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Worship Schedule

Sunday, December 19

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.
Reception Honoring Frank
Poole—12:00 p.m.
Jr. High UMYF—5:15 p.m.
UMYF Dinner—6:00 p.m.
Sr. High UMYF—6:30 p.m.

Friday, December 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight
Services of Holy Communion
4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 26

Worship Service—10:00 a.m.
We will only have one service this
Sunday. There will be no Sunday
School and no Journey. Journey
services resume Sunday, Jan. 9.

Epiphany Open House



Frank and Mary
Poole invite their
church family to
their 30+ year
tradition of sharing food
and fellowship on
Epiphany, **Thursday,
Jan. 6, from 6:30 p.m.
until...**

The Poole Hall is located
at 302 Lewis Lane, behind
the Chamber of Commerce
off of Stone Road.

Christmas Eve Interfaith Offering

During this Advent season, I have been reflecting upon the passages at the end of Act 2 which describes how the early church began after Pentecost. Verse 45 says that “they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.” Most of you are aware of the hardships that many of our neighbors in Lafayette County have in meeting their basic daily needs of food, clothing, and shelter. Our church generously supports Interfaith Compassion Ministries which attempts to meet these basic needs. **Our Christmas Eve offering will go exclusively to assist Interfaith** as it does each Christmas. We are grateful for your support of this vital mission in our community and know that you will again give generously. Let those of us who are blessed with much continue to be the light of Jesus Christ.



Danny Kelly

Advent and Christmas 2010

Sunday, December 19 Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:45 & 10:55 Traditional Services—Warren Black

We will honor Frank Poole's ministry and retirement at these services, as well as a soup and salad reception following the 10:55 service. RSVP to the church office by Friday, Dec. 17 if you would like to attend.
9:00 a.m. The Journey Christmas Celebration

Friday, December 24 Christmas Eve

4:00 & 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service & Holy Communion (nursery provided)

Sunday, December 26 First Sunday of Christmas

10:00 a.m. One service of Christmas Celebration and Joy—Warren Black
No Sunday School

Sunday, January 2 Epiphany Sunday

8:45 & 10:55 Traditional Services—Claire Dobbs
The Journey will not meet this Sunday. Journey services will resume Sunday, January 9.

The church office will be closed **Thursday at noon, Dec. 23-Monday, Dec. 27 for Christmas, & Friday at noon, Dec. 31-Monday, January 3, for New Years.**

Coming in January...

Bishop Will Wilimon

author of *Why Jesus?*

leads OUUMC's Spiritual Renewal Series

January 23-24, 2011



Sunday, January 23

9:00 *The Journey* (Activities Center) —“Jesus the Savior”
10:55 Traditional Service (Sanctuary)—“Jesus the Savior”
6:00 pm Evening Service (Sanctuary)—“Jesus the Healer”

Monday, January 24

12:00 p.m. Brown Bag Lunch (Wesley Hall)—Q&A session
6:00 p.m. Evening Service (Sanctuary)—“Jesus the Way”

PRAYERS

- Frank Anderson
- Kay Brewer
- Mildred Davis
- Dex Edwards
- Pat Lamar
- Rev. John Moore, *former Associate Pastor at OUUMC*
- Bridgette Turner

- Martha Altfilish, Margaret Fields' sister
- Susan Brady, Annabelle Covington's sister-in-law
- Marta Brookhart's mother
- Bill Cross, Danielle Ammeter's step-father
- Andy Daltroff, Laurie Triplette's brother
- Robert DeRuyscher, Lisa Scott & father
- Ann Logan Edwards, Mary Beth Mobley's sister-in-law
- Millie Fuller, Rico McThune's grandmother
- Lelon Grayson, Sandra Kennedy's father
- Christian Hare, Carole Dye's grandson
- Elizabeth Jones, Mary Beth Mobley's aunt
- Paul Klotz, Cile Downer's son-in-law
- Joyce Locke, Cecil's sister-in-law
- Susan Osterberg, Bert Felder's daughter
- Eva Locke, Cecil Locke's sister-in-law
- Trey Poole, Wanda Poole's grandson
- Evelyn Roberson, Bob Nance's mother
- Rebecca Robertson, Jim Taylor's sister
- Joanne Rone, Scott Rone's mother
- Lindie Scott, Shea Scott's sister-in-law
- Tom Turner, Jack Turner's cousin
- Dyron Woodard, Glenn and Dianne Woodard's son

BUDGET UPDATE

Need per week	\$25,646.96
Rec Sun 12/12/10	\$30,604.87
Need to date 12/12/10	\$1,282,348.00
Rec to date 12/12/10	\$1,218,369.81
Expenses through 12/15/10	\$1,231,898.14

Total offerings for 12/12/10 including Interfaith Compassion, Specials, Memorials, and Building Fund were \$38,945.98

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

2011 PLEDGE UPDATE

Through December 15
 220 Pledges Received
 General \$931,480 Building \$96,024

Please return your pledge card to the church as soon as possible so budget plans can be made for 2011. If you have not yet received a card, they are available at each service or in the church office. Thank you.

2010 Contributions

Tax-deductible contributions to the church for 2010 must be postmarked by Friday, December 31 or delivered to the church office no later than noon that same day. The office will be closed Monday, January 2.

Double Circle Sunday School Class Change in Location

Sunday, Dec. 19, Double Circle will meet in the Sanctuary instead of Wesley Hall.



Angel Tree 2010

Thanks to our congregation's generous and giving spirit, OUUMC provided Christmas gifts for more than 100 families in the community.

Thank you to Sloan Hunter for organizing the Angel Tree this year. And thank you to everyone who donated gifts.

PRESENCE

Sunday Worship

December 5

Sunday School	305
8:45 a.m.	119
9:00 a.m.	54
10:55 a.m.	341

December 12

Sunday School	389
8:45 a.m.	160
9:00 a.m.	134
10:55 a.m.	401

Christian Love and Sympathy is Extended to

Liz Thomas in the death of her husband & Alex and Katie Thomas in the death of their father, Greg Thomas

Betty Case in the death of her aunt, Catherine Watkins

George Rosentreter in the death of his sister, Thelma Hammons

Congratulations to

Amey and Stephen Bossenberry, whose daughter Irelynn Victoria Bossenberry was born November 23. She is the granddaughter of Vicki and Harry Sneed, and great-granddaughter of Sue Sneed. Irelynn is welcomed by her siblings, Nikolaus, Laurel, Olivia, and Kara Louise.

Coming in January

The O-U Reporter

is going online!

If you would like to start receiving the newsletter by email, please contact the church office (234-5278, ebramlett@ouumc.org).

If you still want to receive your newsletter by mail, don't worry. We will still send out paper newsletters to anyone who does not opt into the email program.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Children's Christmas Pageant

Many, many thanks to Emily Shelton, Carolyn Davis, Lee Uhlhorn & Lisa Scott for all the hard work they did on this year's Christmas Pageant.



YOUTH MINISTRIES

Upcoming Events

December 30-January 1: Overflow
Contact J Johnson (j@theoxu.org) to register your child.

Youth Visioning Retreat
February 11-13
More information coming soon...

Sunday, January 2

Ole Miss Basketball Game

We will go as a group to the Ole Miss/Southeastern Louisiana basketball game. Youth will leave the church at 4:30 and return immediately following the game (around 7:00 pm.). The cost is \$5. Deadline to sign up and pay is Sunday, December 19.

Sunday, January 9

Youth-Parent Dinner and Semester Kick-Off

6:00-8:00 p.m.

All youth and youth parents need to attend this night of fun, food, and fellowship. We will talk about the future of our youth ministry, provide a calendar of events for the spring semester, announce summer trips, and much more! Please put this important date on your calendar. Dinner will start at 6:00 p.m., and we will be finished by 8:00 p.m.

Notes From the Past

FORTY YEARS AGO: Soprano soloist Margie Murry sang "Away in a Manger" on December 20, 1970.

THIRTY YEARS AGO: On December 21, 1980, the rose candle was lighted by a three generation family: Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Lovelady, Nancy, Betsy, and Charlee, and Mr. and Mrs. Walker Swaney, Walker, Jr., and Sarah Love.

TWENTY YEARS AGO: Alex Benjamin Rosentreter was baptized on December 30, 1990.

CONFIRMATION 2011

Confirmation begins in January!

Confirmation is a journey by which our children begin to understand and affirm their Christian beliefs and claim their place in the life of the church. **This year's Confirmation journey begins January 19** (parent orientation meeting, 5:30, Wesley Hall). Mentor Training will be Wednesday, Jan. 26 at 5:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall. The Confirmation Retreat will be Jan. 29-30 at Camp Lake Stephens. Confirmation Sunday is May 1.

Listed here are the 6th graders we have on record in our church's computer. If your child's name is not listed and you would like for him or her to participate, please contact **Claire Dobbs at 801-5608, or clairedobbs8@gmail.com**.

Scott Brown	Cole Calhoon	Joshua Covington	Sabrina Crain
Anna Dennis	Gage Dorris	Swayze Elliott	Camille Gladden
Duncan Graeber	Anne Catherine Gurner	Emma Humphreys	Shelby Knotts
Giles Lamar	Maya Langendoen	Madisyn Martin	Max Mauney
Addison Meadows	Darby Meadows	Edward Morgan	Sam Morgan
Virginia Parkinson	Liza Carole Renfroe	Kyle Rock	Beau Ryals
Annabel Terry	Maya Werner		

Also, if you are an adult member of this church and would like to mentor a child during confirmation, please contact **Claire Dobbs or Pat Forrester, 234-5278 pforrester@ouumc.org**.

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