

The O.U. Reporter

Episcopal-Methodist Celebration

The Feast Day of John and Charles Wesley
Thursday, March 3, 2011

5:30 p.m.

The service begins at St. Peter's Parish Hall & continues in the sanctuary at OUUMC.

OPEN HEARTS
OPEN MINDS
OPEN DOORS

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Worship Schedule

Sunday, February 20

Worship Services—8:45, 9:00 a.m. & 10:55 a.m.
Fellowship Time—9:30 a.m.
Sunday School—10:00 a.m.
Confirmation—3:30 p.m.
Genesis Ringers—5:00 p.m.
F.I.S.H.—5:30 p.m.
U.M.Y.F.—6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 23

Children's Choristers—4:00 p.m.
Youth Choir—5:00 p.m.
Comfort Station 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.

Sunday, February 27

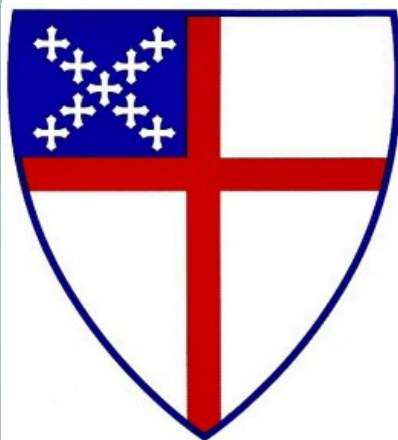
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Wednesday, March 2

Children's Choristers—4:00 p.m.
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Comfort Station Meal—5:00 p.m.
W.O.W.—6:00 p.m.
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Thursday, March 3

Feast Day of John and Charles Wesley Service of Holy Communion with St. Peter's Episcopal Church—5:30 p.m., St. Peter's Parish Hall. Everyone will process to OUUMC's sanctuary from here.



Oxford-University United Methodist Church and St. Peter's Episcopal Church will celebrate the **Feast Day of John and Charles Wesley** with a joint service beginning at 5:30 p.m. and then proceed to the sanctuary at OUUMC on Thursday, March 3.

The Right Reverend Duncan M. Gray III, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi, and the **Reverend Hope Morgan Ward**, Bishop of the Mississippi Conference of the United Methodist Church, will lead the Feast Day service in Oxford. **Bishop Gray** will preach and **Bishop Ward** will preside over the table for the service of Holy Communion.

In 2009, Bishop Gray and Bishop Ward signed a Covenant of Common Life, acknowledging the shared history of the two denominations and promoting the common ministries and missions of one another. One part of the Covenant is an annual celebration of the Eucharist with the Episcopal and United Methodist bishops presiding on the Feast Day of John and Charles Wesley. The Wesley brothers, 18th century ministers in the Church of England, helped spiritually renew the Church and the land. Both are greatly respected for their invaluable contributions to both Episcopal and Methodist traditions.

The official joint service of Holy Communion takes place in a different community every year. Ministers at both St. Peter's and OUUMC are excited for the opportunity to worship together, and look forward to a continued partnership in the future.

"It is a joy to share with our Episcopal friends in celebration of the Feast Day of John and Charles Wesley," Warren Black, senior minister at OUUMC said. "As we come together for the Eucharist, we are reminded of our unity in Christ and the historic ties that bind us."

Everyone is invited to attend this great service, which begins at 5:30 p.m. in St. Peter's Parish Hall and will continue in the sanctuary of OUUMC.



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PRAYERS

- Frank Anderson
- Mildred Davis
- Kate Hathorn
- Jere Hoar
- Pat Lamar
- Henry Self

- Susan Brady, Annabelle Covington's sister-in-law
- Bill Cross, Danielle Ammeter's step-father
- Andy Daltroff, Laurie Triplette's brother
- Jen Fair, Dave Fair's mother
- Millie Fuller, Rico McThune's grandmother
- Lelon Grayson, Sandra Kennedy's father
- Elizabeth Jones, Mary Beth Mobley's aunt
- Paul Klotz, Cile Downer's son-in-law
- Marjorie Lewis, Toya Bruss' mother
- Richard Matsufuji, Riki Matsufuji's son
- Sandy McBeath, Robert Bennett's son-in-law
- Susan Osterberg, Bert Felder's daughter
- Trey Poole, Wanda Poole's grandson
- Rebecca Robertson, Jim Taylor's sister
- Joanne Rone, Scott Rone's mother
- Lindie Scott, Shea Scott's sister-in-law
- Kim Stasny's mother
- Vera Thomas, Kathy Laurenzo's mother
- Carolyn Toms, Joe and Carolyn Pegram's granddaughter
- Tom Turner, Jack Turner's cousin
- Jacky Whittington, Darryail Whittington's sister
- Dyron Woodard, Glenn and Dianne Woodard's son

BUDGET UPDATE

Need per week	\$27,035.42
Rec Sun 2/13/11	\$25,448.23
Need to date 2/13/11	\$189,247.94
Rec to date 2/13/11	\$148,348.39
Expenses through 2/15/11	\$165,545.30

Total offerings for 2/13/11 including Interfaith Compassion, Specials, Memorials, and Building Fund were \$27,403.23

Thanks to all of you for your continued support of OU's ministries.

We are in the process of closing the 2010 financial books. We will have year-end closing information as soon as it is available.

2011 PLEDGE UPDATE

256 Pledges Received
General \$1,081,719.96
Building \$99,084.00
2011 Budget \$1,405,842

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to place flowers on the altar March 27; April 3, 17, 24; or May 15, 22, or 29, please call Toya Bruss, 832-3061.

USHERS NEEDED!

We would love to have you participate in our usher rotation ministry. You would serve alongside our standing ushers on a given Sunday, usually once every 3-4 months or as often as you'd like. Anyone interested in being on the usher rotation list please notify Julie Overstreet, overstreet@ms.metrocast.net or call 234-7327

Wednesday Night Comfort Station Meals

February 2-April 13

- February 23: Lasagna, corn-on-the-cob, salad, dessert**
- March 2: Chicken Tetrazinni, green beans, salad, dessert**

Please call the church office (234-5278) to make your reservation by Monday at noon.

PRESENCE

Sunday Worship

February 6	
Sunday School	409
8:45 a.m.	108
9:00 a.m.	83
10:55 a.m.	375

February 13	
Sunday School	384
8:45 a.m.	134
9:00 a.m.	96
10:55 a.m.	414

Wednesday Communion

February 2	41
February 9	28

Christian Love and Sympathy is Extended to

Sarah Robinson
in the death of her sister-in-law,
Frances Ward

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Pearson Windham
in the death of his father,
Glen Windham

Congratulations to

Lea and Jason Farese whose daughter Layla Vivian was born January 28. She is welcomed by siblings Luke and Alexa.

New Members



Frank and Lucy Banks

1000 University Ave. #1

Frank and Lucy Banks joined OU on February 6. Lucy comes from Pine Lake Baptist Church in Jackson, and Frank joined by profession of faith.

Frank is a retired physician, and Lucy is a retired teacher and pharmaceutical sales representative. They have three grown children and four grandchildren.

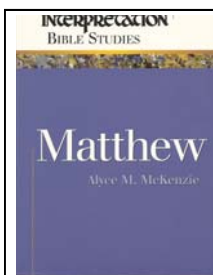


Parks Smith

316-8342

Parks joined our congregation on January 30 as an affiliate member with First United Methodist Church in New Albany. He graduated from the University of Mississippi in 2008 and worked for two years with the Mississippi Teacher Corps.

Parks is now practice teaching in North Panola. He is a member of the chancel choir and is engaged to Vance Reberchak.



Spring Bible Study

Matthew's gospel tells the story of Jesus, who has come as the presence of God to call us all to a new level of righteousness. Come and join us for an in depth study of our gospel lection for this year. We will begin the 10 week study of Matthew Wednesday, March 23 at 10:30 am led by Danny Kelly. We will be using Matthew by Rev. Dr. Alyce McKenzie from the Interpretation Bible Studies. The cost of the book will be \$10. Please call the church office or email Danny at dkelly@ouumc.org to register.

2011 Lenten Luncheon Series

Who has influenced your spiritual life?

March 16: Rev. Dr. Leroy Wadlington, Pastor, Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church Indianapolis, IN
Musical Guests: Rev. Andrew Robinson and Mary Anderson

March 23: Rev. Margaret Burnett, Pastor, Idlewild Presbyterian Church Memphis, TN
Musical Guest: Rev. Eddie Willis

March 30: Rev. Will Campbell, Pastor, Author, & Civil Rights Activist
Musical Guests: The Ole Miss Gospel Choir

April 6: The Honorable William Winter, Former Governor of Mississippi
Musical Guests: The Miracles (*The Baddour Center Choir*)

April 13: Dr. Kim Stasny, Superintendent, Oxford School District
Musical Guests: Oxford Civic Chorus

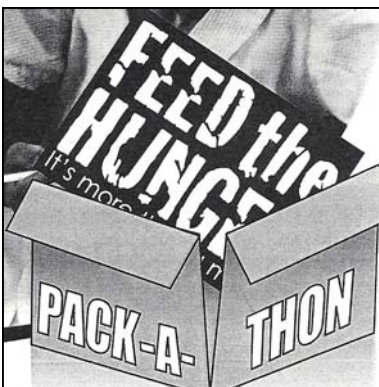
The luncheons begin at 12 noon in O-U's Activities Center. A light lunch & a nursery will be provided. For more information, call the church office at 234-5278.

Lenten Luncheon Volunteers Needed: *If you can help with setting tables, preparing and serving food, and cleaning up—any time between 9 am and 2 pm—please contact Jean Shaw (jmshaw2@bellsouth.net or 234-1053.) Help for any or all of the times is needed!*



This year's confirmation class is one of our biggest ever. Confirmands and Mentors for the 2011 class from Burns UMC and OUUMC are: Monya Baskin and Rhondalyn Peairs, Scott Brown and Chuck Hill, Cole Calhoon and Gene Bramlett, Josh Covington and Pat Forrester, Sabrina Crain and Katie Naron, Anna Dennis and Paula Whitaker, Gage Dorris and Kin Kinney, Swayze Elliot and Amy Dennis, Camille Gladden and Shelly Diaz, Duncan Graeber and Bill Bailey, Anne Catherine Gurner and Steve Wooten, Emma Humphreys and Lori Meadows, Shelby Knotts and Jacky Sparks, Giles Lamar and Joe Woolsey, Maya Langendoen and Susan Bradley, Madisyn Martin and Janis Black, Max Mauney and Brian Young, Addison & Darby Meadows and Tina Daniels, Edward Morgan and Lloyd Hewitt, Sam Morgan and Mark McElreath, Virginia Parkinson and Adrian Shipman, Margaret Pringle and Whit Ward, Liza Carole Renfroe and Ginny Terry, Carly Rock and Candace Hirsch, Kyle Rock and Walt Davis, Beau Ryals and Jason Johnson, Jariant Stokes and Barbara Worthem, Annabel Terry and Lisa Scott. Youth Volunteers are Clara Kinney, Megan Murphy, Anna Laurenzo, Emma Webb and Isaac Smith.

Please keep our confirmands and their mentors in your prayers during this time of learning and growing in Christ.



Feed the Hunger Pack-A-Thon: Saturday, February 26, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

OU has an exciting opportunity to work in conjunction with Ole Miss students to pack boxes of food to be shipped to Kenya. We have been asked to form at least one team of 15 volunteers who can donate 2 hours of their Saturday and \$70 to cover costs of food and delivery. You are also welcome to sponsor someone who can't afford it. The food we will pack provides one meal a day to children at schools in Kenya. Most often, it is the only meal these children get. Contact Liz Thomas at lizthomasrx@yahoo.com or at 662-801-4953 to sign up for this exciting event.

Gideons International Sunday

Sunday, March 27 is Gideon Sunday. We will take a special collection to help this organization—an interdenominational association of Christian business and professional men who are members of Protestant/evangelical churches. For more information about the Gideons International, visit www.gideons.org.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



**Fifth Annual
Shrove
Tuesday
Celebration**
Tuesday, March 8,
6:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to join us for pancake races and other games. We'll also have a gumbo cook-off this year, so make your favorite recipe to share and you might win!

We need donations of sandwiches and desserts for the kids—empty your pantries in preparation for Lent!

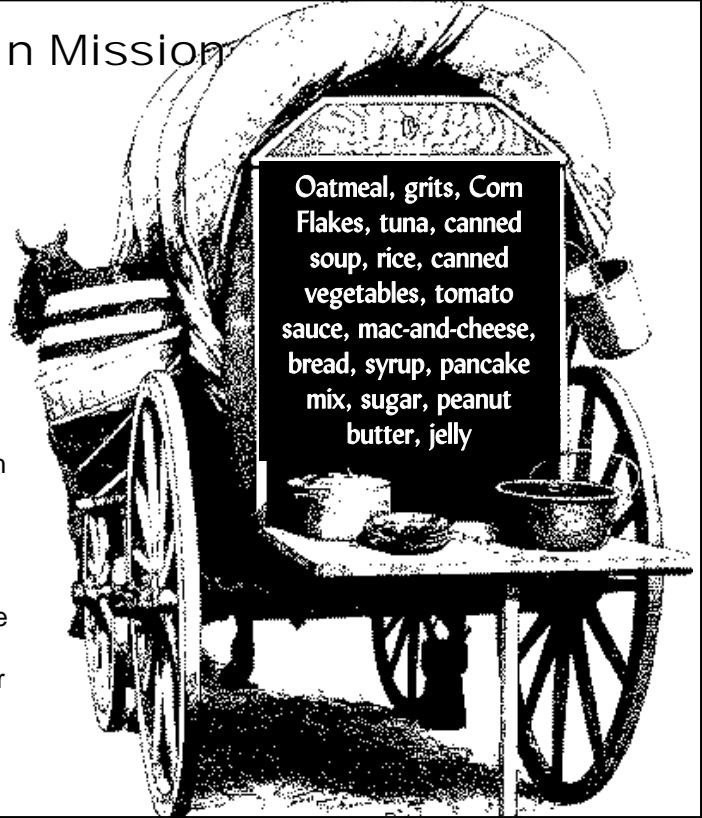
The festivities begin at 6:00 p.m. with a Burning of the Palms ceremony. The ashes from these palms, which we used last year on Palm Sunday, will be used during the Ash Wednesday services on March 9 (12 noon and 6 p.m.) This is a special day in the church, and everyone is invited to celebrate and fellowship with us!

Children In Mission

**INTRODUCING A
PASSION FOR
COMPASSION IN
OUR CHILDREN.**

Our outreach mission for children this spring is to help load the **Chuck Wagon.**

Children attending W.O.W. and Sunday School will present a food item each week in an attempt to help collect food for needy families in our community. We will box the food and deliver it to our very own Barbara Camp to be given each week to a family in need.



YOUTH MINISTRIES

Youth Ministry Visioning Retreat

This past weekend a large group of parents, members of the Youth Ministry Council, and other interested church members met and focused on the future of our Youth Ministry. Those present worked hard, prayed hard, and dreamed big as they struggled with what is God's desire for our Youth Ministry in the coming years.

The first major accomplishment of the weekend was writing a new Youth Ministry Mission Statement:

We exist to experience God by loving and serving God and one another.

The majority of the weekend was spent working on our core values – the values we want to teach each of our youth and want them to exhibit in their lives. The core values that were decided upon are:

Respect: We honor God, ourselves, peers, parents, the church and God's creation.

Acceptance: We value and embrace all people.

Passion for God's Will: We explore and discover God's direction in our lives, embodying the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Morality: We recognize the difference between right and wrong and, with God's help, respond appropriately.

Commitment: We commit to Christ, one another and the church through prayer, presence and service.

Do No Harm: We recognize the importance of conduct that is not hurtful or destructive to others, property or the environment.

Love for each other: We put others first.

Connection to God: We offer an energetic, lively connection to God.

Listening: We give close attention to God and one another

Many other aspects of our Youth Ministry were addressed and worked on. Please continue to pray for all of our youth, our Youth Ministry Interns, and all the volunteers working with our Youth Ministry during this time we do not have a Youth Ministry on our staff. Our children and youth are important to our church and we all appreciate the support our church gives to these groups!

—Darrell Whitaker, Youth Ministries Chair & Youth Ministries Team: David & Jackie Rozier, Chris & Doug Adamson, Lynn McElreath, Matt & Tammy Parham, Amy Dennis, Spencer Turner, Jane Kerr Nance, Sally Kate & Jonathan Walker

Youth Service Opportunity: Calling all OU Youth to service and fun!

Come serve the church and have fun with your friends on our first **Service Saturday**, February 26, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. We'll be working on some eco-friendly projects to benefit the church and the earth. Lunch provided. Call Rich or Karen Forgette, 281-0836, for more details.

Weekly Schedule

Sun.: UMYF 6 pm-8 pm

Tues.: Jr. High Prayer Breakfast, 7 am, Phillips Gro.

Wed.: Sr. High Prayer Breakfast, 7 am, Phillips Gro.

Notes from the Past

FIFTY YEARS AGO: On February 21, 1961, the Official Board met in the Sanders house, which was demolished before construction of the Youth Center.

On February 21, 1961, the Official Board approved making a bedroom out of the screen porch at the parsonage on 9th Street.

FORTY YEARS AGO: David Wright, James Coleman, Andy Garrett, and Lindsey Inman received the Boy Scout God and Country Emblem on February 21, 1971.

The Administrative Board, at its February 16, 1971, meeting, recommended that our church participate in the Lenten Series to be held at St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

Thirty Years Ago: Walker Swaney sang a solo on February 1, 1981.

Beck Owens and Katelyn Kelly were acolytes on February 22, 1981.

On February 3, 1991, the Bob Bruss family gave the chancel flowers as an expression for peace in the Middle East.

TWENTY YEARS AGO: In February 1991 bulletins explained that the stained glass windows in the balcony were from the 1890 church, which was on Jackson Avenue.

Tenor Riki Matsufuji sang a solo on February 17, 1991.

TEN YEARS AGO: On February 25, 2001, Jean Brammer was honored at a luncheon on the occasion of her retirement as Church Financial Administer for 16 years. B. J. and Dixie Jordan gave the altar flowers in her honor.

If you would like to receive the OU Reporter as an email, please contact Emile Bramlett (ebramlett@ouumc.org). You will continue to receive the newsletter in the mail unless you sign up for the email program.

The Twice-A-Month Bible Study is beginning a new study on Tuesday, Feb. 22, 6:30 P.M. Ephesians will be taught by John & Martin Case each 1st & 3rd Tuesday with the exception of the 4th Tuesday in February.

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