

The O.U. Reporter



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OPEN MINDS
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January 12, 2012

Small Group Opportunities for Spring 2012

Worship Schedule

Sunday, January 15

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.

Genesis Ringers—5:30 p.m.

F.I.S.H.—5:30 p.m.

UMYF—6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 18

Wednesday Night Communion—
6:00 p.m.

Celebration Ringers—6:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir—7:00 p.m.

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Genesis Ringers—5:30 p.m.

F.I.S.H.—5:30 p.m.

UMYF—6:00 p.m.

Youth Parent Orientation—7:00
p.m.

Wednesday, January 25

Wednesday Night

Programs Begin tonight!

Children's Choristers—4:00 p.m.

Youth Choir—5:00 p.m.

Wednesday Meal—5:00 p.m.

W.O.W.—6:00 p.m.

Holy Communion—6:00 p.m.

Celebration Ringers—6:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir—7:00 p.m.

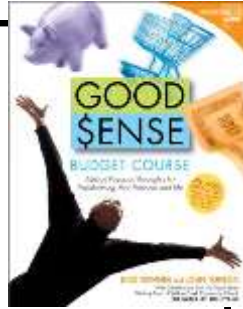
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Small Group
Opportunities,
see page 4!

Freed-Up Financial Living

Sundays, February 12, 26; March 4, 18, 25; April 1
6:00-7:00 p.m. in Conference 327

Led by Kin Kinney

This six-week course outlines biblical essentials on earning, giving, saving, spending, and reducing debt, while providing practical tips to help participants achieve their own financial, personal, and spiritual goals--whether you're working with small groups, individuals, or in larger group settings. Orientation is on Feb. 12, and all pre-work should be completed by the next session Feb. 26. The cost is \$10 for the book.



THE MARRIAGE COURSE

How to build a healthy marriage that lasts a lifetime

Sundays, February 12-April 1, 4:45-7:00 p.m., Activities Center; Led by Will & Stephanie Berry

The Marriage Course is very practical, giving any married couple the tools to build a strong and healthy marriage that lasts a lifetime. Over seven evenings spent together, couples talk about important issues that can get swept under the carpet in the rush of daily life.



Topics covered include:

- recognizing each other's needs
- learning to communicate effectively
- healing past hurts
- resolving conflict
- knowing how to make each other feel loved
- good sex
- relating to parents and in-laws
- making time for each other
- having fun together

Privacy as a couple is always respected. There is no group discussion and no requirement to disclose anything about your relationship to anyone else.

The cost of The Marriage Course is \$200 per couple, including the cost of the meals for two and the course materials. \$50 of the fee goes toward childcare. Half scholarships are available.

What's involved?

Each evening begins with a candlelit meal. There is then a talk followed by an opportunity to discuss the topic together as a couple. The setting is welcoming, relaxed and unthreatening.

Who is it for?

The Marriage Course is for any married couple who wants to build a strong and lasting relationship, especially:

- those who want to enhance their marriage
- those in the first five years of marriage
- those at a challenging state in their marriage, such as the birth of a child, a career change, teenagers at home, the "empty nest"
- those struggling with issues in their marriage

The course, while based on Christian principles, is very helpful for any couple with or without a Christian faith or church background.

Registration

Registration forms are available in the church office and this Sunday's bulletin. Please fill in the form and have your \$200 payment (\$50 goes to childcare) to OUUMC in the church office by Wednesday, February 8. The Course runs from Sunday, February 12-Sunday, April 1, from 4:45-7:00 p.m. in the Activities Center at Oxford-University United Methodist Church. Half scholarships are available.

Questions? Contact Stephanie and Will Berry at 662-234-0412 or
stephanie.s.berry@gmail.com

PRAYERS

- Harry Allen
- Frank Anderson
- Mary Anderson
- Robert Bennett
- Jonnie Butler
- Mildred Davis
- Bill Hamric
- Virginia Johnson
- Molly Mogridge
- Betty Sue Moore
- Gerald Walton
- Joanne Zuidema

- Joanne Brown, Patrick Brown's mother
- Sandra Collier
- Robert DeRuyscher, Lisa Scott and Tamara Austin's father
- Valerie Hardy, Jackie Rozier's sister & Larry Hardy's sister-in-law
- Andrew Harrison, Heather and Tripp Harrison's baby
- Andy Hollingsworth, Bettye Parham's son
- Richard Matsufuji, Reba Matsufuji's son
- David Mealer, Donna and Bob Killen's son-in-law
- Patricia Covington-Miller, John Covington's mother
- Rev. Sale Lilly, Tom Lilly's brother
- Trey Poole, Wanda Poole's grandson
- Joanne Rone, Scott Rone's mother
- Phil Sneed, Claire Hardy's brother
- Tommye and Bill Webb, Molly Meisenheimer's parents
- Bo Wilder, Susan Bradley's cousin

In Memoriam

Jodie Dwight Sneed

November 6, 1922-December 31, 2011

BUDGET UPDATE

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| Rec Sunday 1/1/12 | \$14,292.50 |
| Rec Sunday 1/8/12 | \$16,723.89 |
| Expenses through 1/8/12 | \$8,866.01 |
| Total Offerings YTD | \$34,486.39 |

Thanks for you continued support of OU ministries!

THANKS FOR COMING THROUGH...

Your generosity at year end is inspiring! Budgeted receipts for Sunday, December 25 through the 31st are \$92,933.97. Your total giving for this period is \$136,892.97, which includes a designated Christmas offering of \$6,495.00. Once again, we thank you for your generous spirit and continued faithfulness to our Lord and his Church. Blessings to you in the New Year!

Primetimers Begins a New Year!

Primetimers is part of Older Adult Ministries at the church. All persons age 55 and over are invited to join the group the third Friday of each month. A potluck luncheon (meat and drinks provided) is held at noon in Wesley Hall. Various educational, religious, and musical programs are presented during the year. In addition, the group takes occasional day trips and one Spiritual Enrichment trip (chartered).

Bring your favorite dish and join us January 20, when Ian Banner, University Architect, will be our speaker.

For more information, contact Jean or Dana Brammer, brammers6454@att.net or 234-2188.

2012 Altar Flowers

If you would like to place flowers on the altar Jan 22, Feb 5, Feb 19, Mar 4, Mar 11, Mar 18, Mar 25, and April 1, please contact Toya Bruss at (662) 832-3061.

A sincere thank-you to all those who volunteered during the past year to place flowers on the altar. They greatly enhanced the worship atmosphere. Also, thanks to the UMW members who made deliveries to shut-ins, hospital patients, and nursing-home patients of flowers remaining after the worship services.

PRESENCE

Sunday Worship

December 11

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| 8:45 a.m. | 118 |
| 9:00 a.m. | 88 |
| 10:55 a.m. | 456 |
| Sunday School | 383 |

December 18

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| 8:45 a.m. | 148 |
| 10:55 a.m. | 415 |
| Sunday School | 346 |

December 24

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| 4:00 p.m. | 648 |
| 6:00 p.m. | 263 |

December 25

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| 10:00 a.m. | 127 |
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January 1

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| 8:45 a.m. | 84 |
| 10:55 a.m. | 219 |
| Sunday School | 171 |

January 8

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| 8:45 a.m. | 108 |
| 9:00 a.m. | 86 |
| 10:55 a.m. | 384 |

Christian Love & Sympathy is Extended to Pat Williams

in the death of her sister
Jo Goodgame

Sarah Hampton

in the death of her aunt
Wilma Maples

Kathy Laurenzo

in the death of her cousin
Betty Pinson

J.J. Collins

in the death of her grandmother
Maxine Johnson

Congratulations to

Lauren and Chase Roady

whose son Robert Westwood was born December 9.

Woods is welcomed by brother Whit.

Dasha Teelin

whose daughter Olivia Grace was born December 15.

Laine and Clint Mitchell

whose daughter Alice Rinehart Mitchell was born December 22. She is welcomed by sister Kathryn.

BAPTISMS & NEW MEMBERS



Ava Ruth Smith & Camille Evelyn Smith were baptized on December 11. They are the daughters of Matthew and Holly Smith & the sisters of JoAnna.



Charles Forrest Bryan was baptized on December 25. He is the son of Sasha and Forrest Bryan and the brother of Samuel and Mathis.



Ashley, David, & Mary Elizabeth Allen

342 Windsor Drive N
801-0422; 380-8871

The Allens joined OU on Dec. 18 from a sister denomination. David is a registered nurse in the Cardiac Care unit at Baptist Memorial Hospital. Ashley is a criminal investigator with the IRS. Mary Elizabeth is six.



Al, Kara, Patten, Pryce, & Penn Pinkins

307 Hayatt Loop
380-5093

The Pinkins family joined OU on December 11 from Trinity United Methodist Church in Murphreesboro, TN. Al is the assistant coach and recruitment coordinator for the Ole Miss Men's Basketball team. Kara is a home-

maker and helps with our Worship Outreach Wednesday program. Patten is 5; Pryce is 2; and Penn is six months old.



Chip, Amy, Holly & Emily Domke

52 CR 224
380-3743

The Domke family joined OU on January 8 in *The Journey*. Chip is Executive Director of Hermitage Gardens in Oxford, and Amy works as a dog groomer with Pet Smart. Holly is a sophomore at Cornell Uni-

versity. Emily is a senior at OHS. Amy is the sister of OU member Barrie Stevens.

Save the Date!

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| Jan. 20-22 | Confirmation Kickoff Retreat |
| Jan. 22 | Youth Parent Orientation |
| Jan. 25 | Wednesday Night Programs Begin |
| Jan. 29 | Confirmation Begins |
| Jan. 30 | Administrative Council |
| Feb. 9 | Empty Bowls |
| Feb. 10 | Valentine Banquet |
| Feb. 21 | Shrove Tuesday |
| Feb. 22 | Ash Wednesday |

Thank you, OU!

Due to your overwhelming generosity during the Advent and Christmas seasons, our church was able to help—families, the Oxford community, and the Mississippi Conference. Your support blessed the following projects—and many more!

- Angel Tree
- Operation Christmas Child
- Chuck Wagon Ministries
- Christmas Mission Offering
- OUUMC end-of-the-year budget
- Joy Bags for the Homebound
- Staff Christmas gift

Small Group Opportunities for Spring 2012



Beth Moore Bible Study James: Mercy Triumphs

Tuesdays beginning January 24
1:00-2:30 p.m., Conference 107
Led by Angelita Morris

Bible scholars compare James to the prophet Amos. In other ways, James more closely resembles the Book of Proverbs than any New Testament book. James is a book with many topics -- social justice, joy, hardship, faith, reversal of fortunes for rich and poor, wisdom, gifts from above, single-mindedness, the dangers of the tongue, humility, and prayer -- all of which are covered in this study.

Women's Class

Explore in a small group session your spiritual gifts for ministry.

Wednesdays beginning January 25, 6:00 p.m., Conference 327
Led by Stephanie Berry

Saving Jesus DVD Series

Tuesdays

January 28; February 6, 20, 27;

March 10, 17

6:00 p.m., Wesley Hall

Led by Claire Dobbs & Mary Beth Mobley



Faith in Film

Wednesdays February 1, 8, 15m 22 at 6:00 p.m., Room 201; Led by Polly Williams

Feb. 1: "O Brother, Where Art Thou?"

Feb. 8: "Secret Life of Bees"

Feb. 15: "The Apostle"

Feb. 22 "Higher Ground"

Most of each film will be shown during the class for discussion, but viewing the films in advance is helpful. For more information on the films, visit www.imdb.com.

United Methodist Orientation

Sundays, February 19, 26, & March 4
10:00 a.m.; Place TBA
Led by Claire Dobbs

**New to the
United Methodist Church?**

**Been in the UMC
a long time, but not sure of our
basic beliefs?**

**Just want to know more about
the UMC?**

**This 3-week Sunday School Class is
for you!**

The class will cover:

- United Methodist Theology
- United Methodist History
- United Methodist Structure



A Life of Being, Having, and Doing Enough

Wednesdays, February 15, 22, 29, 7:00 p.m., Wesley Hall
Sunday Retreat—March 4, 2:00-5:00 p.m.
Led by Warren and Janis Black

From the moment we are born, we are seekers. Our culture obsessively promotes the pursuit of money, success and self-improvement. At the end of each activity-jammed day, though, we collapse into bed discouraged by everything we have *not* checked off on our to-do lists, in despair that whatever we have accomplished is never enough. Worse still, when our dreams become derailed by the inherent tragedies of life—job loss, financial peril, sickness, or the death of a loved one—we feel devastated by the pain and injustice of it all.

Nationally renowned author, therapist, and minister Wayne Muller offers healing for the perpetually stressed in *A Life of Being, Having, and Doing Enough*. By learning compassion and mercy for ourselves and by recognizing what is most profoundly true about who we are and what we need, we can gain the self-acceptance so that whatever we choose to do, in this moment, it is wholly enough.

Ongoing Groups at OU

Dan Phillip's Men's Bible Study: Wednesdays, 7:00 a.m., Wesley Hall

Reading Group: two Sundays a month, 6:00 p.m., Conference 107

Prayer Team: Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m., Prayer Room

Friendship Circle: Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m., Conference 107

InBetweeners Circle: third Wednesday each month, 12:00 noon, Conference 107

Kate Guyton Circle: third Tuesday each month, 9:30 a.m., Conference 327

Mary Martha Circle: second Tuesday each month, 9:30 a.m., circle members' homes

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

F.I.S.H.: First In Serving Him

For fifth and sixth graders

F.I.S.H. is a fellowship & service group for fifth and sixth graders led by Pat Forrester and David Rock. F.I.S.H. kids enjoy a meal and devotional together each Sunday night from 5:30-7:30 in Wesley Hall. They also do service projects as a group. For 2012, the F.I.S.H. kids plan for a semester of service through yard work for the elderly, donating time at the humane society, sharing with member residents at Azaleas, and organizing a fundraiser carwash and bake sale to raise money for scholarships for Camp Lake Stephens.

Parents of 5th and 6th graders can volunteer to feed the F.I.S.H. on Sunday nights. Contact Pat Forrester (pforrester@ouumc.org, 832-5624) to feed.

Food Schedule:

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| Jan. 15 | Eleanor & Don Davis | Feb. 19 | Chris & Doug Adamson |
| Jan. 22 | Mary Beth & Joel Mobley | Feb. 26 | Sally & Ware Sullivan |
| Jan. 29 | Camille & Kevin Mitchell | March 4 | Heidi Gatlin |
| Feb. 5 | _____ | March 18 | Carrie & Jimmy Traylor |
| Feb. 12 | Lynn & Mark McElreath | March 25 | Lauren & Land Renfroe |

Wednesday Nights cannot happen without you. We need volunteers to instruct our children. Our format will be scripture, video/song/story, craft, and free play. Contact Pat Forrester, pforrester@ouumc.org, 832-5624 to volunteer. This is the perfect way to get to know OU's children in a small setting!

W.O.W.: Worship Outreach Wednesdays

For all children, ages 3 years old-sixth grade

W.O.W. is OUUMC's Wednesday night program for children ages 3 years through sixth grade. Our Wednesday begins with Children Choristers at 4:00 p.m. in the Choir Room, followed by a meal served at 5:00 p.m. in the Activities Center. At 6:00 p.m., children go into their classrooms while parents attend Holy Communion in the Sanctuary. Kids enjoy songs/videos, stories, crafts, and free play.

W.O.W. Classrooms

Nursery (infants-2 years old): Rooms 116 & 110

(first floor education wing)

3-year-olds: Room 111

(first floor education wing)

4-year-olds: Room 316

(first floor Activities Building)

Kindergarten: Room 315

(first floor Activities Building)

First Grade: Room 309

(first floor Activities Building)

Second Grade: Room 213

(second floor education wing)

Third Grade: Room 214

(second floor education wing)

Fourth Grade: Room 212

(second floor education wing)

Fifth and Sixth Grade: Room 210

(second floor education wing)

YOUTH MINISTRIES

MYF Video Series—begins this Sunday! "Surrender"

This is the beginning of a 4 week video series where we will be addressing the topic of "Surrender". As Christ followers we are in a constant battle where we are challenged to let go of ourselves so that God has room to fill us with Himself. Make sure to be present for this awesome series where, over 4 weeks, we will consider surrendering "stuff", "status", "sin", and "self". See you there...

OU Student Ministries Parent Orientation

Sunday, January 22, 7:00 p.m., Youth Center

(UMYF will meet at 6:00 p.m. as usual)

This will be a time of plugging in so that you are aware of what is going on at OU for your students and to help us dream of what this ministry will be in the months and years to come! This will also be a time to meet and greet for our new Student Pastor, Greg, just in case you haven't had the chance to meet him or his wife Helen and daughter Megan. You, of course, are welcome to come early and eat with us and be a part of the lesson that will take place from 6 to 7 p.m...just be sure to drop us a line to let us know that you will be there so we can adequately prepare our meal together. This is an exciting season to be at OU...we look forward to sharing this time with you!



Summer Camp Deposits Due!

- Sunday, Jan. 15: Jr. & Sr. High Adventure Camp, \$50
- Tuesday, Jan. 31: Jr. High Mission, \$100
- Tuesday, Jan. 31: Sr. High Mission & Hinton, \$100

W.O.W. Registration

Child's Name: _____

Age: _____ **Grade:** _____

Parent Name(s): _____

Email Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Return this to the church office or contact Pat Forrester, pforrester@ouumc.org, 832-5624.

Wednesday Night Programs begin Jan. 25!

Children Choristers: 4:00 p.m., Choir Room

Youth Choir: 5:00 p.m., Choir Room

Wednesday Night Meal: 5:00 p.m., Activities Center

Potluck Luncheon

Sunday, January 29, Noon, Activities Center

A-F—bring a vegetable M-R—bring a salad

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