

Oxford United Methodist Church Contacts

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TOWER TIDINGS

*Pentecost
2023*

The mission of the Oxford United Methodist Church is to love God, love people, and faithfully minister to human and spiritual needs in our community and beyond.



Message from Pastor Glenn

The day of Pentecost falls 50 days after Easter Sunday. Acts 2 describes the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, a day when people from around the world had gathered to worship in Jerusalem. Pentecost reminds us that the presence of the risen Christ remains with the church even after he has ascended to heaven. Our denominational logo -- the United Methodist cross and flame -- serves as a reminder of the ongoing power of the Holy Spirit, who gives witness to the power of the Son.

The time after Pentecost, therefore, is when the church remembers it's calling to move by the direction and power of the Spirit. We call this ordinary time on our church calendar, because it is a season when we are not actively preparing for or celebrating the major festivals of Christmas or Easter. The "ordinary" work of the church is to be doing the Spirit-powered work of Jesus: healing, forgiving, loving, and going. In this edition of Tower Tidings you will see many opportunities to serve in seemingly ordinary ways. Consider, for instance, the Community Supported Agriculture program that supports a local farmer and brings you freshly harvested (that is, healthy) produce each week. Check out the Repair Cafe, a new community service effort that we are hosting on June 24. Bring your appliances and devices to be repaired, or sign up to be a volunteer. Or volunteer to help at one of our Summer Literacy sessions that run from June to August.

It is a great privilege to join in God's "ordinary" work of changing lives and transforming the world.

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The Tower Tidings

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Learning Tree Preschool

Thursday, May 18, 2023

The Learning Tree Preschool of Oxford United Methodist Church held its annual commencement ceremony on Thursday, May 18, 2023.

Our graduates are (L-R):

Jameson Woods, Sophie Stockwell, Aubrey Chavis, Kinley Hollowell, Ian Tehandon, Paislee Inscoc, Micah Chapman, Landon Jones, Zane Chapman, Haisly Reed, and Bryce Boyd



Special thanks to all of our preschool families for an incredible year!

Prayer Concerns

The Oxford Methodist Church Prayer Chain is ready at any time to give support for any prayer need. To activate the chain, email Pastor Glenn, glenn@oxfordmethodist.org

Thank you for all the ways we are being God's people -especially at this time.

Please pray for...

All with Mental Health Struggles
Those with Addiction Struggles
Our incarcerated brothers and sisters
Maysi Blenk- Ellen Thompson's Niece
Nancy Brooks
Joe Bryan
Margaret Duncan- Karen Brown's Mother
Connie Emory
Sharon Foster- Dee Woodlief's Mother
Lee Goldman- Sylvia Harrison's brother-in-law
Lee Humphries
Inpanh Keolavanh
Annette Koerner- Sister of Lisa Pearson
Doan Laursen
Bob & Eunice May
Caroline McMahon
Bill Mitchell
Diane Proctor
Reed Spears

Emerson Swanner
Richard Spradlin
Bill Washburn
Beth Williams
Francis Wilson
Lyna Carol Breedlove Wilson

Our Troops

Jordan Blanchard
Micah Domnick
Hamilton Evrard
George "Fletch" Fletcher
Brian Harvey
Brock Perry
Jack Rivers
Jeremiah Rush
David Sergent
Zach Walker
Claudia Wilmsatt
Drew Wilmsatt



If you know someone who is going through a difficult time, contact our Stephen Leader, Beth Day at 919-691-4603 or edaycpa@embarqmail.com about Stephen Ministry. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide focused, confidential, one-to-one Christian care—to help that person experience the healing power of Christ's love.

Summer Literacy Program

The start of Summer Literacy is 20 very short days away!

In case you haven't heard, we are operating two 4-week camps this year. The first camp is June 19-July 14, and the second camp is July 17-August 11. All of the literacy team members are returning this year AND we are excited to welcome Jenny Bailey as one of the teachers for our second camp. Shalondra Brown, one of our enrichment staff, is moving into the remaining teaching position for the second camp. Based on the applications received, we expect a full first camp and an almost full second camp!

I know that Summer Literacy can count on the generous support of Oxford United Methodist Church again this year. We appreciate the continued support, and would not be able to operate without you!

You can support Summer Literacy in the following ways:

Pray: Pray for a safe camp for our students and staff, pray for a good match between student learning needs and teacher talents, pray for student reading growth. Give thanks for Granville County Public Schools providing transportation for students, and the families that commit to summer learning with us.

Volunteers Needed:

- ⇒ Administering pre and post camp student surveys – This involves reading survey questions to a student and logging their responses electronically. Bilingual volunteers are also needed for our Spanish speaking students. Surveys will be administered June 19-21, July 12-14, July 17-19, and August 9-11 between 1:15pm and 3:00pm.
- ⇒ Assisting with student supervision during lunch (12:10pm-12:45pm)
- ⇒ Assist with Enrichment activities (1:15pm-3:15pm). Have a special talent? Share it with students in an enrichment activity! Read with a student or read a group story.
- ⇒ Assist during Family Night Dinners with setup and cleanup. Join us for the meal and get to know the families.

Sponsor:

- A teach for a day (\$258), or a week (\$1,287)
- A teach assistant for a day (\$135), or a week (\$675)
- A special enrichment activity (\$185-\$200)
- A Family Night Dinner (\$500-\$600)
- Snacks for a Week (\$100)
- Camp t-shirts (\$600 depending on total roster)
- Books for students to take home
- Supplemental lunch & breakfast (fresh fruit & veggies)

Watch the website & weekly reminder emails as plans are confirmed.

Contact Donna Critcher for more information at dbcdesigns@nc.rr.com or 919-691-0561

Coming this Summer

Music Reading Class | June 14 @ 7pm

Come learn how to read your part in musical score

Handbell Clinic | June 21 @ 7pm

Come learn/refresh the art of Handbell Ringing

Singing School | August 23 @ 7pm

Have you ever wanted to improve your singing voice? Sing a solo? This class will help you explore pitch diction, intonation, melody, and harmony. Join us for this daring adventure!

Call Caroline at 919-522-3046 for more information about these opportunities

Family Fun Day

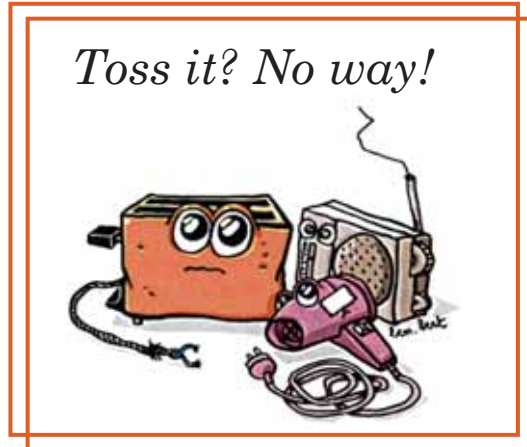
We had a fun, successful Family Fun Day at Camp Oak Hill on May 20th! About 40 of us spent the day boating, swimming, jumping on a water trampoline, and going down a 50-foot water slide into the lake! We were blessed with beautiful warm, sunny weather. What a fun bonding experience for our group. Thanks for all of your support and participation! - Amy & Lee Clark





Repair Café

- Chair with a loose leg?
- Broken toaster?
- Lamp with a broken switch?



Toss it? No way!

You can repair it at Repair Café!

Repair Café is a free meeting place where you can work with volunteer repair specialists to fix your broken stuff. You'll learn new skills, save money, and have fun!

Appliances ◦ Jewelry ◦ Tools ◦ Furniture ◦ Lamps ◦ Toys ◦ Much More

Register Online: <https://RepairCafeNC.org>

Saturday, June 24 ◦ 1pm to 5pm
Oxford United Methodist Church
105 W McClanahan St, Oxford, NC

Sponsored by:



Summer Intern

This summer, **Kaleb Setzer** will be our Duke Divinity Intern, and will be serving here from May 30th through August 13th.

Kaleb grew up in Belmont, North Carolina, where he attended First UMC Belmont. After high school Kaleb attended Appalachian State University, where he was heavily involved with the Appalachian Wesley Foundation; this was also the place that affirmed his call to ministry during his senior year of college. Kaleb is a rising third-year student at Duke, and a certified candidate for ordination in the Western North Carolina Conference of the UMC.

Kaleb brings ministry experience from multiple organizations and churches, most recently from The Haywood Street Congregation, Mount Shepherd Retreat Center, and Mt. Bethel UMC in Bahama, NC. Kaleb is very excited to serve at Oxford UMC this summer to join in our work of making disciples of Jesus for the transformation of the world! You can contact Kaleb at kaleb.setzer@duke.edu.



Food Ministries

ACIM (Area congregations in Ministry)
634 Roxboro Road, Oxford 919-690-0961

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat..." Matthew 25:35

Support the local food bank! Donations may be dropped off at the church or ACIM. Collection bins are available in the mission center and the education building. Donations are accepted at ACIM on M/W/F from noon to 1:00pm or on T/TH from 6:00 – 7:30pm, or call Sue at 919-691-1183 to set up a time for a donation drop off.

Food items needed most are: Breakfast food (cereal, oatmeal, pop tarts, granola bars), boxed potatoes, canned fruit, canned meat, canned pasta (ravioli, spaghetti), jelly, peanut butter, macaroni & cheese, pasta, pasta sauce, rice.

Monetary donations can be made through CashApp (\$acimfood), through mail (P.O. Box 398, Oxford, NC 27565), or through drop off during open hours.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed on the on the Columbarium Committee!

Help is only needed occasionally.

Tasks include ordering and installing plaques and niches.

For more information, contact Laura Blackley at 919-691-4544

Father's Day Bulletin

Honor or remember your father or special man in your life through the Father's Day Bulletin.

A \$3 donation is asked for each person being honored or remembered.

Your donation will help to fund our youth and children's ministry.

Order forms will be available at church through June 11th.

Checks payable to OUMC and note "Father's Day Bulletin" on the memo.

Call the church office with any questions or to submit a recognition request.

919-693-4091



Staff Parish Relations

The Staff Parish Relations Committee: *Who are they and what do they do?*

The OUMC Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC), chaired by Adam Mincher, meets at least quarterly and as-needed in the event of personnel issues that arise.

Your SPRC members, along with Adam, are: Ruby Stine, David Matlock, Karen Dickerson, Lennie Blackley, Sylvia Harrison, and Kathrine Noel (Lay Leader).

According to the United Methodist Book of Discipline, the duties of the SPRC, in general, are:

- Encourage the pastor and his/her family.
- Meet with the pastor to discuss the effectiveness of ministry, relationships within the congregation, conditions that may impede the effectiveness of ministry, and to interpret the nature and function of the ministry.
- Confer with the pastor if it becomes evident that the best interest of the church and pastor would be service by a change of pastor.
- Discuss with the pastor and staff matters pertaining to priorities in the use of gifts, skills, and time.
- Consult with pastor and staff regarding the importance of continuing education and spiritual renewal.
- Provide pastor and staff evaluations annually.
- Provide staff job descriptions.
- Promote unity in the church.

At OUMC, each SPRC member is assigned to a staff person as a way of keeping in contact, forging a relationship, and being a liaison between the staff person and our congregation. We enjoy learning more about our staff individually! We also are assessing our Employee Handbook, and will update it to reflect any new laws and guidance.

Your SPRC members are happy to serve our Lord and our church. Though SPRC meetings are always closed meetings due to the personnel-related issues we must address, we are open to your input and ideas! Contact Adam Mincher at adam.mincher@gmail.com.

Summer Produce Boxes

The Spring season of the Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) project has gone by so quickly! Everyone has been enjoying the fresh, locally grown, organic produce.

The Summer season will be starting soon!

Those subscribing to the Summer season will receive items such as:

Yellow squash, zucchini, patty pan squash, peppers, cabbage, cucumbers, eggplant, cherry tomatoes, bok choy, lettuce, and Swiss chard

Summer Program Dates: July 8th – August 26th

Deadline for Purchasing: June 15th

Eight-Week Produce Box: \$250 (serves 2-4 people)

Delivery Every Saturday at OUMC

Questions? Email us at info@oxfordmethodist.org



SCAN HERE TO SIGN UP

Together We Rise

The Oxford United Women in Mission are raising funds to support Together We Rise. The “sweet cases” that are donated will go to local children who are taken into foster care.

These are duffle bags for their belongings and a few comfort items to start with.



Please consider supporting this worthy cause!

Donations may be placed in the offering plate, mailed to the church office, or made online using the link sent out in the weekly reminder emails.

Blood Drive

The Blood Drive will be held on Friday, June 16th from 9:00am – 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall at OUMC. You can go to redcrossblood.org and look for Oxford Community Drive to sign up, or email Ruth Carraway at carrawayrt@gmail.com



Dear Friends,

Harold and I thank you for your prayers, kindness, and condolences regarding my Daddy's unexpected passing. We are so grateful for your sympathy and support.

Love,
Kate and Harold