



OXFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

You will remember that last year we held a series of congregational meetings to reflect on our life together—our history, our denomination, and where God is calling us next.

In those conversations I heard you talk about three primary priorities:

- Improving our facilities,
- Renewing our care for one another
- Strengthening our outreach in Oxford and around the world

Through the Continuing Our Legacy capital campaign this spring, we've already made great progress on our buildings. New windows are about to be installed in the Education Building and Lyon Building.

Through the Stewardship of Caring sermon series in the spring, along with the creation of our new Congregational Care Team, we're growing in how we love and support each other.

Now, we're turning our attention to outreach—sharing Christ's love with our neighbors in tangible ways.

God has many more years of faithful ministry ahead for Oxford UMC. Will you join me in praying that we continue building on the good work begun before us—investing in mission and discipleship so that people in our community may hear the good news of Jesus Christ for generations to come?

UPCOMING

OCTOBER 29

You are invited to a dinner celebrating the launch of the Oxford UMC Legacy Society.

Wednesday, October 29th at 6pm.

Please attend this important event to hear the exciting things God is doing in our congregation.

RSVP: taylor@oxfordmethodist.org
by October 20th.
Suggested Donation: \$10

NOVEMBER 16

Join the Oxford Women in mission for an interest and planning meeting!

Sunday, November 16th at 10am
in the Fellowship Hall.

Food and coffee will be served.

This will be a time to discuss our goals for the coming year and plan a few projects. Come with your ideas!

NOVEMBER 23

The Oxford Women in Mission Cinnamon Bun and Pecan Sticky Bun Sale is coming!

No preorders! Buns will be available for purchase 10am - 11am and after 12pm in the Fellowship Hall.

\$12 per pack

All proceeds support children and families.

THE LEARNING TREE PRESCHOOL

The leaders and students of The Learning Tree Preschool are so thankful to our OUMC family for your generosity in support the blessing tree. We are grateful and overwhelmed to have had every single one of our wishes granted! Our children are truly enjoying your gifts - in our classroom and on the playground. A special thanks goes out to Kathrine Noel for spearheading this project!



KIDS CLUB & YOUTH KICK-OFF

VBS 2025 ROAD TRIP: ON THE GO WITH GOD

was a huge success! We enjoyed learning about how God travels with us and led so many before us on big adventures, making wonderful crafts, and enjoying yummy dinners. We ended our week with a big family cookout and had such a great time of fellowship together!

A BIG thank you to our fearless leader, Kathrine Noel, and all of our wonderful volunteers. We couldn't make it happen without you!

OUR KIDS CLUB AND YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

are back in full swing. Our youth made communion bread for our 9am service and our kids have had fun with crafts. Visiting ACIM is always a highlight for the kids of all ages!

LOOKING AHEAD: ANGEL TREE PROJECT

We are looking forward to our Angel Tree Project and Children's Christmas Pageant as the holidays are quickly approaching!



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Continuing Our Legacy: Capital Campaign Update

Thanks to your generosity through the Continuing Our Legacy Capital Campaign, we continue to make meaningful improvements to our church facilities.

Over the summer, the railings and doors along the breezeway were repainted, giving that well-traveled space a fresh, welcoming look. It's a small but visible reminder of how your gifts are helping to care for the church we all share.

Looking ahead, several important projects are planned for the coming year.

- New windows will be installed in the Educational Building this month—an upgrade that will make our classrooms more comfortable and energy efficient

Future work will include:

- New flooring and ceilings in the Educational Building
- Improvements to the Administrative Offices
- Updated landscaping to enhance the beauty and accessibility of the grounds
- The floor of the breezeway will be repainted to complete that space's renewal

We also plan to add new directional signage to help members and visitors find their way around more easily.

Thank you for your continued support of this campaign. Every improvement reflects our shared commitment to maintain a welcoming, functional, and beautiful church home for generations to come.