.



Christina, Dustin, & Annie Seanor
245 PR 3029
228-238-4822

The Seanors joined OU on February 17. Christina, who joined by profession of faith, is in law school at the University of Mississippi. Dustin comes to us from St. Paul UMC in Ocean Springs and is a lawyer. Their daughter Annie is one year old.



Chase & Kara Parham
143 Yocona Ridge Road
662-871-9736

Chase and Kara joined OU on February 17. Chase works at rivals.com and joined by profession of faith and baptism. Kara, an admissions counselor at the university, comes from Heartland Baptist Church in Paducah, KY. They are University of Mississippi graduates.

2013 Lenten Luncheon Series

Wednesdays, 12:00 noon in the Activities Center

Who has influenced your spiritual life?



February 20

Jason Derrick

Legal Writing Specialist & Acting Professor of Legal Writing

University of Mississippi

Musical Guest:

Rev. Andrew Robinson
Second Baptist Church



February 27

Ron Franklin

Sportscaster
ESPN, 1987-2011

Musical Guests:
Sue Gaston, cello
Jason Derrick, piano



March 6

Dr. Alice Clark

Vice Chancellor for Research & Special Programs

University of Mississippi

Musical Guest:
Allen Harris,
Choral Director



March 13

Ora Reed

Speaker & Musical Guest
Performer, Musician, Vocalist, Songwriter



March 20

Dr. Robert Pearigen

President
Millsaps College

Musical Guest:
Oxford Civic Chorus
Phillip Stockton
interim director

SISTER CHURCHES

St. Peter's Episcopal • Burns UMC • First Presbyterian
New Hope M.B. • Clear Creek M.B. • Pine Flat UMC
Church of the Nazarene • Jordan Chapel C.M.E.
Second Baptist • St. Andrew's UMC • St. John Catholic
First Baptist • East Providence Baptist
East St. Peter's M.B. • The Orchard • Taylor UMC

The luncheons begin at 12 noon in the Activities Center.
A light lunch & a nursery will be provided.

COLLEGE MINISTRIES



More Than A Meal

Students enjoyed setting up and serving at More Than A Meal. Jonathan Hester played music for the group. They are beginning to get to know some families there. It is a great opportunity for them to serve the community!

Join for the next 6 weeks in Sunday School as we are using "24 Hours That Changed the World." This is a great way to prepare your heart for the amazing work Christ did for us on the cross. We meet in Room 201 at 10:00 a.m.



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

^{ages 21-35}
Young Adult Bible Study

questions that
CHALLENGE and STRENGTHEN
our **FAITH**

Wednesdays, 6:00 p. m.

Room 201

led by Chris Thomas



Elected Officers

OU's Board of Trustees and the Master Plan Committee met in January and elected officers for 2013.

Trustees

Chair: Jim Greenlee
Vice Chair: Ron Hipp
Secretary: Kathy Laurenzo
Preschool Board Rep: Mary Loria

Master Plan Committee

Chair: Dorothy Laurenzo
Vice Chair: Ed Morgan

Nursery Supervisor for OUUMC



The church is creating a part time position for a Nursery Supervisor who will oversee onsite childcare for children ages birth to kindergarten during worship services and other church

functions. This person will need to be present in the nursery wing 8:30-12:30 on Sundays, and 5:45-7:00 Wednesday nights during W.O.W. (10 weeks per semester).

Responsibilities include:

- Hiring, training, scheduling and termination of paid childcare workers.
- Scheduling and training of volunteer childcare workers.
- Overseeing nursery equipment and supplies.
- Communicating with parents and responding to requests for childcare during church functions.
- Assisting in the preparation of the annual Children's budget.
- Working with the Director of Children's Ministries and the Children's Ministry Team to adopt and implement an age appropriate curriculum.

Please help us spread the word! If you know of anyone interested in this position, please contact Lisa Mullins, lmullins94@yahoo.com. A full copy of the job description can be picked up in the church office or viewed on the church's website.

The Last Week: EXPLORING JESUS' FINAL DAYS

THE JOURNEY, 9:00 A.M., ACTIVITIES CENTER

FEB. 24: **Trouble in the Temple** (*Greg Smith*)

MARK 11:12-19

MARCH 3: **Conflict & More Conflict**

(*Claire Dobbs*) MARK 12:13-17

MARCH 10: **Anointed by a Prostitute & Betrayed by a**

Friend (*Claire Dobbs*) MARK 14:1-11

MARCH 17: **The Last Supper & The Garden of Gethsemane**

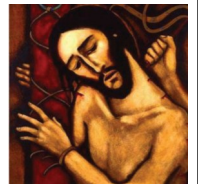
(*Claire Dobbs*) MARK 14:12-16, 22-26; MARK 14:32-42

MARCH 24 **The Crucifixion** (*Claire Dobbs*)

MARK 15:1-41

MARCH 31: **The Resurrection** (*Claire Dobbs*)

MARK 16:1-8



Ghana Medical Mission Trip with St. Andrew's UMC

St. Andrew's UMC is heading up a medical mission trip to Ghana July 11-25. The team of 14-18 people will serve three different villages in the Ashanti region of Kumasi, offering the love of Christ and health care. The trip is sponsored and coordinated by Project Africa and St. Andrew's UMC. Team leader Hollis Crowder has led 19 mission teams to Africa. United Methodist Volunteers in Training (UMVIM) will provide insurance and training materials. For more information, contact Rev. Bill Barksdale, billbarksdalejr@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



Upcoming Events

Spring Break Begins March 10!
 F.I.S.H. and Confirmation will not meet that Sunday.
 Children's Choristers, Wednesday Meal, and W.O.W. will not meet
 Wednesday, March 13.

Easter Egg Hunt
 Sunday, March 24, 3:00 p.m.
 637 North Lamar

Please bring 2 dozen candy-filled eggs to the Children's Ministry office by Saturday, March 23.

F.I.S.H. Love Pack Project
 Fifth and sixth graders: bring cans of pop-top fruit to help fill the Love Packs for our service project.

Vacation Bible School
 June 11-14
 Grades K-5

To register your child, visit www.vacationbibleschool.com/oxforduomc. A separate VBS for preschoolers will be announced at a later date.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Spring Break Begins March 10!
 Youth will not meet that Sunday. Prayer Breakfasts, Youth Band, Youth Choir, and Youth Bible Study will not meet that week.

Summer Camp Registration Information

Mission-Fest 2013 - Galloway United Methodist Church in Jackson, Mississippi - June 2nd through 6th, 2013. Cost is \$125.00 per person. \$100.00 non-refundable deposit required. .

Discovery Ministries - June 7th through 13th, 2013. Cost is \$200.00 per person. \$50.00 non-refundable deposit required.

M-28 Camp - Lake Junaluska, North Carolina - June 15th through 19th, 2013. Cost is \$200.00 per person. \$75.00 non-refundable deposit required.

Wednesday Bible Study Series: *the Book of James*
 Wednesdays 6-7 p.m.

Parenting Class

Date: Wednesday nights *beginning* March 27
Time: 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Place: TBA
What: 8-week study of "Revolutionary Parenting" by The Barna Research Group.

Registration required. Please contact Greg Smith (gsmith@ouumc.org, 662-816-5763) if you are interested in signing up. Workbook required - around \$13.00.

Weekly Schedule		
Wednesdays:	Senior High Prayer Breakfast - 7 a.m., Mama Jo's Youth Choir - 5 p.m. in the Choir Room	Youth Band - 4 p.m., Youth Center Youth Bible Study - 6 p.m., Youth Center
Thursdays:	Junior High Prayer Breakfast - 7 a.m., Mama Jo's	
Sundays:	Sunday School - 10 a.m.	Small Groups - 5 to 7 p.m.

Notes from the Past

SIXTY YEARS AGO: Ole Miss student Arthur Lewis presided at the Wesley Foundation meetings in early 1953.

FIFTY YEARS AGO: On February 20, 1963, it was announced that a firm had been hired for \$250 and that “Good progress has been made in dismantling the building [the Sanders house which was demolished before the Youth Fellowship Hall was constructed].” It was necessary to mortgage the church property in order to pay for the new building (about \$140,000)—“all the property belonging to the Oxford-University Methodist Church Incorporated lying in Lots numbered 37, 38 and 39 in Sections 21 and 28 in Township 8 South, Range 3 West....”

Committee chairs were recognized in the February 21, 1963, bulletin: C. M. Murry, Pastoral Relations; Mrs. J. Rothchild, Communion Stewards; Payne Sneed, Building Committee; Roy Grisham, Nominations.

FORTY YEARS AGO: As part of a Pulpit Exchange, the Reverend Crawford Ray from Batesville preached at OU on February 11, 1973.

THIRTY YEARS AGO: According to the April 6, 1983, bulletin, “The Oxford After School Child Care Program will be started March 1st here in the Oxford-University United Methodist Church. Applications for Director of the Child Care Program should be mailed to St. Andrew’s United Methodist Church.”

The Confirmation Class visited the Methodist Children’s Home, the Methodist Rehabilitation Center, and Millsaps College on February 26, 1983.

TWENTY YEARS AGO: In February 1993 Tian Jinyang spoke to those attending Mothers’ Morning In and demonstrated how to make Chinese dumplings to celebrate the Chinese New Year.

In the February 9, 1993, newsletter, Gerald Walton, chair of the Board of Trustees, reported that the church conference had granted authority to sell the Dogwood parsonage. With thanks to Wanda Poole, Cynthia Woodington, and Phyllis Yarbrough, the house was sold. Frank Cooper recommended that the \$42,000 netted be placed in the Mississippi Methodist Foundation.

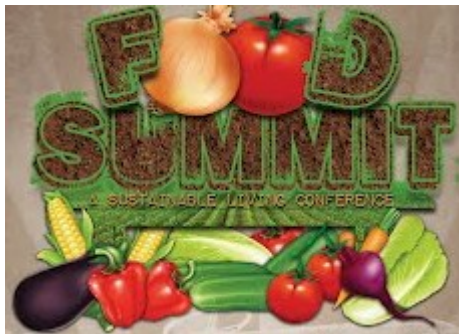
On Boy Scout Sunday on February 14, 1993, the following were thanked for their leadership: Steve Hale, Mike Pitner, Rupert Bruner, Scott Rone, Debbie Moore, Thelda Russell, Ed Gillenwater, and C. M. Murry.

At their February 19, 1993, meeting members of the Adult Fellowship group voted to change their name to Prime Timers.

The February 7, 1993, bulletin included a list of church officers: Sue Hale, chair of the Administrative Board; William Champion, chair of Staff-Parish Relations; Frank Anderson, chair of the Finance Committee; Kenneth Morrison, chair of Nominations.

TEN YEARS AGO: Crucifers in February 2003 were Taylor Maddux, Kate Sinervo, Matthew Mistilis, and Graham Doty.

In the February 5, 2003, newsletter Dorothy Laurenzo, chair of the Council on Ministries, gave a good summary of activities of the church: “Look out to OU members to reach out to their community in Christ this year by participating in two blood drives, ministering to prisoners, tutoring Leap Frog children, working at the Christmas store, adopting children from the Angel Tree, donating to the Pantry, supporting third world artisans through the Servv sale, continuing to be a major supporter of the Compassion Fund, donating school supplies to local children, serving meals at the Hispanic church services, continuing to provide quality Christian preschool education to the community, and returning to Nicaragua to serve the poor both medically and spiritually, among other missions.”



The **Gaining Ground Sustainability** Institute of Mississippi will host a Food Summit and Sustainable Living Conference in Oxford March 1-3.

Food Summit: Friday, March 1, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Powerhouse

Sustainable Living Conference: Saturday, March 2, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., OU Activities Center
Sessions include Nourishing Kitchen, Home Grown, Smart Living, and Make & Take.

Sustainable Home & Garden Tour: Sunday, March 3, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

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