

The O.U. Reporter

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Advent & Christmas at OU



Worship Schedule

Sunday, December 2

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.

F.I.S.H.*—5:00 p.m.

*fifth and sixth grades

EMERGE*—5:00 p.m..

*seventh-twelfth grades

Wednesday, December 5

Women's Prison Ministry—1:45 p.m.

Youth Choir—5:00 p.m.

Children's Christmas Drama—

6:00 p.m.

Celebration Ringers—6:00 p.m.

Youth Bible Study—6:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir—7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 9

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.

F.I.S.H.*—5:00 p.m.

*fifth and sixth grades

EMERGE*—5:00 p.m..

*seventh-twelfth grades

Wednesday, December 12

Women's Prison Ministry—1:45 p.m.

Youth Choir—5:00 p.m.

Holy Communion—6:00 p.m.

Celebration Ringers—6:00 p.m.

Youth Bible Study—6:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir—7:00 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 2

8:45 & 10:55

9:00 a.m.

First Sunday of Advent

Traditional Services—Claire Dobbs

The Journey—Eddie Willis

Wednesday, Dec. 5

12 noon

Grace Notes Advent Music, First Presbyterian Church

Jacob Jordan, classical guitar

6:00 p.m.

Children's Christmas Drama—Sanctuary *no Holy Communion*

Sunday, Dec. 9

8:45 & 10:55

9:00 a.m.

Second Sunday of Advent

Traditional Services—Warren Black

The Journey—Claire Dobbs (*final Journey service of 2012*)

Wednesday, Dec. 12

12 noon

Grace Notes Advent Music, First Presbyterian

Bradley Robinson, baritone

6:00 p.m.

Holy Communion—Warren Black

Sunday, Dec. 16

8:45 & 10:55

Third Sunday of Advent

Traditional Services—**Lessons and Carols**

12 noon

Church Family Christmas Luncheon (Activities Center)

All are welcome. Details later.

Wednesday, Dec. 19

12 noon

Grace Notes Advent Music, First Presbyterian Church

Tiffany Gammell, soprano & Price Walden, piano

6:00 p.m.

Holy Communion—Claire Dobbs

Sunday, Dec. 23

8:45 & 10:55

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Traditional Services—Warren Black

Monday, Dec. 24

4:00 & 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services of Holy Communion

(nursery provided)

Sunday, December 30

10:00 a.m.

First Sunday after Christmas Day

One service of Christmas Celebration and Joy

led by Claire Dobbs

The church office will be closed **Friday at noon, Dec. 21-Wednesday, Dec. 26** for Christmas, & **Monday at noon, Dec. 31-Tuesday, January 1**, for New Years. The Journey will take a break on the following Sundays: Dec. 16, Dec. 23, and Dec. 30. The Journey services will resume on Jan. 6, 2013.

Don't forget the Angel Tree!

The Angel Tree is up in the hallway by Wesley Hall. **The gifts are due back to the church unwrapped but bagged and labeled with the child's name and number by Dec. 13th.** Please sign your angel out on the board by the tree.

Christmas Eve Communion Offering

Our Christmas Eve Communion Offering will go to Interfaith Compassion Ministries to help the needy in our community. Thank you for your generosity!

PRAYERS

- Margaret Anne Boyer
- Page Broadway
- Margie Buckley
- Diann Coleman
- Nancy Hampton
- Martha Hitch
- Nancy Carole King
- Eugenia McLaurin
- Millie Meaders
- Doris Murry
- Glenn Norwood
- Mary Poole
- Susie Reagan
- Sarah Robinson
- Julie Walton

- Jim Altfilish, Margaret Fields' son-in-law
- Kitty Brantley, Dianne & Glenn Woodard's daughter
- Paula Brown, Linda Tatum's sister
- Billy Buntin, Tyce Buntin's nephew
- Katherine Buntin, Tyce Buntin's sister-in-law
- Laurie Davis, Kitty Mann's niece
- Joe Ann Farley, Bob Farley's mother
- Jean Halford, Lisa Thompson's mother
- Tina Heath, Earl Dismuke's mother
- Drew Knight, Greg and Cindy Sumnerlin's nephew
- Terry Landrum, Glenda Carroll's father
- Linn Parkinson, Ken Parkinson's father
- Christy Price, Susan Thomason's sister-in-law
- Joanne Rone, Scott Rone's mother
- Jackson Ross, Scott Rone's nephew
- Emel Sanders, Wanda Poole's son-in-law
- Terri Sapp, Carolyn Davis' niece
- Phil Sneed, Claire Hardy's brother
- J.D. Wagster, Larry Wagster's father
- Jack Walters, Jackie Rozier's father

Outside Worship

- Dec. 2
Azaleas: Frank Poole
Haven House: Pat Williams
- Dec. 5
Hermitage: Polly Williams

Budget Information

Church is not simply a component of my life, it's community where my faith is forged and from which I am sent into the world.

November 25	
Expenses YTD Date	\$ 1,257,397.25
Received Sunday	\$ 34,669.78
Received YTD	\$ 1,283,393.70
Needed Each Week	\$ 29,071.58
Budget Needed to Date, 2012	\$ 1,395,435.84
Shortage, 2012	\$ (112,042.14)
Budget Needed to Date, 2011	\$ 1,297,700.16
Shortage, 2011	\$ (92,187.47)

Stewardship Update

Total Pledges Received

Year	Count	Dollars
Through 11-27-2011	201	\$966,562.00
Through 11-27-2012	180	\$973,196.00

Thank you once again for your generous spirit. There is still time to return your card for the upcoming year! Cards are available in the church office.

Primetimers Potluck

Primetimers' Annual Catered Christmas Luncheon will be held **Thursday, December 13** (Not Friday, December 21) at noon in Wesley Hall. "Moonstone" (Larry Tyler and Friends) will provide music.

Please make reservations by December 7. Call Jean Brammer, 234-2188 or brammers6454@att.net.

Christmas Shopping on a Mission

Saturday, December 1, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Hampton Inn on Sisk Avenue
 (across from the Oxford Conference Center)

A portion of all sales will be donated to the OUUMC Mission Team going to the Bahamas Methodist Habitat in January. Vendors include Silpada Jewelry, Molly Moo's Tutus, 31 Gifts, Scentsy, Pampered Chef, Grandberry Collection, local artists and more!

Altar Flowers

If you would like to place flowers on the altar on January 20; February 10; March 10, 24, 31, April 14, 21, or 28, please call Toya Bruss at 832-3061.

PRESENCE Sunday Worship

November 11

8:45 a.m.	73
9:00 a.m.	76
10:55 a.m.	284
Sunday School	299

November 18

8:45 a.m.	101
9:00 a.m.	131
10:55 a.m.	267
Sunday School	279

November 25

8:45 a.m.	69
9:00 a.m.	85
10:55 a.m.	344
Sunday School	270

In Memoriam

Kay McDuffie
November 13, 1945
November 20, 2012

The memorial service for **Lib Fortune** will be Saturday, Dec. 1, at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Visitation will be after the service in Wesley Hall

Christian Love & Sympathy Is Extended to

Kally DeYoung
 in the death of her father
 Vernon Tarrell

Congratulations to Susie Reagan

who celebrated her 96th birthday on November 13.

Martha Mitchell

who celebrated her 90th birthday on November 21

NEW MEMBERS



Linda Smith

221 Bramlett Blvd.
234-6690

Linda Smith joined OU on Nov. 18. Before moving to Oxford, she lived in Sumner and Marks, MS, and transfers her membership from Marks UMC. Linda is a member of our choir. She

has two grown daughters who live in New York and Florida and 2 grandchildren.



Amanda & Scott Bennett

131 Shelbi Place
901-634-9898

Amanda and Scott and their children Callie and Evan joined OU on Nov. 25. Amanda comes from First Baptist Church in Queen City, Texas, and works at the UM library. Scott comes

from Colonial Hills Baptist Church in Southaven and is self-employed. Callie is five years old and Evan is nine months.



Harry Harrison

1305 Pelican Loop
601-955-8000

Harry joined our congregation on Nov. 25 from St. Mark's UMC in Brandon. His family joined him for this special day. Harry works in the insurance

business and is a color commentator for the University of Mississippi's football program. He was an All-American football player at the university.



Christmas Poinsettias: Order yours today!

Poinsettias will be placed in our sanctuary for the Christmas season. Each poinsettia may be in honor or memory of a friend or loved one or given to the glory of God. A listing will be included in our worship bulletins. **This year, you can choose to pick up your poinsettia when they arrive or leave it to decorate our sanctuary until after the Christmas Eve services.** Order forms will be available in Sunday's bulletin. Proceeds go to Youth Ministries programs and activities.



SPIRITUAL RENEWAL SERIES

January 27-28, 2013

featuring

REV. PETER STOREY

*former Bishop of the Johannesburg/Soweto area
of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa*

&

*Professor Emeritus of the Practice of Christian Ministry at
Duke University Divinity School.*

Sunday, January 27

Worship Services: 9:00 a.m., 10:55 a.m., and 6:00 p.m.

Monday, January 28

Brown Bag Q&A, 12:00 noon

Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.

Congratulations to the Oxford High Chargers for their winning season!



The OHS Chargers finished their season 11-2 and made it to the second round of the state playoffs.

Varsity players from OUUMC include **Parker Adamson, Joel Forrester, Chadwick Lamar, and Isaac Smith.** Junior Varsity members from OU include **Blake Parham, Dee Fair, Jack Turner, and Tag Gatlin.** Parker Adamson represents Mississippi at the Alabama-Mississippi All-State game on December 15.

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Congrats, boys! We're very proud of your hard work and dedication!

COLLEGE MINISTRIES



Meet Tom & Parma Rishel and daughters Sinclair & Genevieve. Sinclair is a freshman from Long Beach, MS. She has made a home at OU since her very first week at Ole Miss. Sinclair sings in the choir and is very active in our College Ministry. When her parents visited recently they were welcomed by the choir! They have also been attending the Growing in Grace Sunday School when they come to visit their daughter. We are blessed to have a congregation that is not only welcoming our students but their families as well! Thank you church for all the ways you are ministering to our university students!

Pantry Volunteers

January 2013

OUUMC is responsible for managing the Food Pantry in January 2013. Our work days are every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The Oxford Pantry is a non-profit community organization that has been providing food since 1982 on an emergency basis for eligible residents in Oxford and Lafayette County. Volunteers staff the pantry. We need many volunteers to ensure that we offer the best service possible. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Please fill out the following and check all dates you are available to help. Leave this slip in the offering plate. **You may also email or call Barbara Mitchell (didibird@bellsouth.net, 236-2197) or Ken and Elsie Denzel (edenzel.microres@outlook.com, 662-550-0721).**

Volunteer Dates:

Tuesdays	9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. (stock shelves and prepare Pantry)
	1/1 1/8 1/15 1/22 1/29
Wednesdays	8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. (distribute food to clients)
	1/2 1/9 1/16 1/23 1/30
Thursdays	8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. (distribute food to clients)
	1/3 1/10 1/17 1/27 1/31

College Lunch

This Sunday, December 2, the College Ministry Team will be hosting a lunch for all college students. Please take a moment to call the students with whom you are connected and invite them to church and the lunch afterwards. It will be at the home of Roane & Robert Grantham (8 Oak Place) at 12:15. All Host Families are invited to attend!

Exam Goodie Bags

If you would like to help assemble treats for our college students, contact Allyson Willis (662-231-9929).

Prayer

Please take time in the next two weeks to lift our students up in prayer during exams. This can be a challenging time for them, and they need us to intercede on their behalf!

Christmas Movies at The Journey



Sundays, 9:00 a.m.
Activities Center

Dec. 2: "It's a Wonderful Life,"
Preacher, Eddie Willis

Dec. 9: "How the Grinch Stole Christmas,"
Preacher, Claire Dobbs

Dec. 9 will be the final Journey service of 2012.

We love to watch the Christmas classics each year. Join us at *The Journey* as we explore the meaning of the birth of Jesus Christ through faith and film.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

F.I.S.H. First In Serving Him for 5th and 6th graders

Sunday, Dec. 16: **Dirty Santa Christmas Party**
5:00-7:00 p.m., Wesley Hall

Bring a small gift and join us for the festivities! This will be our last F.I.S.H. meeting for 2012. F.I.S.H. begins again Sunday, January 13.



F.I.S.H. kids packed Love Packs and baked cookies for the Hispanic Ministry at St. Peter's Episcopal Church on Sunday, November 25.

Christmas Drama Practice Schedule

Tuesday, Dec. 4
5:00-6:00 p.m., Sanctuary: full dress rehearsal
5:00-6:00 p.m., Wesley Hall: Preschool Group

Wednesday, Dec. 5
6:00 p.m., Sanctuary: Christmas Pageant

Preschool Group Christmas Drama

For kids ages 3 years - kindergarten. They will sing 3 songs -- "Oh Come Let Us Adore Him," "Jesus Loves Me," and "Happy Birthday to Jesus." We will have 5 small speaking parts for some of the kindergarteners. See the sign-up list on the Children's Ministry Office.

Children's Church

Children preschool-third grade are invited to join us during the 10:55 service for Children's Church. We will study the Advent season as the church heads into Christmas.

Children's Church for fourth-sixth grades will not meet during December.

EMERGE: STUDENT MINISTRIES

DECEMBER:

Sunday, Dec. 16 - **Youth Christmas Party**. 5 to 7 p.m.

Jr. High:

Sr. High: John & Melody Webb's home, 701 Faulkner Woods Place

Sunday, Dec. 23 - **NO UMYF**

Sunday, Dec. 30 - **NO UMYF**

December 30-January 1, 2013 (*WOW – 2013 already!*) – **OVERFLOW** at Camp Lake Stephens. *This is open to all Jr. and Sr. High students. I will need 2 male and 2 female adult leaders for this trip...please respond if you are able to help lead with this event! The cost per student is \$40.00 due by Sunday December 16th, 2012.*



Weekly Schedule

Tuesdays: Junior High Prayer Breakfast - 7 a.m., Youth Center—**NEW LOCATION!**

Wednesdays: Senior High Prayer Breakfast - 7 a.m., Youth Center—**NEW LOCATION!**

Youth Choir - 5 p.m. in the Choir Room

Sundays: Sunday School - 10 a.m.

Youth Band - 4 p.m., Youth Center

Youth Bible Study - 6 p.m., Youth Center

Small Groups - 5 to 7 p.m.

Notes from the Past

ONE HUNDRED AND TEN YEARS AGO: On November 20, 1902, the minister stated: "The members are, in the main, orderly in their lives and they are at peace among themselves. Here, as elsewhere, and at all times, the church is not as spiritual as it ought to be."

SIXTY YEARS AGO: On December 5, 1952, members of the Official Board agreed that coat racks should be installed in the church foyer.

FIFTY YEARS AGO: Minister Roy Grisham attended a Conference of Deans of Pastor's Schools on November 13-16, 1962.

Adult Sunday school workers were recognized in the bulletin on December 2, 1962: Robert Ellis, Church School Superintendent; Frank Anderson, Explorers' Class; A. B. Lewis, Double Circle Class; Mrs. J. P. Sisk, B. and P. W. Class; Mrs. Gill Johnson, Home Maker's Class.

The December 2, 1962, bulletin thanked the Business and Professional Women's Church School class for purchasing a new play pen for the church nursery.

FORTY YEARS AGO: John McCauley and Robert Dowdy played trumpets and Don Lewis and Jerry Robbins played trombones at our service on November 19, 1972.

Virginia, Terry, Mitchell, and Amy Martin gave the altar flowers on November 19, 1972, in memory of Harry Martin.

The Reverend Charles Reichel, pastor of Peace Lutheran Church, spoke at the community-wide Thanksgiving service at our church on November 22, 1972.

The bulletin for the November 22, 1972, Thanksgiving service listed the Oxford ministers: Mack Moore, Second Baptist; McDonald Morse, St. Peters Episcopal; Theo Triplett, Burns Methodist; David O'Conner, St. John's Catholic; Charles Reichel, Peace Lutheran; Lavelle Woodrick, O-U.

Bishop Mack Stokes, named our Bishop in July 1972, was our speaker on November 26, 1972.

THIRTY YEARS AGO: The church van, at a cost of \$5 per person, was used for a trip to Starkville for the football game on November 20, 1982. Members of O-U were given first priority.

Jean Jordan, Cynthia Linton, Lynn Spruill, and Glen Patterson provided special music on November 21, 1982.

The F. J. Eicke family lighted the Advent candle on December 5, 1982.

Kent Austin and Bryan Kennedy led the UMYU program on December 5, 1982.

TWENTY YEARS AGO: Carson Banks Allen was born on November 21, 1992.

Gene and Jo Gratz and John, Dicki, and Merrill King lighted the Advent candles on November 29, 1992.

Lesson readers at the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols service on December 6, 1992, were Jeremy Bruss, Frank Anderson, Nason Williams, Madge Stubblefield, Allison Movitz, Stacey Swanson, Dana Brammer, Veazey Greenlee, C. M. Murry, Fletcher Whitwell, Martha Mitchell, Randy Richardson, Laura Schucker, and Charles Walker.

TEN YEARS AGO: On November 17, 2002, Phil Bailey, Kin Kinney, and Brent Smith gave a "celebration moment" about the activity center.

Greg and Lara Head joined the church on November 24, 2002.

Dave Tatum and T. J. Hawkins were married in the sanctuary on November 24, 2002.

Infant Benjamin Lewis Hale was baptized on December 1, 2002.

Liza Fruge and Cecilia, Anne, and Hallie Marshall joined the church on December 1, 2002.

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