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2012 Lent Shrove Tuesday

February 21, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Activities Center

Join us on **FAT TUESDAY**, February 21, for our annual burning of the palms worship service. This is a special time to come together to make preparations for our Lenten journey. Palms, saved from last year's Palm Sunday service, are burned to provide ashes for our Ash Wednesdays services (February 22).



In the tradition of **FAT TUESDAY**, we will indulge in pancakes, gumbo, jambalaya, hot dogs, and king cake. The kids will enjoy masks, beads, pancake races, limbo, and sock races.

Don't miss the fun and games!



Worship Schedule

Sunday, February 12

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 15

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 19

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 22

Ash Wednesday Services—12 noon
& 6:30 p.m.

Celebration Ringer—6:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir—7:00 p.m.

**Freed-Up
Financial Living &
The Marriage Course**
begin Sunday! There's
still time to register—
see the bulletin this
Sunday.

Ash Wednesday Services

February 22

12 noon and 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Ash Wednesday services allow us to confront our own mortality and confess our sin before God within the community of faith. The use of ashes as a sign of mortality and repentance has a long history in Jewish and Christian worship, and the imposition of ashes is a powerful way to participate in the call to repentance and reconciliation.

—United Methodist Book of Worship

Lenten Luncheon Series begins Wednesday, Feb. 29.
See p. 3 for this year's speaker line-up!

PRAYERS

- Kathy Allen
 - Frank Anderson
 - Mary Anderson
 - Robert Bennett
 - Mildred Davis
 - Bill Hamric
 - Garner Hickman
 - Virginia Johnson
 - Pat Lamar
 - Wayne Terry Lamar
 - Eugenia McLaurin
 - Joanne Zuidema
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- John Brinson, Helen & Roy
Brinson's son
 - Joanne Brown, Patrick Brown's
mother
 - Peggy Boatwright, Laura Smith'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
 - Bascom Deaver, Sue Gaston's fa-
ther
 - Robert DeRuyscher, Lisa Scott and
Tamara Austin's father
 - Sylvie Englert, Mary Ellen and
Dexter Barr's granddaughter
 - Valerie Hardy, Jackie Rozier's sis-
ter & Larry Hardy's sister-in-law
 - Jean Halford, Lisa Thompson's
mother
 - Julie Koppen, Kitty Mann's
mother
 - Richard Matsufuji, Reba
Matsufuji's son
 - David Mealer, Donna and Bob
Killen's son-in-law
 - Trey Poole, Wanda Poole's grand-
son
 - Evelyn Roberson, Bob Nance's
mother
 - Joanne Rone, Scott Rone's mother
 - Phil Sneed, Claire Hardy's brother
 - Joe Stephens, Jolee Hussey's
cousin
 - Bobbie Thomas, Jessica Windham's
grandmother
 - Ashley Windham's mother

BUDGET UPDATE

	Feb 5 (6)	Jan 29 (5)
Expenses YTD Date	\$ 136,964.51	\$ 106,249.76
Received Sunday	\$ 25,385.50	\$ 36,670.51
Received YTD	\$ 158,843.91	\$ 133,458.41
Needed Each Week	\$ 29,071.58	\$ 29,071.58
Budget Need to Date, 2012	\$ 174,429.48	\$ 145,357.90
Shortage, 2012	\$ (15,585.57)	\$ (11,899.49)
Budget Need to Date, 2011	\$ 162,212.52	\$ 135,177.10
Shortage, 2011	\$ (39,312.36)	\$ (43,704.45)

A copy of the 2012 Budget is available in the church office.

The family of Mark Bradley will welcome friends at a visitation at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Saturday, February 11, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

PRIMETIMERS POTLUCK

Primetimers, a ministry for senior adults, will meet **Friday, February 17 at noon in Wesley Hall.** **Dr. T.J. Ray, retired university professor,** will share his nature photography with the group. Meat (fried chicken) and drinks will be furnished. Bring your favorite dish and join us.

For future programs, check the church's website (<http://ouumc.org/ministry-older-adults.html>) or contact Jean Brammer, brammers6454@att.net.

DIVORCE RECOVERY WORKSHOP

To promote healing in a broken relationship

First United Methodist Church (412 W Main St., Tupelo)
Mondays, March 5-May 14 5:30-8:30 p.m.
\$40 (book, meals, children workshop)

For more information, contact Bonnie Sisco, 662-690-8100, bonnie@fumctupelo.com.



PRESENCE

Sunday Worship

January 29	
8:45 a.m.	103
9:00 a.m.	89
10:55 a.m.	329
Sunday School	401
February 5	
8:45 a.m.	114
9:00 a.m.	115
10:55 a.m.	341
Sunday School	358

In Memoriam

Robert Lee "Pat" Patterson
November 10, 1920
January 27, 2012

Christian Love & Sympathy is Extended to

Camille Murphy

in the death of her father
Sandy Bradshaw

Jackie Rozier

in the death of her uncle
Ross Barnett

Congratulations To

Allyson and Eddie Willis whose daughter Laurin Adele was born January 30. She is welcomed by siblings Selby, Clayton, & Lydia.

Krista and Mike Mann

whose son David Patrick was born February 7. He is the grandson of Kitty and James Mann and is welcomed by sister Elizabeth Grace.

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to place flowers on the altar Mar 25, Apr 8, Apr 22, Apr 29, May 20, May 27, or June 3, or 10, please contact Toya Bruss at (662) 832-3061.

BAPTISM



William Graham Addy was baptized on January 29. He is the son of Jenny and Corey Addy and the brother of Jackson.

Introducing Our Journey Musicians



Name: Dokyung Kim (DK)
Birthday: February 22
Hometown: Seoul, South Korea
Current Occupation: student
Praise Band Instrument: piano

What led you to The Journey's Praise Band? I used to play the piano in the church in South Korea, so I wanted to keep this work in the USA, too.

Favorite rainy day activity: listening to music or watching a movie

How do you spend your free time? hang out with friends

When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up? Independent, capable, and warm-hearted personality. And I'm still studying.

Name: Fred Dunlap, III
Birthday: March 9
Hometown: Sanford, NC
Current Occupation: graduate student/drummer
Praise Band Instrument: drums



What led you to The Journey's Praise Band? Mr. Lee Moyer made me aware of the opportunity, and the great experience & loving people have kept me here.

Favorite movie: The Departed

Favorite word: xylophone

Least favorite word: Connecticut (because of the spelling)

Weirdest thing you've ever eaten: banana salsa

Biggest pet peeve: When all the hot water in the apartment is used before my morning shower.



Name: Gregory Smith
Birthday: April 26
Hometown: Pascagoula, MS
Current Occupation: Student Pastor/
 Contemporary Worship Leader
Praise Band Instrument: guitar

What led you to The Journey's Praise Band? In the absence of a worship leader, I accepted the position because it reflects my gifts, passions and calling to ministry.

Favorite vacation: Ocean Park, Maine, via Niagara Falls & Cooperstown

One thing you've crossed off your bucket list: seminary

Favorite article of clothing: my Snuggie

Favorite superhero: The Wonder Twins, because they can shape shift.

2012 Lenten Luncheon Series

Wednesdays, 12:00 noon in the Activities Center

Who has influenced your spiritual life?



February 29

Bishop Duncan Gray, III

Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi

Musical Guest: Leroy Thompson,
Clear Creek M.B.



March 7

Rev. Ollie Rencher

Associate Rector for Pastoral Care & Congregational Development

Church of the Holy Communion, Memphis, TN

Musical Guest: Rev. Andrew Robinson,
Second Baptist Church



March 14

Brian Buckhalter

Sixth Grade Math Teacher
Oxford Middle School

Musical Guests: Oxford Civic Chorus
Director: Brooke Bagley Worthy



March 21

Mike Bianco

Head Baseball Coach
University of Mississippi

Musical Guest: Allen Harris, *Choral Director*



March 28

Bishop Hope Morgan Ward

Bishop of the Mississippi Conference of the United Methodist Church

Musical Guests: Sue Gaston, *cello*
 Jason Derrick, *piano*

SISTER CHURCHES

St. Peter's Episcopal, Burns UMC, First Presbyterian, New Hope M.B., Clear Creek M.B., Church of the Nazarene, Jordan Chapel C.M.E., Second Baptist, St. Andrew's UMC, St. John Catholic, First Baptist, Pine Flat UMC, East Providence Baptist, East St. Peter's M.B., The Orchard, Taylor UMC

The luncheons begin at 12 noon in O-U's **Activities Center**. A light lunch & a nursery will be provided.

For more information, call the church office at 234-5278.

Confirmation 2012

This year's confirmation class consists of 22 youth from OUUMC, Pine Flat United Methodist Church, and Free Springs United Methodist Church.



2012 Instructors & Coordinators: Claire Dobbs, Pat Forrester, & Lloyd Hewitt

OUUMC

Confirmand

Lawson Barret
 Bennett Brown
 Keaton Calhoun
 Lauren Chandler
 Madison Crosby
 Arden Davis
 Annie Forgette
 William Hawkins
 Will Hollingsworth
 Caroline Kamman
 Merrill Lamar
 Lilly McElreath
 Addie Mims
 Lily Mitchell
 Chip Powell
 Anna Renfroe
 Ally Shinall
 Katie Thomas
 Jack Whitaker

Mentor

Ed Morgan
 Bonnie Brown
 Gene Bramlett
 Ashley Windham
 Mary Beth Mobley
 Stephanie Young
 Callie Casteel
 Jeff Berry
 AJ Kiamie
 Emily Shelton
 Lauren Renfroe
 Sloan Hunter
 Mary Jourdan
 Laura Parkinson
 Jolee Hussey
 Dorothy Laurenzo
 Denise Smith
 Emilie Bramlett
 Russell Casteel.

Pine Flat UMC

Ryan Watts
 Sam Watts

Jimmy Watts
 Jimmy Watts

Free Springs UMC

Jim Meals

Greg Smith

Youth Interns: Leland Graeber, Nicky Martin, & Joseph Whitaker

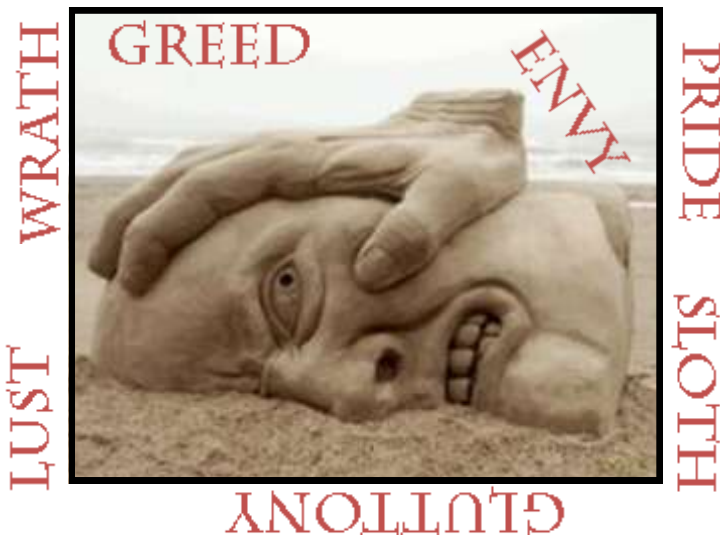
The Journey Lenten Series

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



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.

- 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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Thank you for feeding us, Friendship Circle!

Special thanks to the Friendship Circle for providing spaghetti, salad, rolls, and dessert during our Wednesday Night Meal on February 1. It was delicious, and we appreciate your generosity!

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.

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.

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:

Feb. 12	Lynn & Mark McElreath	March 4	Heidi Gatlin
Feb. 19	Chris & Doug Adamson	March 25	Lauren & Land Renfroe
Feb. 26	Sally & Ware Sullivan	March 18	Carrie & Jimmy Traylor

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Summer Camps

Jr. High Mission Camp

June 3rd - 9th, 2012

We will be traveling to North Alabama to help those that were effected by tornado damage to recover and re-build. Open to all students who have completed 6th through 8th grade. The cost is \$100.00 per person in the form of a non-refundable deposit.

Jr. & Sr. High Adventure Camp

June 17th - 23rd

We will be traveling to Discovery Ministries camp located in Eminence, Missouri for a week of high-energy, team building adventure. We will be rock climbing / rappelling, canoeing, orienteering, and team building through high and low ropes initiatives (to include, possibly, a 650 ft. zip line). This trip is open to all students who have completed 6th through 12th grade. The cost is \$150.00 per person in the form of a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit with a \$100.00 balance due on or before May 6th, 2012.



Senior High Missions & Hinton Retreat Center

July 8th-13th, 2012

We will be traveling to Hinton Retreat Center in Hayesville, North Carolina for a week of project work with the poor and needy among this beautiful Appalachian community. This trip is open to all students who have completed 9th through 12th grade. The cost is \$100.00 per person in the form of a non-refundable deposit.

For any questions or for registration information please contact Greg at 662.234.5278 ext. 208, or gsmith@ouumc.org



Congratulations to OU's Eagle Scouts!

Sunday, Feb. 19, is Boy Scout Sunday, and we want to recognize these young men who have recently received their

Eagle Scout Award:

William Harris

son of Ann & David Harris

Hale Houston

grandson of Becky & Ed Meek

George McEwen

nephew of Lisa Corrothers

Drew Mulkey

son of Jackie & John Mulkey

Ian Rone

son of Miriam & Scott Rone



Notes from the Past

ONE HUNDRED TEN YEARS AGO: In February 1902, the church had 231 members. The church was valued at \$10,000, the parsonage at \$2,500. On February 3, 1902, the minister reported about the Sunday school: "The Sunday schools are doing well. The officers are efficient and faithful and the teachers competent and fairly punctual. The children and young people are pretty regular in attendance."

On February 3, 1902, the minister spoke of his regret that he was not liked by all in the congregation: "The pastor deeply regrets the fact that his reappointment to the charge has been the occasion of dissatisfaction on the part of some, perhaps of many; but he was in no way responsible for his coming either by request or suggestion. It is to be hoped that he will have the wisdom and the grace to so demean himself, in an unpleasant situation, as not to bring hurt or shame to the church and that those who are aggrieved will endeavor to make the most and best of a relation and situation not at all according to their wishes."

SIXTY YEARS AGO: On February 6, 1952, the Official Board agreed that the church should employ a full-time secretary. "Such an employee would relieve the Pastor of many small administrative duties and increase the efficiency of the church." It was agreed that the salary should be not less than \$1,800 per year.

FIFTY YEARS AGO: New Methodist Church. On February 20, 1962, Dr. J. P. McLaurin announced that a meeting was to be held on March 15, 1962, "to discuss organization of the new Methodist Church."

THIRTY YEARS AGO: Dr. Jeanette Phillips was the Lenten Luncheon speaker on February 24, 1982. Margaret Anne Boyer, chairperson on Religion and Race, announced that the church would observe Human Relations Day on February 21, 1982. Laura and Brent Smith joined the church in February 1982.

TWENTY YEARS AGO: On February 2, 1992, the rose on the chancel rail honored the birth of Dan Glenn Williams IV, son of Nancy Brammer Williams and Dan Glenn Williams.

Acolytes in February 1992 were Hattie Alton, Will Matthews, Scott Hale, Jared Phillips, Meg Johnson, Lucy Goodpaster, Lynn Appleton, Olivia Foshue, eed Pegram, Emily Tatum, Jennifer Bruner, and Heather Bruner.

Walker Swaney was part of a medical mission team in Honduras in February 1992.

TEN YEARS AGO: The Lenten Lunches began on February 13 in 2002. Speakers that year were Elbrist Mason, Taylor Moore, James Murphy, Mary Schoberg, Russ Keyes, and Bruce Meier, all local ministers.

In February 2002 Scott Caldwell, serving in Bosnia, asked the church to help the school systems there by donating school supplies.

In February 2002 Cecil Locke made the cross for the courtyard for the Lent season.

On February 3, 2002, pulpit flowers honored Alma Lewis in the celebration of her 100th birthday.

Acolytes during February 2002 were Ryan Whittington, David Woodlinton, Matthew Mistilis, Jenny Heckel, Carmen Halford, Currie Martin, Margaret Britt, Mary Katherine Graham, Jane Lutken, Katie Heckel, Bryan Gaston, and Margaret Goodwyn Phillips.

Crucifers in February 2002 were Allison Bingner, Emily Barnes, Charles Collier, and Josh Briscoe.



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

The class will cover United Methodist Theology, United Methodist History, United Methodist Structure

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