"I am the vine, you are the branches.
Those who abide in me and I in them, bear much fruit…"
John 15:5

The Grapevine

Oxford United Methodist Church ~ Rev. Dr. Julius E. Del Pino, Pastor
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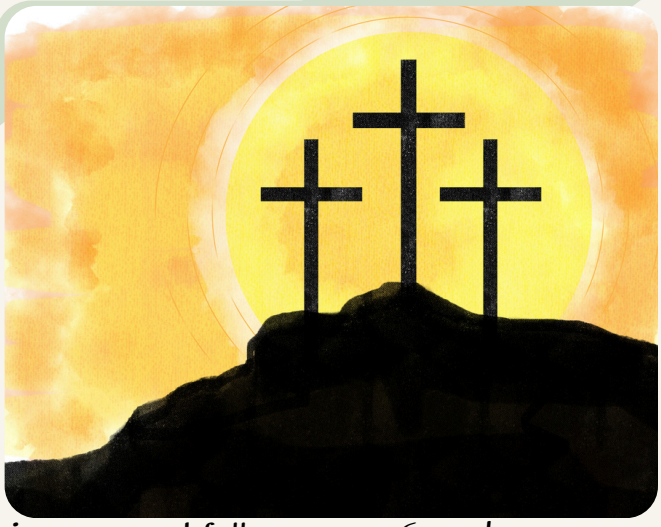

13 … he asked his disciples,
"WHO DO THE PEOPLE SAY THE SON OF MAN IS?"
14 They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say
Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."
15 "BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU?" he asked.
"WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?"
24 …Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants
to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For whoever
wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. 26 What good
will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give
in exchange for their soul? 27 For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with
his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.

Matthew 16:13-15,24-27

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Our Mission:

Uniting in Jesus Christ
we spread God's love

Our Vision:

We envision a church with
a vibrant Christian spiritual life
where we welcome and
value all God's people…
Where we grow, discover,
and share our gifts in the
church and in the world.

From the Pastor: Lent - A Sacred Journey

We are now in the season of Lent. It is a special time of reflection, repentance, and renewal. This is the time we find Jesus in the wilderness. The gospel of Matthew gives us three temptations. Satan tempts Jesus to turn stones into bread. After forty days of fasting, we know that Jesus was hungry. Jesus was tempted by Satan to use his energy and power. But Jesus responds with these words from the book of Matthew. "Man shall not live by bread alone."

What we learn from the words of Jesus is that our hunger is not physical. It is much deeper. It is a spiritual hunger. Be on the look out for how we are tested in unexpected ways. Keep your eyes and ears open. Be open to God's grace. Stay in constant prayer and meditation in this season. The Lord knows we need it. The world needs it.

Then wouldn't you know it? Satan does not give up. Satan tempts Jesus to test God by jumping from the temple. Jesus does not fall for this misguided invitation. Jesus knows who he is and does not have to prove his divine nature to others. Let that be true for us as well.

And lastly, Satan offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world in exchange for a spiritual connection with His God. One writer said it like this. Jesus was offered "A shortcut to glory without the cross." Again, Jesus is alert and refuses to be hoodwinked. Rather, Jesus does what I hope all of us will do on this sacred journey. He chooses obedience over power and being faithful over popularity.

My prayer for each of us on this sacred journey is that we take this season as a time of serious reflection, repentance, and renewal. The season of Lent is not a time of punishment. It is a time of joyful and reverent preparation to tell the stories of our Savior.

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and value all God's people…
Where we grow, discover, and share our gifts in the church and in the world

LENTEN & EASTER EVENTS

Lenten Schedule

Sunday, March 29 - 10am
Palm Sunday Worship
Celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem as we lift our voices in praise and prepare our hearts for the journey to the cross and the empty tomb.

Thursday, April 2 - 5:30pm
Maundy Thursday
Join us at Thomas UMC [504 1st Street, Thomas] for a meaningful service of Communion and remembrance of the Last Supper.

Friday, April 3 - 12noon
Good Friday
A solemn time of reflection and prayer as we remember Christ's sacrifice on the cross.

Sunday, April 5 - 10am
Easter Sunday
Rejoice in the victory of the Resurrection! Worship with us as we celebrate the risen Lord.

Spring forward in faith!
CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS and
join us on time for worship.
March 8th

Please Note:
Church Office will be closed on Easter Monday - April 6

PRAY for and Encourage One Another Daily

Lord - we lift up these people to you by name:

Jerry Lambert Bill & Danice Burns Gaiter family Victoria and family Nancy Stewart
Vitv family Olivia Vankurew family Evelyn Granger Mike Dempsey Pauline & Grayson East
Rv. Laurie Del Pino Joy Ellen Mrs. Joan Ann Anderson Lisa Palazollo CJ John Hauxwell
Amanda Guzman John Buscanti Samantha Clancy Jodi Aiken Jake Taylor Mike Hoover
Nadine Gildner Ed Roden & Family Ro Van Wagoner Carolynn Foss Shirley Acheson Kip Lawrie
Peg Moulder Glen & Geraldine McLaughlin Olga Neill Kent Patterson Carol Hauxwell Denise Gildner
Ron Shedlowsky & family Ginny Conrad Amy Thorson

We ask your blessings upon:

Those affected by Natural Disasters & all Violence in the US and worldwide
Those navigating complex relationships; dealing with job / lack of job stress
All Families - those expecting new children; dealing with loss of a loved one
First responders, caregivers, medical personnel and all affected by illness
All our school children, their teachers, school workers and administrators
All of our brothers and sisters who deal with racism & hatred
Those with mental illnesses, are lonely, or do not have someone to pray for them
Those in the military serving on our behalf
Our local and national representatives in all three branches of government
All affected by the Oxford High School and all other School Shootings
Oxford UMC, Pastor, Staff, Guests, United Methodists, and Christians everywhere
Our Revived Church - *that Oxford UMC may be a great source of love for this community and that we may revive our vision*

We also pray for those whose names are unmentioned, dear Lord, for you know and love them.
We ask all these things in your name, Lord Jesus. *Amen!*

Prayer List

Need prayer with Pastor? Sign up on the sheet outside the office, or contact the church office

Faith That Blooms Anew

"Why are you anxious?" asked our Lord. Then He said, "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow. They neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." (Matthew 6:28–29, NIV)
Jesus' words remind us that just as God clothes the lilies of the field in beauty and splendor, he also provides faithfully for his people. The same Creator who tends to the flowers of spring cares for every detail of our lives. People of faith come to see that truth unfold year after year — in the budding trees, the soft blossoms, and the steady return of color after winter's gray. God's reliability is woven into creation itself.
As poet Adeline Whitney once wrote:

God does not send strange flowers every year,
When the Spring wind blows o'er the pleasant places,
The same dear things lift up the same fair faces,
The violet is here.

Each spring, those familiar blooms whisper the same promise: God is faithful still.

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Excelsior Bell Choir

The Bell Choir rehearsals are on
Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm
during the school year
If you have any questions please contact
Rosemary Rumbold (248-391-0973)

Praise Singers

Join us to practice Sunday's songs and hymns.
Rehearsals are at 5:30p on Wednesdays and 9am on
Sunday mornings.
If you have questions or if you
would like to be a part of the Praise Singers please
contact Renae Shagena (248-969-2225).

Book Discussion Group

Do you enjoy reading? We do!!!
Our book group is always looking for more
readers who like to chat with friends about
books. We meet the second Wednesday of the
month at 1pm in the Memorial Room.

Knit Knack

We meet every Friday from 1-3pm in the Fellowship Hall.
Please join us if you enjoy any type of needle work.
We are always willing to teach anyone who
would like to learn.
If you have any questions,
please call Mary Garrard, 248-613-4505.

Piece Makers Quilting

All are invited to attend the Piece Makers group
and help with our prayer quilts. We usually meet on
Wednesday afternoons (1st and 3rd weeks)
starting at 1pm.
Do you know someone who would like the comfort
of the prayers woven into a quilt during its creation?
These quilts are intended for anyone who could
use a hug and a prayer during challenging times.
If you have any questions, please
contact Linda McIntyre (248-245-7898).
Please keep praying!

Wednesday Video & Book Study

at 10:30am

Book / Video to be determined at the time of printing
- check for info in the Sunday programs

Lenten Book Study

after worship on Sundays (Starting 3/1)

"Lifted Up in Love" by Henri J. Nouwen
taught by Pastor Del Pino

MARCH Birthdays

March 2 - Holly Cischke
Jon Gross
March 3 - Lynda Bertich
Cameron Mumbrue
March 5 - Dahlia Turner
March 8 - Grayson East
March 11 - Teresa Nelson
March 19 - David Cischke
March 26 - Ginny Conrad
March 31 - Marta Acheson

MARCH Anniversaries

March 11 - Mike & Lucinda Bellairs

APRIL Birthdays

April 2 - Larry Bradford
April 3 - Cecelia Nicholson
April 15 - Renae Shagena
April 19 - Shirley Acheson
April 20 - Jordyn Meersseman
April 28 - Mary Garrard
April 30 - Carolynn Foss

APRIL Anniversaries

When Life Needs a Little Wind

Botanists say that trees need the powerful March winds to flex their trunks and main branches, so that the sap is drawn up to nourish the budding leaves.
Perhaps we need the gales of life in the same way, though we dislike enduring them. A blustery period in our fortunes is often the prelude to a new spring of life and health, success and happiness, when we keep steadfast in faith and look to the good in spite of appearances.
—Jane Truax

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UM Women: Rachel Circle

Ecclesiastes 3:1 - reminds us that there is a time for every season, meaning transitions are part of a Divine plan.

Rachel Circle is a wonderful women's group, we enjoy fellowship and service to the Lord through service to the church and activities. **However,** we are aware we are the senior women of the church, and our abilities are not as energetic as they once were.

Since the beginning of the year, Rachel Circle members have discussed how wonderful it would be to again add another women's group to the OUMC, as our church has had in the past. Two women's groups. This new women's group would be independent of Rachel Circle.

Rachel Circle will continue to meet the second Monday of each month (Sept. - June) at 10:30am. We will get back to our primary tasks and make the most of our gatherings.

The leaders of the new women's group (president / secretary / treasurer) along with new members would start fresh, choose a date & time that works for you and lead the way to a new generation of movers & shakers.

United Methodist Women is a large, vital movement in the Methodist church.

The church looks forward to hearing from you. If this sounds like something you might be interested in, please fill out the card found in the Friendship pads and on the Sanctuary information table, fill it in and place it in the offering basket during the offertory.

Proverbs 31:25 *"She is clothed with strength & dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future."* May this verse encourage all Christian women to live confidently, trust in the Lord knowing their value and security are rooted in God's strength rather than worldly circumstances. It serves as a reminder to embrace the future with excitement for the wonderful possibilities. For a Christ centered, purpose-driven life. I am very excited about the possibilities, I hope you are too!

Respectfully,
Mrs. Carolyn Lawrie
President, OUMC Rachel Circle

United Methodist Women
FAITH·HOPE·LOVE IN ACTION

UM Men: Band of Brothers

The United Methodist Men
focus on Evangelism, Missions,
and Spiritual Development.

Questions? Please contact
Fred Nelson, UMM President
(248-628-9826)

UNITED METHODIST MEN

There's Something Better Coming

The Easter season is a precious time for Christians to celebrate the source of our hope: Christ is risen, and he invites us to rise with him into new life. Easter reminds us that God is still at work, even in the places where we've felt stuck or discouraged.

- Easter is an invitation to try again—with his strength —to break habits we thought were unbreakable.
  There's something better coming.
- Easter is a chance to breathe new life into a stale marriage we feared was beyond saving.
  There's something better coming.
- Easter is an opportunity to slow down, reach out, and reconnect with those we've unintentionally neglected.
  There's something better coming.
- Easter is an invitation to look at our lack of love and seek God for compassion.
  There's something better coming.
- Easter is a chance for all no-hopers to regain their vision of what can be!
  There's something better coming.
- Easter is an opportunity to renew our faith.
  There's something better coming.
- Easter is a chance to "renew our strength and mount up with wings as eagles; to run and not faint."
  There's something better coming.

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Finance Update:

Thank you for your faithfulness in giving each month to God's church. We as a Finance team keep track of giving and expenses each month. Thank you for being a good servant. Please help monthly with our General Fund. If you haven't already done so, please take the time to fill out your commitment cards for 2026 so we may plan our budget for this new year.

"Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce." Proverbs 3:9

January Giving	$5,323.91
February Giving	$4,368.31
2026 Giving Subtotal	$9,692.22
Budget for 2026	*$137,925.00*

We give thanks for all that you can do!

If you prefer to write a check or donate with cash, please use your offering envelopes. If you would like information on how to do it electronically, please see Becky in the church office.

If you need envelopes or have a question about your giving statement, please call Larry Bradford, financial secretary or leave a message for him with the church office.

"Do all the good you can,
in all the places you can,
to all the people you can."

Rev. John Wesley (founder of Methodism)

Youth Group: Elementary & Middle School

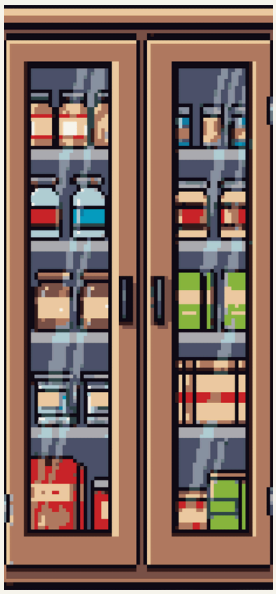
Wednesdays from 6-7pm

Youth Group: High School

Sundays from 6-7:30pm

Oxford / Orion FISH Food Pantry

"Neighbors Helping Neighbors"



We are collecting FISH donations on the first Sunday of each month. You may also make out a check to Oxford UMC and put "FISH Food Pantry" in the memo line and we will make sure that your donation gets there. "Thank You!"

Current Needs -

Canned chicken Canned stew Canned pasta Canned soup
Canned tuna Canned fruit Broth Bagged or Boxed Potatoes
Any non-perishable food Personal care items Feminine Products Chilli

Current Hours -

Office: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9 to noon
Pantry: Tuesdays - 1-3pm; Wednesdays - 10-2pm; Thursdays - 1-5 pm;
3rd Saturdays of month - 9:45-11:30am

Questions? Contact Laura Clancy
(She would like to share this ministry with someone - please let her know if you are able to help!)

FISH is a 100% volunteer organization and they need your help.
All donations are tax deductible. Remember - NO EXPIRED FOOD PLEASE!

FISH Location: 1060 S. Lapeer Rd., Oxford
Website: www.oxfordorionfish.org

To receive food from FISH:
(248) 628-3933

If you or someone you know would like a Free! hot meal please invite them to visit:

Lake Orion UMC (Mondays)
Immanuel Congregational (Tuesdays)
LakePoint Community (Thursdays)
from 5:30-6:30pm
and/or Oxford UMC (Saturdays) from 9:30-10:30am

All Are Welcome!

All are invited to the community Free! meal program at OUMC!!

On Saturday mornings we are serving breakfast at PFP (People Feeding People)! We encourage you to attend and not only be fed by food but also with fellowship. We are lifting people up through nutrition and friendship. We are providing a hot breakfast and most weeks a sack lunch for people in the Fellowship Hall (the 3rd week is carryout). If you are interested in helping in any way please contact Kathy Laidlaw (248) 701-5910. We hope that you come and enjoy!!!

WHERE: Oxford United Methodist Church
WHEN: Saturdays, 9:30-10:30 am
Oxford UMC is serving on March 21 & 28, April 4 & 18

Love in the Name of Christ (Love INC) of North Oakland County is a non-profit network of churches in the area, including Oxford UMC. The mission of Love INC is to mobilize local volunteers and churches to help those in need and transform lives in the name of Christ. They try to provide any help that is beyond the scope of the churches on their own.

The Clothing Closet (at Oxford Freedom Church at 790 S. Lapeer Road) is open on Wednesdays from 9:00am-12:00pm.

The Connection Center (at LakePoint Church at 1550 W. Drahner Rd) needs help.

Love INC is now overseeing the Meals on Wheels program here at Oxford UMC!

If you would like to donate your time or money to help your neighbors in need, or need help please contact them:
Website - www.loveincofnoc.org or call 248-693-4357 for more information.

Oxford UMC Sunday Servants:

(Please contact Laura Clancy or Michelle Mumbrue to volunteer!)

	March 1 2nd Sunday in Lent Holy Communion	March 8 3rd Sunday in Lent	March 15 4th Sunday in Lent UMCOR Sunday (Special Offering) Bells & Brunch	March 22 5th Sunday in Lent	March 29 Palm Sunday	April 5 Easter Sunday Holy Communion	April 12 2nd Sunday of Easter	April 19 3rd Sunday of Easte Native American Ministries Sunday (Special Offering) Bells & Brunch	April 26 4th Sunday of Easter
Liturgist	Carolyn Lawrie	Steve Matteson	Dan Mumbrue	Sue Rizzo	Steve Laidlaw				
Children's Word									
Acolyte									
Usher(s)	Steve Matteson	Madeline Maline	Steve Matteson	Steve Matteson	Steve Matteson				
Greeter(s)	Bob Willobee & Laura Clancy	Bob Willobee & Laura Clancy	Bob Willobee & Laura Clancy	Bob Willobee & Laura Clancy	Bob Willobee & Laura Clancy				
Friendship Hour	Wednesday Bible Study	Worship	Brunch	PFP	Rachel Circle	PFP	Bell Choir	Brunch	Rachel Circle
Tech Team (PC)	David Cischke	Evan Sweeder	Eric Richard	David Cischke	Evan Sweeder	Eric Richard	David Cischke	Evan Sweeder	Eric Richard

Kasper's Corner - Hope Realigned

Posted on February 4, 2026

I have been deprived of peace; I have forgotten what prosperity is.
So I say, "My splendor is gone and all that I had hoped from the Lord."
The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him;
it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.
Lamentations 3:17-18, 25-26 NIV

...He had spent a lifetime trying to tell them, imploring them to change, revealing the consequences if they did not turn their lives and their society around. But would they listen? No. Though he had prophesied Jerusalem's fall, the butchery of the Babylonians had stunned Jeremiah. Sobs racked his body. Endless tears ran down his cheeks, mixed with the dirt on his face and caked in his beard. Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Daughter of Zion, City of God, fallen. Gone. The prophet knew in his heart that the city's punishment was just; but that didn't stop the ache in his soul as he watched his city burn. Everything he'd ever cared about and all his dreams were utterly destroyed. "My splendor is gone and all that I had hoped from the Lord."

There are too many for whom Jeremiah's situation feels all too real: Communities in immerging from the ravages of winter storm; Ukraine, Gaza, countries in Africa and South America, North Korea, and more dealing with war, despot governments, or civil upheaval; fear and anxieties on our own homefront as governmental dictates are being carried out in ways that are just plain wrong; closer to home some have lost everything to fire, lives have been torn asunder by marital conflict and divorce, by death of a loved one, by health issues, by job loss, by … you fill in the blank. When hope is shattered, there is an understandable emotional outcry. We lose something that gives us life and energy and lose the ability to look beyond present circumstances into future possibilities. Our disappointment easily becomes bitterness and despair. With the prophet Jeremiah we lament, "*My splendor is gone and all that I had hoped from the Lord*."

It is in the gravity of such great disappointment, of such great despair at the destruction of Jerusalem, the temple, and the nation's exile that Jeremiah writes Lamentations.

...Jeremiah begins lamenting the loss of everything dear to him. He has not received from God what he expected. How often aren't we in the same place? Grief is real; it needs to be acknowledged and faced honestly. But by the middle of the lament, Jeremiah's perspective changes; hope begins to replace despair. The circumstances are the same – he's still looking upon a smoldering city – so what has caused this change? Jeremiah has realigned his perspective and changed his focus. Instead of hoping *for* something *from* the Lord, he is hoping *in* the Lord. "*The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him*."

When we are hoping for something from God, we are still looking at our circumstances; we want something to make our circumstances better. Working to change the circumstances is not wrong but when that becomes the first and primary response, God is usually overlooked. Our response is typically self-focused, even when we say we are focusing our emotions and actions on the fate of others. If we would truly respond in a God-like way, with the love of God to be able to offer true hope, then we must first align our relationship *with* God and put our hope *in* God. So how do we do that? How do we put our hope *in* God?

Hope in God is a decision, an act of faith. After voicing his despair, Jeremiah *chose* to remember what he knew was true about God. "*This I will call to mind…*" . "*I will say to myself…*" . Jeremiah knew what God had promised and what God's character was like and chose to focus on those things instead of allowing his motions and emotions to be in control. Our feelings are based on limited and skewed perspectives of reality. Like Jeremiah, we need to actively recall the truth of who God is. The only accurate picture of God is found in God's Word. When disappointment becomes more than you can bear, the Word of God will help you to realign your hope by reminding you of the truth of who God is.

Placing hope in God reminds us that only God truly satisfies. Jeremiah reminds himself, "*The Lord is my portion*". It is a statement of absolute dependence on God; the Lord alone is enough. How often do we turn to inferior things of this world in an attempt to find satisfaction? But, as David states repeatedly in the Psalms, it is a relationship with God that fills. "*I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name will I lift up my hands. My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you*" (63:4-5). "*You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand*" (16:11).

Placing hope in God requires reflection and solitude. Jeremiah says a curious thing in verses 26-28: "*It is good to wait quietly … sit alone in silence*." Recognizing that God is enough even in the midst of disappointment is a vital aspect of placing hope in God. This kind of silence can be a scary thing...

Hoping *in* God does two things: it recognizes that the things of this world aren't going to satisfy the aches in our souls no matter how much we believe they will and so enables us to have a sure foundation when the things of this world drop out from under us. This realignment of focus, then, is just as important for those of us experiencing blessing as it is for those experiencing loss and disappointment. Both are equally capable of destroying us if we fail to respond to them properly. Apart from a hope that transcends the words, pictures, thoughts, and travesties that demand our primary focus on a daily basis there can be no release from the endless cycle of disappointment, anger, and hopelessness.

Align your hope in God first. Only as we place our focus on God first and put our hope in God will we be truly free to respond with care, love, justice, and mercy. With Jeremiah let us say, "*The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord*" (25-26).

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From the Bishop

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Conference (click here)
Or the East Winds District (click here)

Just for Fun

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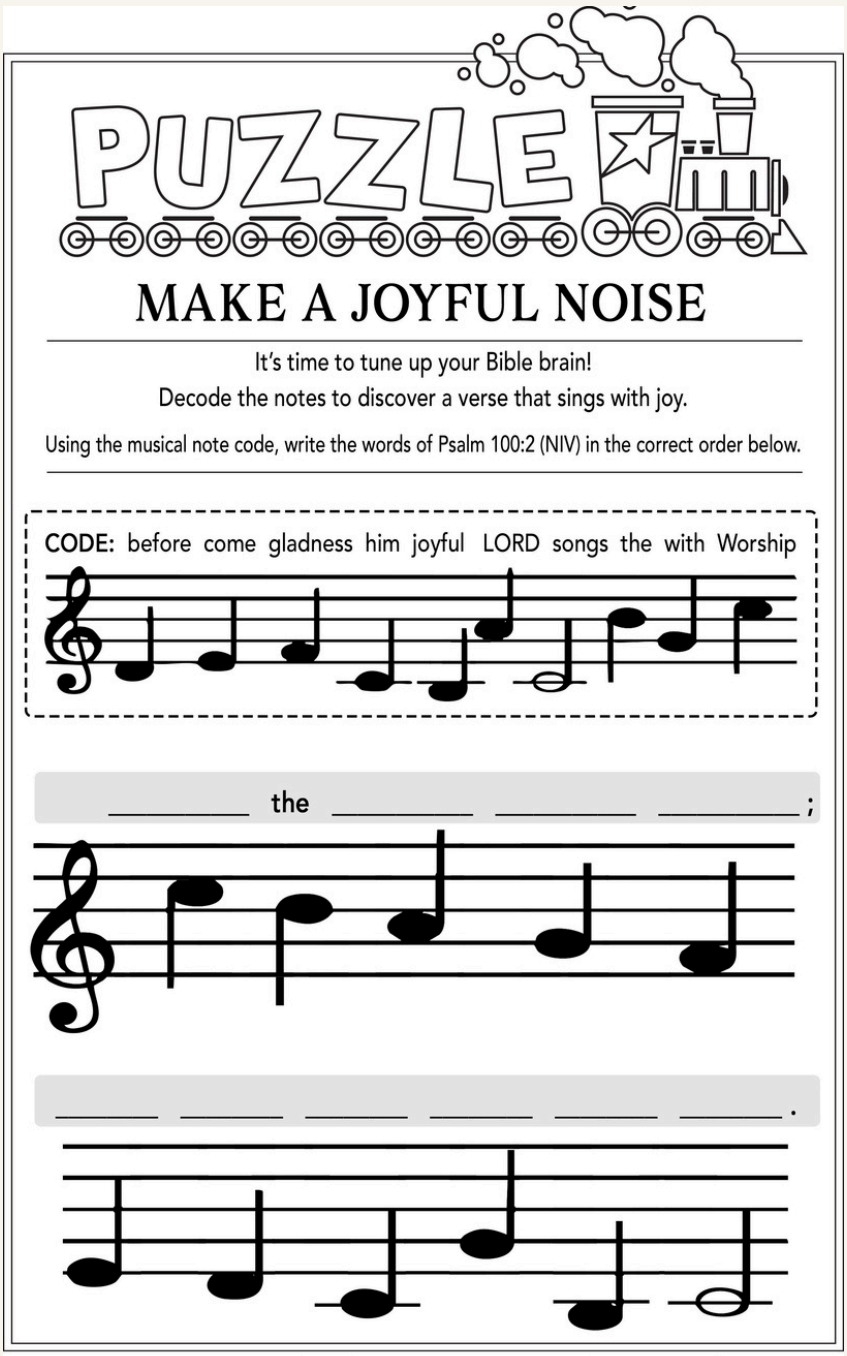

PUZZLE

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE

It's time to tune up your Bible brain!
Decode the notes to discover a verse that sings with joy.

Using the musical note code, write the words of Psalm 100:2 (NIV) in the correct order below.

CODE: before come gladness him joyful LORD songs the with Worship

_____ the _____ _____ _____;

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____.

Answer: Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

The butterfly reminds us of new life and the Resurrection. After three days, Jesus rose from the dead and brings us the hope of new beginnings. This simple craft helps children celebrate that joyful truth.

What you need:

- Light-colored construction paper
- Card stock
- Glue
- Paint
- Paintbrush
- Paper towel or baby wipe

What you do:

- Cut out a butterfly body from the construction paper.
- Glue the butterfly body onto the card stock.
- Use a paintbrush to coat the palm of one hand with paint.
- Press your painted hand beside the butterfly body to create a wing.
- Repeat with your other hand to make the second wing.
- Clean your hands with a paper towel or baby wipe.
- Optional: Add Luke 24:5–6 (NIV) around the butterfly or on its body:

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!"

March

Usual Weekly Events:

Sundays - 9am (S) Praise Singer Practice | 10am (S) Worship | 6:30pm (Y) Youth Group: High School

Mondays - 10:30am (SK) Meals on Wheels

Tuesdays - 10:30am (SK) Meals on Wheels | 12pm PROGRAM DEADLINE | 8am - 4pm (W) Dragonfly Hybrid

Wednesdays - 10am - 1pm (W) Cleaning Crew | 10:30am (SK) Meals on Wheels | 10:30am (M) Book Study | 1pm (1st/3rd weeks) Piece Maker Quilting | 5:30pm (S) Praise Singer Practice | 6pm (Y) Youth Group: Middle School | 6:30pm (S) Bell Choir Practice

Thursdays - 10:30am (SK) Meals on Wheels | 8am - 4pm (W) Dragonfly Hybrid

Fridays - 10:30am (SK) Meals on Wheels | 2pm (U) Knit Knack Crafts

Saturdays - 9:30am-10:30am (F/FK) People Feeding People

2026 MARCH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

3/1 - 10am (S) 2nd Sunday in Lent: Holy Communion

3/2 - 7pm (F/FK) Church Council Meeting

3/3 - 7pm (Y) Trustees

3/4 - 6pm (Y) Youth Group: Elementary & Middle School

3/8 - 10am (S) 3rd Sunday in Lent: Lahaina UMC: Maui presentation with Pastor Julius & Laurie Del Pino

Daylight Savings Time Begins

~11:15am Revive

3/9 - 10:30am (F/FK) Rachel Circle

7pm (F/FK) Worship Team

3/11 - 1pm (M) Reading for Fun

3/15 - 10am (S) 4th Sunday in Lent: Bells & Brunch

UMCOR Sunday (Special Offering)

3/17 - St. Patrick's Day

3/22 - 10am (S) 5th Sunday in Lent

3/29 - 10am (S) Palm Sunday

3/30 - 4/4 Holy Week

Holy Week

DAILY ACTIVITY GUIDE

Palm Sunday
Triumphant Entry
- **Reading:** Matthew 21:1-11
- **Activity:** Make palm crosses or a palm-themed craft.

Monday
Cleansing the Temple
- **Reading:** Mark 11:15-18
- **Activity:** Take a reflective walk, silently praying about what you wish to eliminate from your life or discussing obstacles that hinder your time with God.

Tuesday
Speaking in Parables
- **Reading:** Matthew 22:1-14
- **Activity:** Choose a Gospel and count how many parables Jesus uses. For a challenge, identify which parables are in each Gospel book.

Wednesday
Silent Wednesday
- **Reading:** Psalm 46
- **Activity:** Engage in a quiet challenge, focusing on prayer, Scripture or silent activities with minimal speaking.

Thursday
The Last Supper
- **Reading:** John 13:1-20
- **Activity:** Re-create a foot washing ceremony by washing each other's feet.

Good Friday
The Crucifixion
- **Reading:** Isaiah 53
- **Activity:** Draw, paint or write about the theme of sacrifice or caring.

Holy Saturday
Day of Preparation
- Reading: Luke 23:50-56
- Activity: Prepare for Easter by decorating or cooking traditional foods like bread.

Easter Sunday
Jesus Is Risen!
- Reading: John 20:1-18
- Activity: Celebrate the Resurrection with joy and fellowship by singing worship songs or sharing a meal.

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April

Usual Weekly Events:

Sundays - 9am (S) Praise Singer Practice | 10am (S) Worship | 6pm (Y) Youth Group: High School

Mondays - 10:30am (SK) Meals on Wheels

Tuesdays - 10:30am (SK) Meals on Wheels | 12pm PROGRAM DEADLINE | 8am - 4pm (W) Dragonfly Hybrid

Wednesdays - 10am - 1pm (W) Cleaning Crew | 10:30am (SK) Meals on Wheels | 10:30am (M) Book Study | 1pm (1st/3rd weeks) Piece Maker Quilting | 5:30pm (S) Praise Singer Practice | 6pm (Y) Youth Group: Middle School | 6:30pm (S) Bell Choir Practice

Thursdays - 10:30am (SK) Meals on Wheels | 8am - 4pm (W) Dragonfly Hybrid

Fridays - 10:30am (SK) Meals on Wheels | 2pm (U) Knit Knack Crafts

Saturdays - 9:30am-10:30am (F/FK) People Feeding People

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

4/1 - April Fools Day

4/2 - 5:30pm Maundy Thursday Worship @ Thomas UMC

4/3 - 12noon Good Friday Worship @ Oxford UMC

4/5 - 10am (S) Easter Sunday: Holy Communion

4/6 - Easter Monday (Office Closed)

7pm (F/FK) Church Council

4/7- 7pm (Y) Trustees

4/8 - 1pm (M) Reading for Fun

4/12 - 10am (S) 2nd Sunday of Easter

~11:15am Revive

- 5pm (S) Superbowl Chili Cook Off & Dinner

4/13 - 10:30am (F/FK) Rachel Circle

- 7pm (F/FK) Worship Team

4/15- THE GRAPEVINE DEADLINE: May/June Issue

4/19 - 10am (S) 3rd Sunday of Easter: Bells & Brunch

Native American Ministries (Special Offering)

4/26 - 10am (S) 4th Sunday of Easter

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(and also join us online or via radio)

10:00am Worship

10:20am Sunday School to classes
(during Worship Service, Sept - May)

Coffee & Refreshments after service

All Are Welcome!