

The O.U. Reporter

Oxford-University United Methodist Church: Celebrating Methodism in Oxford for 175 Years, 1836-2011



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175 YEARS

Celebrating Our Past, Present, & Future



Worship Schedule

Sunday, October 16

Worship Services—8:45, 9:00, & 10:55 a.m.
Fellowship Time—9:30 a.m.
Sunday School—10:00 a.m.
The Journey Anniversary—10:00 a.m.
F.I.S.H.—5:30 p.m.
U.M.Y.F.—6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 19

Children Choristers—4:00 p.m.
Youth Choir—5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Supper—5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Holy Communion—6:00 p.m.
W.O.W.—6:00 p.m.
Celebration Ringers—6:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir—7:00 p.m.
Nominations Team—7:00 p.m.

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Youth Choir—5:00 p.m.
LAVINRAC—5:30 p.m.
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As OUUMC looks back on 175 years of Methodism in Oxford, we invite you into a time of celebration. **Our Stewardship Campaign kicks off on October 23.** Robert Northern, chair of the 2012 Stewardship Committee, will speak at all three services, outlining our hopes for the future and the needs we have today. The Stewardship Campaign centers around OU's Past, Present and Future...

Celebrating OU's Present: Sunday, October 30

Our worship services this Sunday will center around the present church and **why OU matters.** Claire Dobbs will preach the 8:45 and 10:55 Traditional Services, and Warren Black will lead *The Journey*.

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Celebrating OU's Past: Sunday, November 6

All Saints Sunday

This Sunday, we will focus on our past, remembering the saints and OU's history.

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Celebrating OU's Future: Sunday, November 13

Commitment Sunday

Rev. John Moore, pastor at Crossgates United Methodist Church in Brandon and former associate minister here at OU, will lead the services this Sunday, with a focus on **looking forward.**

We invite everyone to the **Commitment Luncheon** following the 10:55 service, where we will share stories from the past through video, pictures, and words of witness. This is bound to be a wonderful day in the life of our church. **Please plan to attend, as we also honor members and their families who have been a part of OU's congregation for 50 years or more.**

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In this season of celebration, 175 years of Methodism in Oxford, please remember your commitment to Christ's Church and Oxford-University United Methodist Church.



Robert Northern
Stewardship Chair

Gerald Walton
175th Anniversary Chair

PRAYERS

- Frank Anderson
- Mildred Davis
- Cile Downer
- Ruth Edwards
- Cecilia Marshall

- Flavous Barker, Sarah Hampton's father
- Susanne Campbell, Peggy Whorton's daughter
- Will Campbell, friend of Diann Coleman
- Sandra Collier
- Myrtice DeRuyscher, Lisa Scott and Tamara Austin's grandmother
- Robert DeRuyscher, Lisa Scott and Tamara Austin's father
- Richard King, John King's brother
- Barbara Malone, Betty Gresham's sister
- Richard Matsufuji, Reba Matsufuji's son
- Patricia Covington-Miller, John Covington's mother
- Ed Moore, Betty Sue Moore's son
- Betty Jo Patterson, Altie and Pat Patterson's daughter-in-law
- Trey Poole, Wanda Poole's grandson
- Joanne Rone, Scott Rone's mother
- Phil Sneed, Claire Hardy's brother
- Jennifer Taylor, Dianne and Glenn Woodard's niece
- Tommye and Bill Webb, Molly Meisenheimer's parents

Congratulations to

Sarah Cox & Matt Mabus

who were married Saturday, October 1. Sarah is the daughter of Cathy Cox and Matt is the brother of Jamie Rowland.

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Margaret Britt & Drew Baker

who were married in our sanctuary Saturday, October 1. Margaret is the daughter of Mary Ann and Larry Britt.

BUDGET UPDATE

General Budget Comparison to Last Year

	10-9-2011	10-10-2010
Need per week	\$27,035.42	\$25,646.96
Rec Sun	\$12,572.00	\$19,029.61
Need to date	\$1,108,452.22	\$1,051,525.36
Rec to date	\$980,150.84	\$957,837.47
Expenses through	\$1,005,706.43	\$998,578.91
Total offerings for 10-9-2011 were \$15,519.00, compared to \$23,041.66 in offerings for 10-10-2010.		
<i>Thank you for your continued support of OU's ministries.</i>		

Pat Elmore Gift—Reminder!

In this season of stewardship, OUUMC is gratefully blessed by the gift of \$743,068.56 from the estate of Pat Elmore.

Recommendations regarding the use of Pat's undesignated bequest should be received in the church office by **Monday, October 31** and will then be made available to the Charge Conference members (Administrative Council) and the congregation. We will have a called Charge Conference on **Monday, November 14** at 5:15 p.m. in the Activities Center.

As Christ's example and witness in the world, our goal is to promote openness, transparency and prayerful discernment in making this decision.

In an effort to meet the needs of our valued church staff, the OUUMC Staff-Parish Relations Committee is soliciting proposals for a comprehensive health benefit package. Please contact our administrator, Russ McLellan, for specific information, 234-5278, rmclellan@ouumc.org.

Toiletries Needed!

Please contribute toiletries such as shampoo, soap, toilet paper, diapers, sanitary napkins, tampons, razors, and deodorant to be shared with local agencies such as Red Cross, More than a Meal, Meals on Wheels, and Interfaith Compassion Ministry. Small or large boxes of laundry detergent are also needed. Items may be left in Wesley Hall Kitchen.

Spanish Language Service Dinner Volunteers

We need volunteers to serve a light supper to persons of Hispanic origin after a Spanish language service at St. Peter's. This would involve serving a light supper which consists of a main dish or sandwiches, fruit or salad, a simple dessert and drinks. OU is the only church that serves this meal in the month of November. This is a great way for your Sunday school class to serve. There is money available to groups that might want to serve but need help buying food. Please contact Nicole Gladden: nicole.gladden@hotmail.com or 662-701-8952.

PRESENCE

Sunday Worship

October 2

8:45 a.m.	83
9:00 a.m.	111
10:55 a.m.	284
Sunday School 319	

October 9

8:45 a.m.	87
9:00 a.m.	108
10:55 a.m.	328
Sunday School 367	

Christian Love and Sympathy is Extended to

Maxine Woolsey

in the death of her brother Bob Upson.

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Danielle Ammeter

in the death of her stepmother Marianne Beu

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Wanda Poole

in the death of her sister-in-law Willideane Robertson

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Jason Futch

in the death of his father Charleston Butler Futch

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Melody Webb

in the death of her cousin Amanda Husband

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Barbara Green

in the death of her son Doug Green

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Jolee Hussey

in the death of her cousin Gwen Booth Wilson

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Barbara Camp

in the death of her mother Mae Goode

2012 Altar Flowers

The altar flower schedule for 2012 is being published now. If you would like to place flowers on the altar Jan 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; Feb 5, 12, 19, or 26, please call Toya Bruss at (662) 832-3061.

BAPTISMS & NEW MEMBERS



Beckett Winfield Paine was baptized on October 9. He is the son of Elizabeth and Robert Paine and the brother of Katherine.



Katie & William Hawkins
2400 West Wellsgate Drive
832-7472

Katie and William joined OU on Sunday, October 2 from First Presbyterian Church in Vicksburg, MS. Katie works as a health care administrator with North Mississippi Physi-

cians Associates. William, 12, is a member of our youth group and will be a part of our 2012 Confirmation class.

Martha Wilkes

237 St. Andrew's Circle, 236-6817

Martha transferred her membership to OU from Broadmeadow United Methodist Church in Jackson. She is a retired history professor from Belhaven and Hinds Community College. She has three children, Will, Ellen, and Nathaniel, and five grandchildren. She is a member of the Behold Sunday School class.



MISSING

Have you seen our white, round table cloths?

If you have any information as to the whereabouts of these missing table cloths, either call the church office or return them, no questions asked. Thank you.

Convocation of the Black Church

Sponsored by the Mississippi Annual Conference

October 15, 2011, 8:30 a.m., Rust College, Holly Springs, MS

Join other church leaders from the Mississippi Annual Conference at the Convocation of the Black Church. The goal is to provide sessions and experiences that will:

- Challenge churches to partner with other congregations and ministries that pursue wider ministries
- Challenge congregations to employ welcoming and communications skills to transform congregations into a vital oasis of change
- To empower the next generation of church leaders

Register online at www.mississippi-umc.org, \$10 person

Session Leaders: **Dr. Larry Hygh, Jr.**, Director of Missions Communications, GBGM; **Dr. Fred Allen**, National Director of Strengthening the Black Church for the 21st Century; **Rev. Timothy Thompson**, Assistant to the Bishop Vital Congregations; **Rev. C.J. Rhodes**, Pastor, Mt. Helm MB Church

O-U GREETERS

Who can be an O-U Greeter?

Anyone who attends OUUMC can join the O-U Greeters Team especially **SMILING FACES AND FRIENDLY PERSONALITIES**. We'll take old or new members, as long as you're willing to help.

What does an O-U Greeter do?

Greeters help **NEWCOMERS** to O-U:

- Hand out the provided Sunday School info
- Show visitors around—help them find classrooms, the nursery, the sanctuary, the bathroom, etc.
- Welcome them to our church

Where will O-U Greeters stand?

We want Greeters in 3 PLACES:

WESLEY HALL HALLWAY, YOUTH CENTER HALLWAY, ACTIVITIES BUILDING LOBBY

When are Greeters needed?

Three Greeters are needed **EACH SUNDAY** for our three locations, **9:40-10:00 A.M.**

If we get enough volunteers, you might only be needed once a month—or less!

Why do we need Greeters?

We want visitors to **FEEL WELCOMED** here, and having a friendly face show them around helps **PROMOTE A FEELING OF HOSPITALITY.**

GET INVOLVED!

Sign up by Oct. 23 in the church office or in your Sunday School classroom!

Civic Chorus Concert

On Sunday, November 6, the Oxford Civic Chorus will present its spring concert, "Chantez!," at 3 pm at North Oxford Baptist Church. The entertaining program, selected by Director Brooke Bagley Worthy, will showcase an array of choral pieces by a "Who's Who" of French composers from many different eras. Joining the chorus will be a small orchestral ensemble from the community and university.

Tickets are on sale now at \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. They are available from chorus members and at the Powerhouse Community Arts Center on University Avenue. Tickets will also be sold at the door on the evening of the performance. Come on out and enjoy the show!

DVDs for Sale!

OUUMC has the 10:55 traditional worship services recorded each Sunday. Copies of the DVD are available for \$3 in the church office.



THE ORIGIN OF METHODISM.

DO NOT THINK of Methodism as confined to a branch of the General Church would be wrong. It was not so confined at its beginning. It introduced to the world no new ecclesiastical institute, but a newness of life; not a new formula of doctrines, but a fresh and full experience, under doctrines

accepted from the beginning, the simple foundation doctrines on which Christianity itself was resting. The word Methodism was only an old term revived, and not one newly coined. There had been, ages earlier, a school of physicians who discarded observation and held to the pure deductions of reason and logic. They took the name of *Methodists*, conveying thereby their strict adherence to logical processes. Their success in practice is not reported; their school was not long-lived.

When, now, in 1729, John Wesley, leading half a dozen young gentlemen at Oxford University, began to read the New Testament in Greek and to try to conform their ideas and their behavior most strictly to the same, a young gentleman of Christ Church College called out: "Here is a new set of *Methodists* sprung up!" The new, quaint name found instant currency, and the "set" were known as *Methodists* all over the University.

The Beginning of Methodism

Chapter 1 of of A. B. Hyde's *The History of Methodism throughout the World, from the Beginning to the Present Time* begins with this page:

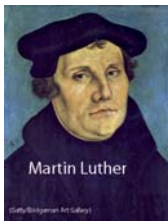
Although John Wesley is given credit for the beginning of Methodism, it might be argued that John's brother Charles and some other students at Oxford University in England should be given more credit. Some refer to their acts as a revival movement. They stressed the importance of a methodical study of the Bible and were sometimes mocked by other students as "the Holy Club." As one popular website explains, the group was sometimes referred to as Methodists "for being overly methodical and exceptionally detailed with their Bible study, opinions and lifestyle."

As *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church* puts it, "the Wesley brothers had transforming religious experiences in May, 1738. In the years following, the Wesleys succeeded in leading a lively revival movement in the Church of England."

The Wesley brothers (who actually never left the Anglican Church) were joined by other ministers in the Church of England and began stressing beliefs not generally accepted by other Anglicans. In particular the Wesleys were convinced that we are saved by grace and faith. They preached about the "justification by faith" wherever and whenever possible. (Our official Discipline "affirms with John Wesley that solitary religion is invalid and that Christ lays claim upon the whole life of those who accept him as Lord and Savior.") Once again, as

had been the case at Oxford University, this group of ministers were called "Methodists."

Mary Fairchild writes: "The beginning of Methodism as a popular movement began in 1738, when both of the Wesley brothers, influenced by contact with the Moravians, undertook evangelistic preaching with an emphasis on conversion and holiness. Though both Wesley brothers were ordained ministers of the Church of England, they were barred from speaking in most of its pulpits because of their evangelistic methods. They preached in homes, farm houses, barns, open fields, and wherever they found an audience."



Charles Yrigoyen and Susan Warrick explain the beginning in this way: "Methodism began as a movement within the Church of England under the leadership of two Anglican priests, John and Charles Wesley. Its purpose was to revitalize individuals, the church, the nation, and the world by teaching people how to practice holiness of heart and life. Not only did the movement change lives and transform society, it also gave birth to Methodist churches which are today spread across the globe." Methodism quickly moved throughout Europe and to other countries such as China, Japan, India, Africa, South America, etc.

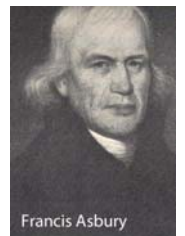


Methodism Comes to America

It was in 1517 that Martin Luther began a Protestant movement. Early settlers in the United States were seeking for religious freedom, but of course Catholicism was strong in a new world, as was the Church of England. As mentioned in an outline of John Wesley's life, John and Charles were not successful in their missionary efforts in Georgia in 1738. Although John Wesley had wanted the new religious movement to remain with the Church of England, in 1766 a New York Methodist Society was begun. (For a number of years Methodists spoke of belonging to a Society rather than to a church.) Wesley Chapel (the John Street Church) opened in New York in 1768.



The next year Old Street George's Chapel was dedicated in Philadelphia; in 1773 the first Methodist Conference took place there. Lovely Lane Chapel was built in Baltimore in 1774. John Wesley had ordained Thomas Coke, and he and Francis Asbury, who came to America in 1771, led the new movement called Methodism. The Methodist Episcopal Church was officially organized at a Christmas Conference in Baltimore in 1784. The first General Conference of the new church was held in 1792. In 1830 the Methodist Protestant Church was formed.



In 1845 the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was organized in Louisville, Kentucky, for the slaveholding states. Methodism was especially strong in Maryland and the Southern states. In 1939 the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church (South), and the Methodist

Protestant Church united and became the Methodist Church (USA). In 1969 the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren came together to form The United Methodist Church.

Methodism in Mississippi

According to Gene Ramsey Miller, "The official organization of Methodism in Mississippi can be traced to a conference in South Carolina in 1800 when Bishop Asbury appointed Tobias Gipson as a missionary to the distant Natchez area, which had in recent years come into the hands of the United States from Spain." Columbus was probably the first city in the northern part of the state to have a Methodist church. After the Cession of 1830 and future treaties with the Native Americans, North Mississippi grew fast, and of course new settlements meant new churches. At first the new church in Oxford was part of the Holly Springs District.

For additional information on Tobias Gipson, see http://www.millsaps.edu/library/library_cain_gipson.php and <http://www.natchezbelle.org/sw/brena.htm#tobias>

For additional information about early Methodist churches in North Mississippi see http://www.millsaps.edu/library/library_cain_north_mississippi.php

For additional information about Mississippi conferences, see http://www.millsaps.edu/library/library_cain_antecedents%20.php

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

LAVINRAC



OUUMC's Fall Carnival & Fundraiser for the Scott Center

Wednesday, October 26, 5:30 p.m.
Activities Center

Wear your spookiest Halloween costume and join us for fun, games, food, and fellowship!

Adults, be sure to enter our **Chili Cook-off!**

Everyone is invited!



COLLEGE MINISTRIES

Upcoming Events

Monday, October 24, 8:00 – I HOP – Students meet there and bring a friend!

Sunday School each Sunday at 10:00a.m. in the Prayer Room by the Main Office.

Sunday, October 23rd - 3:45-4:45 - College Girls will be volunteering with the **7th grade Girl's**

Discipleship Group. Call Allyson if you would like to help!

Questions? Contact: Allyson Willis—aewillis@bellsouth.net
662.231.9929

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Jr. High Prayer Breakfast:
Tuesdays, 7:00 a.m., Phillip's Grocery

Sr. High Prayer Breakfast:
Wednesdays, 7:00 a.m., Phillip's Grocery

Sunday School:

10:00 a.m.,

Jr. High--Room 201,

Sr. High--Youth Center

U.M.Y.F.:

Sundays, 6:00 p.m., Youth Center

Congregation Members: Please let Allyson know if you have a college-age friend or relative you would like to get involved at the church! Take time to call these people yourself and let them know what all is going on at the church.

College Ministry Dinner

Thank you to John and Melody Webb for hosting a wonderful time in their home!



Notes from the Past

SEVENTY YEARS AGO: When the new church building [now Wesley Hall] was constructed in 1937, it was agreed that a new sanctuary should be built as soon as possible. On October 19, 1941, the chair of the Board of Stewards said “it is not likely that we can begin construction of our plant until the National Emergency has passed.” (World War II began approximately two months later.)

SIXTY YEARS AGO: Dean L. L. Love and Miss Harriet Jackson spoke to the Wesley Foundation at their supper meeting in the church on “University Student Thinking in Christian Concerns” in October 1951.

Additions to the Nursery announced on October 7, 1951, were David McCain Chitwood, Eddie Mack Morgan, Jr., and Patricia Ramey.

FIFTY YEARS AGO: The following joined the church in October 1961: Laverne and Jim Hellums, Julie and Gerald Walton, Ann Huggins, and Hazel Kinney.

THIRTY YEARS AGO: Acolytes in October 1981 were John Tettleton, Tom Glasgow, Charles Owens, Lucius Lamar, Camilla Huggins, Jennifer Arnold, Holly Horton, and Ben King.

Dr. Jerry Jordan and the University Chorus Provided music at the worship service on October 11, 1981.

TWENTY YEARS AGO: Scott Long and Lee Uhlhorn sang “The Last Supper” on October 6, 1991.

TEN YEARS AGO: Robert Felder joined the church on October 7, 2001.

Aubrey Ann Bethay was born on October 1, 2001.

George Anderson Patterson was born on October 9, 2001.

The October 17, 2001, newsletter reminded members that they could help United Methodist Churches close to the World Trade Center catastrophe by contributing to UMCOR.

Special Events This Sunday, October 16

Raising Healthy Children Series

10:00 a.m., Activities Center U.S. Attorney Paul Roberts will discuss Cyber Crime and Keeping Your Children Safe, as part of OUUMC’s Raising Healthy Children Series.



CAMP LAKE STEPHENS Luncheon Fundraiser

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Activities Center A lunch fundraiser in support of Camp Lake Stephens and to celebrate the Mississippi Conference’s Camping Ministries Sunday, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., in the Activities Center. Join us after the Sunday School hour or after the 10:55 service to enjoy red beans and rice or gumbo for the adults, and hot dogs for the kids, as well as drinks, bread, and dessert. All donations will benefit Camp Lake Stephens.

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