

# The O.U. Reporter

## Trustees Announce Major Gift for Church Master Plan



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### Worship Schedule

#### Sunday, January 29

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.  
Potluck Luncheon—12:00 noon  
Confirmation Class—3:30 p.m.  
Genesis Ringers—5:30 p.m.  
F.I.S.H.—5:30 p.m.  
UMYF—6:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday, February 1

Children Choristers—4:00 p.m.  
Youth Choir—5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Meal—5:00 p.m.  
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.

#### Sunday, February 5

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.  
Confirmation Class—3:30 p.m.  
Genesis Ringers—5:30 p.m.  
F.I.S.H.—5:30 p.m.  
UMYF—6:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday, February 8

Children Choristers—4:00 p.m.  
Youth Choir—5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Meal—5:00 p.m.  
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.

Check out our  
Spring Small  
Groups on p. 4!



OU's Trustees have accepted a \$25,000 gift from one of our members for the purpose of pursuing a church master plan. The donor's statement reads: *"Given the age and continuous use of all the physical facilities at Oxford-University United Methodist Church, the need exists for a professional analysis of what needs to be done to our existing buildings so we can continue to meet the ever-increasing needs of a growing congregation."*

*"The intent of this \$25,000 gift is for the money to be used to engage the appropriate outside resources to assist in this feasibility/structural study. Hopefully, the results will be a roadmap for our Church to use in determining what physical needs should be addressed."*

Trustees Chair John King shared, "This gift will enable us to move forward in a planned and orderly way on much-needed remodeling and possible expansion of our current facilities, particularly Wesley Hall, the older classrooms, and the sanctuary. We have some of the most beautiful buildings and grounds anywhere and we want to keep them that way as well as prepare for the future."

Jim Greenlee, Trustees Vice Chair, said, "Being just a few blocks from a dynamic university in a vibrant town, we must prepare to serve as Christ's Church now and in the future."

OU's Senior Minister Warren Black said that beauty inspires reverence and awe. "Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness," wrote the psalmist. "I never enter our sanctuary that I don't feel an overwhelming sense of God's presence and peace. This sanctuary, as well as all our facilities, are not just for us, but our community."

The Trustees are talking to other churches in the area and soliciting ideas and names before moving forward. "We are so grateful for the generosity of one of our members in making this master plan possible," John said.

OU Trustees: John King, Chair  
Beth Doty Larry Wagster  
Mark Huelse Jonathan Mattox

Jim Greenlee, Vice Chair  
Randy Richardson

Kathy Laurenzo, Secretary  
Mary Sharp Rayner

You are invited to the Food Pantry's

## EMPTY BOWLS

Luncheon Fundraiser



Thursday, February 9  
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
OUUMC Activities Center

Your \$15 donation includes soup, bread, water, and a ceramic bowl of your choice made by a local artist. All proceeds go to the Food Pantry.

## PRAYERS

- Harry Allen
  - Frank Anderson
  - Mary Anderson
  - Robert Bennett
  - Mildred Davis
  - Virginia Johnson
  - Wayne Terry Lamar
  - Molly Mogridge
  - Betty Sue Moore
  - Martha Mitchell
  - Jackie Rozier
  - Gerald Walton
  - Joanne Zuidema
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- Laura Blount, Betty Gresham's sister
  - John Brinson, Helen & Roy Brinson's son
  - Joanne Brown, Patrick Brown's mother
  - Barbara Burke, Richard Burke's aunt
  - Sandra Collier
  - Helen Compton, Barbara Selman's mother
  - Jan Coppock, Deborah Robinson's mother
  - Becky Currence, John Currence's mother
  - Robert DeRuyscher, Lisa Scott and Tamara Austin's father
  - Sylvie Englert, Mary Ellen and Dexter Barr's granddaughter
  - Valerie Hardy, Jackie Rozier's sister & Larry Hardy's sister-in-law
  - Andy Hollingsworth, Bettye Parham's son
  - Julie Koppen, Kitty Mann's mother
  - Richard Matsufuji, Reba Matsufuji's son
  - David Mealer, Donna and Bob Killen's son-in-law
  - Rev. Sale Lilly, Tom Lilly's brother
  - Trey Poole, Wanda Poole's grandson
  - Pat Richardson, Ann Hoppers' brother-in-law
  - Joanne Rone, Scott Rone's mother
  - Phil Sneed, Claire Hardy's brother
  - Joe Stephens, Jolee Hussey's cousin
  - Donna Thornton, Margaret Fields' daughter
  - Tommye and Bill Webb, Molly Meisenheimer's parents

## BUDGET UPDATE

Rec Sunday 1/15/12	\$25,524.27
Rec Sunday 1/22	\$40,247.24
Expenses through 1/22/12	\$30,678.42
Total Offerings YTD	\$96,787.90

Thanks for you continued support of OU's ministries! You are making a difference in the lives of others!

## Save the Date!

Jan. 30	Administrative Council 5:15 p.m., Sanctuary
Feb. 9	Empty Bowls
Feb. 10	Valentine Banquet
Feb. 21	Shrove Tuesday
Feb. 22	Ash Wednesday
Feb. 29	Lenten Luncheons begin

## COMMUNION BREAD



For many, many years, OUUMC member Sue Sneed has faithfully baked our Holy Communion wafers that we use the first Sunday of each month. She is ready to pass this honor on to another generation. Below is her recipe. If you would like to bake our Communion bread, call the church office, 234-5278.

Thank you, Mrs. Sneed, for your dedication and thoughtfulness these many years. We appreciate all you have done for us!

### Communion Bread Recipe

2 cups self-rising flour  
1/2 cup cold water (may have to use a little more)  
2 tablespoons Crisco

Mix flour and Crisco with a pastry blender until Crisco is in small pieces

Add water a little at a time until you can handle dough so you can roll it out. Roll until thin. Place on cookie sheet and cut in strips with a pizza cutter. Bake at 200 degrees for four hours. Break into small pieces after it is cooked. Bread needs to be made once a month to prevent spoiling.

## PRESENCE

### Sunday Worship

#### January 15

8:45 a.m.	106
9:00 a.m.	83
10:55 a.m.	335
Sunday School	362

#### January 22

8:45 a.m.	114
9:00 a.m.	96
10:55 a.m.	509
Sunday School	410

### Christian Love & Sympathy is Extended to

#### Linda Taylor

in the death of her aunt  
Helen Williams

#### Laura and Jon Bradley

in the death of their son  
Mark Bradley

#### Nancy Garvin

in the death of her aunt  
Lois Chick

#### Will Pepper

in the death of his father  
W. Allen Pepper

#### Jackie Rozier

in the death of her aunt

### 2012 Altar Flowers

If you would like to place flowers on the altar Feb 5, Mar 25, Apr 1, Apr 8, Apr 15, Apr 22, Apr 29, or May 13, please call Toya Bruss at (662) 832-3061.

### Habitat Work Day

This weekend we will be pushing and raking gravel into our newly created and plumbed foundation at Lot 1 of Brittany Woods. We are going to need 12 to 15 volunteers to level dirt and gravel so that the slab can be poured next week. If you have a shovel and/or a dirt rake, please bring them. Please wear long pants and sturdy shoes. Also, please print, sign, and bring the waiver form posted at [oxfordhabitat.blogspot.com/](http://oxfordhabitat.blogspot.com/). You only need to do this once a year. Please call Macel Juergens (816-5897) if you can come out and help. Work generally starts around 8:30 a.m. and we will stay till 4:00 or until the task is complete.

## BAPTISMS & NEW MEMBERS



**Charles Warren Campbell** was baptized on January 15. He is the son of Nancy and Matt Campbell and the brother of Hayden, Benjamin and Bryan.



**Austin, Lindsey, & Thomas Mitchell**  
234 Birchtree Loop  
801-9658

The Mitchells joined OU on Jan. 22. Lindsey comes from First United Methodist Church in Clinton and Austin from First Baptist Church in Richland. Austin is the assistant manager at McAllisters. Lindsey is co-owner of LuLu's on the Square.

Their son Thomas Hayden was baptized on Jan. 22.



**Scot and Paula Spragins and Addie Mims**  
915 Buchanan Avenue  
231-2860

Scot, Paula, and Addie joined our congregation on January 15 from First United Methodist Church in Tupelo. Scot is an attorney at Hickman, Goza & Spragins in Oxford and Paula is

a court reporter. Addie is in this year's confirmation class. Scot and Paula attend the Salt and Light Sunday School class.



**Mason, Miranda, Mary Mason and Brooks Bennett**  
1100 Augusta #404  
901-359-8311

The Bennett family joined OU on January 22 from Germantown United Methodist Church. Mason is a district manager at Syngenta and Miranda is a nurse practitioner at the Children's Clinic of Oxford. Mary

Mason is two and Brooks is four months old. Mason and Miranda are members of the Crosstalk Sunday School Class.

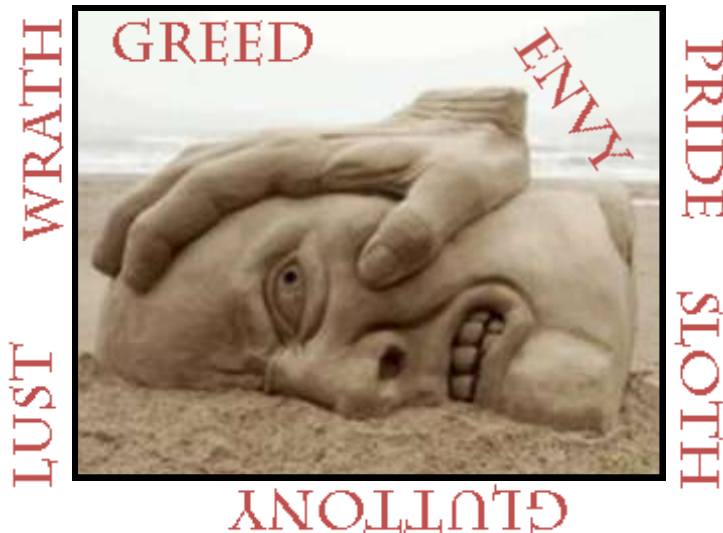
### The Journey Lenten Series

February 26-April 1

**“The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that **CHRIST JESUS** came into the world to **SAVE SINNERS** – of whom **I AM THE FOREMOST.**”**  
– 1 Timothy 1:15

## VICE OR VIRTUE

- Feb. 26: GLUTTONY  
Polly Williams
- Mar. 4: SLOTH  
Claire Dobbs
- Mar. 11: ENVY & LUST  
Claire Dobbs
- Mar. 18: PRIDE  
Greg Smith
- Mar. 25: GREED  
Eddie Willis
- April 1: WRATH  
Claire Dobbs



We don't like to talk about it, but when it comes to sin we can't keep our heads in the sand. Awareness is the first and perhaps best step towards transforming our vices into virtues.

Join us this Lenten season at *The Journey* as we take an honest look at our broken lives in light of the grace of Jesus Christ and the still very relevant wisdom of the tradition of the Church.

## 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.

## Women's Class

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

Wednesdays beginning Jan. 25,  
6:00 p.m., Room 201  
Led by Stephanie Berry

## The Marriage Course

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. 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. 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.

## United Methodist Orientation

Sundays, Feb. 19, 26, &  
March 4

10:00 a.m.; Activities Center

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?

## Saving Jesus DVD Series

Tuesdays  
Feb. 28; March 6, 20, 27;  
April 10, 17  
6:00 p.m., Wesley Hall  
Led by Claire Dobbs & Mary Beth Mobley

## Faith in Film

Wednesdays Feb. 1, 8, 15m 22  
at 6:00 p.m., Youth Center;  
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](http://www.imdb.com).

## 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.

## 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.

## Ongoing Groups at OU

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

**Prayer Team:** Tues., 10:00 a.m., Prayer Room

**InBetweeners Circle:** third Wed., 12:00 noon, Conf. 107

**Mary Martha Circle:** second Tues., 9:30 a.m., circle members' homes

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

**Friendship Circle:** Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m., Conf. 107

**Kate Guyton Circle:** third Tues., 9:30 a.m., Conf. 327

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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

*For fifth and sixth graders, Sundays, 5:30-7:30 in Wesley Hall*

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 share a meal and devotional together and 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:**

Jan. 29 Camille & Kevin Mitchell	March 18 Carrie & Jimmy Traylor
Feb. 5 _____	March 25 Lauren & Land Renfroe
Feb. 12 Lynn & Mark McElreath	April 1 Lori & Matt Chandler
Feb. 19 Chris & Doug Adamson	April 15 Sloan & Kevin Hunter
Feb. 26 Sally & Ware Sullivan	April 22 Earth Day Cookout
March 4 Heidi Gatlin	April 29 _____

### *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)

Allison Lyon, Nicole Baker, Ardrennia Williams, Guardrennia Williams

**GREEN TEAM—3-year-olds and 4-year-olds: Room 111**  
(first floor education wing)

Elizabeth Gates, Angela Barlow, Scarlett McCombs, Katie Etheridge

**PURPLE TEAM—Kindergarten and First Grade: Room 309**  
(first floor Activities Building)  
JJ Collins, Megan Jones

**RED TEAM—Second Grade: Room 213**  
(second floor education wing)

Samantha Weathersbee, Julie Wilson, Dannielle Rumbly

**ORANGE TEAM—Third Grade and Fourth Grade: Room 212**  
(second floor education wing)

Judy Riddell, Mary Beth Mobley, Sonya Schneider

**BLUE TEAM—Fifth and Sixth Grade: Room 210**  
(second floor education wing)

F.I.S.H. leaders David Rock & Pat Forrester

*The WOW kids will perform as teams for our finale celebration.*

## STUDENT MINISTRIES

### **OU Student Ministries Parent Orientation**

**Sunday, January 29, 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!**

Tuesday, Jan. 31: Jr. & Sr. High Adventure Camp, \$50

Tuesday, Jan. 31: Jr. High Mission, \$100

Tuesday, Jan. 31: Sr. High Mission & Hinton, \$100

## COLLEGE MINISTRIES

### **Welcome Back, Students!**



**We are excited that a new semester has started!**

### **NIGHT OUT AT SOULSHINE**



Monday, February 6

7:00 p.m.

Meet there and bring a friend!

# Wednesday Night Programs

**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

*February 1: Spaghetti, salad, dessert*

*February 8: Handy Andy BBQ*

**Worship Outreach Wednesdays:** 6:00 p.m., Activities Center (see p. 5)

**Holy Communion:** 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary

## Potluck Luncheon this Sunday!

Sunday, January 29, Noon, Activities Center

A-F—bring a vegetable G-L—bring a casserole M-R—bring a salad S-Z—bring a dessert  
Everyone is invited for our first potluck celebration of the new year!

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