



The Grapevine

Oxford United Methodist Church
Rev. Dr. Julius E. Del Pino, Pastor
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“I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them, bear much fruit...” John 15:5

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.

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We Are Becoming a Revived Church!
Thanks to Each of You for Believing...



for Worship!
10am / online
Holy Communion -
First Sunday of the month



From the Minister



Oh how blessed we are as a congregation on a new journey of faith, growth and health! We are in the summer months which bring warmer weather and a slower pace of living - a time to take stock and re-energize. Children are on vacation and youth are looking for summer employment. Many of you will be going camping on weekends and others will travel to states outside of Michigan to see family members whom they have not seen in over a year due to the pandemic. Some will even have an opportunity to travel internationally to other parts of the world to see family/friends and broaden their world view.

While these events will take place for many, there will be those who will happily remain in Michigan all summer. Though many of you will be vacationing and taking advantage of warm summer days, the church's ministry continues. We will still worship a God of love, justice and mercy. We will care for the sick and dying. The faithful will continue to pray for this church, Oxford Township, the state and the world. The Praise Singers and other musicians will continue to plan for summer worship and beyond. Our social media tools will equip members to creatively reveal ways to tell our story, locally, regionally and nationally. The preached word will be proclaimed. With the leadership of Patty Dennis and laity, The Church Revive task force efforts will move into full gear. We have much to do, but with unrelenting faith in God, sacrifice, obedience and self-giving love, Oxford UMC will succeed in fulfilling its VISION! Recall it with me.....

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.

In His Holy Name.
Julius E. Del Pino



Worship in person, online or in your cars!
Please follow these in person guidelines:
Wear a face mask please and social distance 6 feet apart - if you haven't had your vaccination. It's always a good idea to wash your hands often, and please stay home if you are feeling sick.
OUMC volunteers are disinfecting high touch surfaces.

Worship Online at
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCN2R96oWdXzxDqwdz8YBlrQ>
(or follow the link on our website)

Worship in your car on 87.9FM

Church Conference

September 29th at 7:30pm
(Zoom Conference)

[SPPRC - August 11th Zoom meeting w/the D. S.]

A time for church leaders and members to review our missions and ministries, church goals, pastoral compensation, and highlights and challenges ahead.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Please note: All committee leaders are requested to submit their 2021 reports to the church office before **Monday, September 6th.**

Questions? Contact Pastor or Becky (248-628-1289)

July 4 - 6th Sunday after Pentecost / Holy Communion

Gospel: Matthew 6:25-34
"Sailing Under Orders"

July 11 - 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Gospel: Matthew 5:11-16
"You Are the Light!"

July 18 - 8th Sunday after Pentecost / Outdoor Worship

Gospel: John 8:31-33
"Lets Take the Road to Truth"

July 25 - 9th Sunday after Pentecost

TBD



The Church “Revived” - Study Groups

MAY 2021

Rosemary Rumbold and Sue Rizzo graciously taught many who were excited to learn about how to grow and survive here at Oxford UMC based on the “Anatomy of a Revived Church” book...

We have completed our book study of a revived church, and were excited to see 20+ people at each meeting. Thanks to everyone who attended! We have already seen several changes at the church with the cry room modernized and the Sanctuary rearranged differently. We are calling the bulletin the program and announcements are called ministry moments. We now have a worship team who will work on making our services vibrant, interesting and run smoothly. These are only small changes but they are a good start. We would love to talk to anyone who has ideas on how to make our church more appealing to guests.

Sue Rizzo & Rosemary Rumbold



- Steps to a Revived Church with Patty Dennis

JUNE 30, 2021

We were privileged to have Patty Dennis give us a presentation on the next steps to becoming a revived church. Here are the highlights:

It was with eager anticipation that twenty plus members of the congregation met with Patty Dennis, facilitator, and Rev. Julius to review what we gleaned from reading the book and to plan for the future. Some of the points were

1. The importance of prayer.
2. The need to look forward not backward.
3. The need to look outward not inward.
4. That Christ must be at the center of everything we do.
5. There is no quick fix.

We then turned our attention to the future.

1. We need to make every guest feel welcome by greeting them, helping them find a seat if necessary, inviting them to coffee and sitting and talking with them.
2. Put fear and blame behind us, and look forward to the future with hope and confidence.
3. Let others see that we are excited about our faith. Then they will be excited too.

4. Develop our own relationship with God. Patty challenged us, by giving us tasks to work on during the summer. We look forward to meeting with her again in September, to continue to seek God’s will for O.U.M.C. and His plan for us in the community.

The following people are on the “Church Revived” Team:

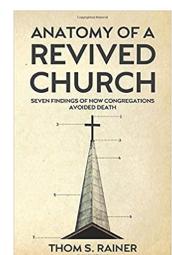
- ◆ Steve and Kathy Laidlaw
- ◆ Sue Rizzo
- ◆ Bernie and Rosemary Rumbold
- ◆ Bill and Christy Turk
- ◆ John Warren
- ◆ Michelle Wood

Steve will be leading the group and for that we thank him.

Please pray for this team as we plan the future for our church. If you have any questions please contact Steve.

Rosemary Rumbold

This book is still available if you are interested:
“Anatomy of a Revived Church”
Seven Findings of How Congregations
Avoided Death
by Thom S. Ranier



2021 MI Annual Conference - A Summary

A Virtual Conference

Kay Demoss - Senior Content Editor

June 5, 2021 | LANSING

Saturday's agenda at the 2021 Michigan Annual Conference included significant time for important legislation.

What a difference a year makes.

As business got underway, Bishop David Bard recalled, "Last year was our first attempt at a virtual annual conference and because we were uncertain about a number of aspects of the technology available to us, I asked persons who had submitted resolutions that went beyond necessary business if they would be willing to withdraw them. I remain very grateful that everyone agreed to do so in 2020." This year, we opened up the resolution process and today we will be focused on addressing resolutions submitted."

The 2020 Resolutions were not considered in legislative committees, as in previous annual conferences. They were addressed by committee of the whole in the plenary session. In 2021, members were assigned to one of eight legislative committees meeting on Tuesday or Wednesday evening on Zoom. At 6:00 pm Thursday evening, members had a Legislative Report in the inbox detailing the legislative committee action on each resolution. While Legislative Coordinator Diane Brown was not at the lectern as in previous years, she was working mightily behind the scenes. In 2020, members voted on "essential" legislation on July 27 on a paper ballot, which they then returned by U.S. Mail. Those ballots were counted on August 28 and announced by Bishop Bard on September 7, 2020. Members of the 2021 Annual Conference voted electronically, which meant the results of votes were immediately known.

On Saturday morning, the bishop reminded members of Robert's Rules of Order and the Rules of the Annual Conference and then noted, "I am committed to both keeping the process moving and to making sure we are not moving so quickly as to lose people. We will be patient with each other as we do our work."

More familiar with use of Zoom technology, after a year's worth of practice, clergy and lay members entered into debate with enthusiasm.

[A list of actions taken on resolutions may be found here: [Summary of actions on resolutions - The Michigan Conference \(michiganumc.org.\)](#)] For detailed understanding consult:

- the Resolutions found in the [2021 Michigan Annual Conference Program Guide](#).
- the actions taken by the eight committees available in the [2021 Michigan Annual Conference Legislation Report](#).

(You may also discuss these events with our Lay Member to Annual Conference - John Warren)

**To read the latest from the Bishop ([click here](#))
Conference ([click here](#))
Or the East Winds District
([click here](#))**

Bishop Bard Appeals for Disaster Funds



Record rainfall the weekend of June 26-27 has left many in Michigan recovering from flooding of homes and churches. Bishop Bard appeals for gifts to the MI Conf. Disaster Response Fund.

Dear Friends in Christ in the Michigan Conference,

Last week I presided over the Minnesota Conference. When we left to travel to Minnesota, the state of Michigan was in the midst of a drought, significant in some places. Over this past weekend, the state moved from drought to deluge.

Flooding has been particularly severe in the wider Detroit metropolitan area with flooded basements and closed interstates. Wayne and Washtenaw counties seem to be the epicenter of the damage. In addition, tornadoes struck other parts of the state, though the majority thankfully touched down in low-populated areas.

In his letter to the Corinthian Jesus community, Paul writes about our interconnectedness in Jesus Christ that when one part of a body suffers, all suffer with it (I Corinthians 12:26). There is a truth there about our shared humanity. When there is suffering, we are invited to feel it, know it and respond to it in the name and spirit of Jesus.

Our tendency in such situations is often to respond by showing up. While there are some limited opportunities for direct assistance right now, I would encourage you to consider a gift to the Michigan Conference Disaster Response Fund as an initial response to this storm damage and flooding. To donate by check, please give to [Oxford UMC and put "MI Conference Disaster Response Fund" on the memo line] Those wishing to donate online may do so here.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and for your ongoing prayers for those whose lives have been affected by this recent weather, weather which may continue to adversely affect even more people the rest of the week.

Our Michigan Conference staff and our Disaster Response Coordinator, Dan O'Malley, will keep us updated on ways we can continue to help... A semi filled with 2,080 Cleaning Kits arrived from Sager Brown Depot in Baldwin, LA this morning... We will be looking for more buckets (cleaning kits) soon. I invite you to watch for further information. I also invite you to review the [Michigan Conference website for general information on disaster response](#).

When The United Methodist Church responds to disasters, our expertise through UMCOR is long-term disaster recovery. After the initial response phase, which often gets the most media attention, comes the long-term work of disaster recovery, helping people put their lives back together through direct aid and help with accessing additional resources. Know that...we are in this for the long haul. Thank you for all the ways you reach out to hurting people and a hurting world in the name of Jesus Christ.

Local Missions & Outreach

Oxford / Orion FISH Food Pantry "Neighbors Helping Neighbors"

We would like to resume 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!"



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

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

Their Current Hours -
 Office: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9 to noon
 Pantry: Tuesday and Thursday: 2-3 pm and 4-5 pm; Saturday - 3rd Sat of month 10-11 am

At this time, they are giving food curbside based on family size and set amounts to facilitate distribution and provide to clients equally. There is a variety of food provided including meat and dairy products.

Important: The pantry will be **closed July 1-12** to prepare for the **reopening on July 13** for inside shopping.

Any questions, contact Julie Langley (248-628-9619) or John & Devon Warren (248-778-8735)

Remember, FISH is a 100% volunteer organization and they need your help.
 All donations are tax deductible.

Community Outreach



Keep your eyes on the program
COMING SOON!

Planning is going on to host a
1st Responders Give Back Day

A little birdie told me there will be an Ice Cream Social, games for the kids, a bake sale, and maybe even a quilt raffle or two!!!

All to support those who have worked so hard to keep us safe in our community

Love In the Name of Christ (INC) - North Oakland Co.

Stronger Together ★ **Summer Donation Drive** ★

Each week in July we will be collecting items most requested by our neighbors in need.

Week 1 ★ shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, body wash, lotion

New Items Only for All Donations

Week 2 ★ razors, shaving cream, deodorant, pads, tampons, chapstick

Week 3 ★ toilet paper, paper towels, tissue, all purpose cleaner

Week 4 ★ dish soap, dishwasher soap, laundry soap, fabric softener

Collection site: Orion Center at 1335 Josyln Rd in Lake Orion. Look for the box inside the door.

LOVE INC
 LOVE IN THE NAME OF CHRIST
 NORTH OAKLAND COUNTY

If you are interested in making a financial donation, please visit our website www.loveincfinc.org
 Text loveincfnoc to 41444
 Mail Checks to P.O. Box 104 Lake Orion 48361

Community Free Meals

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

Lake Orion UMC (Mondays),

Immanuel Congregational (Tuesdays and Wednesdays)

and/or Lakepoint Church (Thursdays)

between 5:30 - 6:30pm!



2021 Church Council

Church Council Chairperson:

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Members at Large - Church Council:
John Warren (2021)

Church Council meets the last Tuesday of the month at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

If you would like to be prayerfully considered for a particular ministry please contact the Pastor (248)628-1289



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

Rev. John Wesley (founder of Methodism)

Stewardship & Finance Update

Christian Stewardship is the responsible use of our time, treasure and talents to advance the Kingdom and it provides an opportunity to witness taking our faith and joy into the world - beyond the walls of the church building. During the last year, the church and our congregation have experienced some very unprecedented times and it has been challenging for most. The Church would like to take a moment to recognize and thank our dedicated parishioners for continuing to faithfully support Oxford UMC with their time, treasure and talents throughout all of the obstacles and challenges we have faced. We are so excited to be able to have in-person services again and have it fill the void that has been missing for so many of us. We look forward to seeing you!

We as a Finance team keep track of giving and expenses each month. Thank you for your faithfulness. Please help monthly with our General Fund.

January Giving	\$ 1,125.00
February Giving	\$ 7,540.00
March Giving	\$ 8,298.00
April Giving	\$ 10,702.25
May Giving	\$ 7,322.34
June Giving	\$ ~ 7,128.00

Budget for 2021 \$ 115,934.00

Note: If you prefer to write a check or donate with cash, please use your offering envelopes. If you need envelopes, please call the office (248-628-1289) or Larry Bradford, financial secretary.

**KEEP YOUR GIVING STEADY
BY GIVING YOUR DONATIONS
ELECTRONICALLY!
FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE
SANCTUARY OR FROM THE
CHURCH OFFICE.
THERE IS NO FEE TO JOIN.**



Thomas Cook Education Scholarship Award

Thomas Cook is a graduate of Kalamazoo College and will enroll in Syracuse University in the fall, where he plans to earn a master's degree in sports media. He is a fine young Christian with strong faith, a Methodist background and a firm belief in the Gospel with Jesus as his savior. Baptized and worshipping in the Grand Blanc area, Tom applied for a scholarship from Oxford UMC, and at a meeting of the Church Council, his application was considered and approved. He is unfortunately the sole applicant for a scholarship this year. This award will be funded from Oxford UMC, leaving the Conner-Wood funds untouched for the future.

It is great that we can reach outside the church into the community and assist a fellow believer in pursuit of his goals. Who knows where his future lies, but we can be sure his life will touch many, all for the better! Tom is an Eagle Scout, has participated in and led youth services, and helped out at Flint South End soup kitchen. He was active in a Christian ministry: Athletes in Action (AIA) during his time at Kalamazoo College, and he anticipates further involvement in AIA while at Syracuse. (FYI - Syracuse University is affiliated with the United Methodist Church.) Please plan to attend church on Sunday, August 22 and welcome Tom and his family. The scholarship will be presented and he will address the congregation.

Bernie Rumbold
Amy Beth Fleischer
The Stewardship Committee

To Facebook or Not Facebook? That is the question!

I am in the “social media” generation. Well, I almost got past it. It can be a great tool when you want to be connected with family and friends that are not local. It can be quite the distraction when you need to get laundry done but you are too “busy” scrolling through the pages.

I am writing to share two great ways to reach out to our community about our wonderful church; one way uses Facebook and one way does not. I am pretty sure you would fit into one of these categories.

First, to all the Facebook users. And keep in mind, if you don't use Facebook, maybe you have a relative or friend that does and they could help you share the news on their page! Oxford UMC is represented on Facebook with our very own page! It shows our beautiful church at the top and lots on information throughout. You may already be a part of the page but if you are not, you can search it by the web address or the title:

Web: www.facebook.com/OxfordUnitedMethodist or
Search within Facebook: “Oxford UMC”

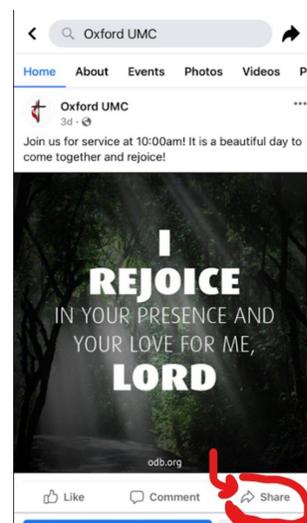
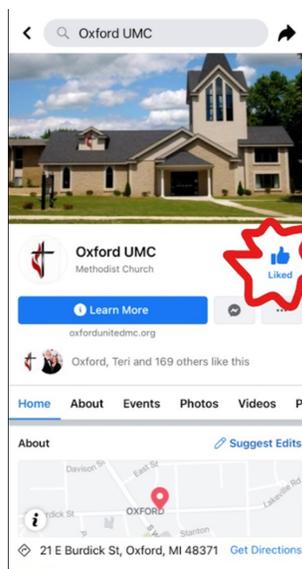
You can “like” our page to start seeing all of the posts. But “seeing” our post is simply not enough. Just as you are an active member of the church, we need you to be an active promoter of the church. And it all happens with a click of the mouse! You can comment and “share” the page. “Sharing” the page means you are sharing our post to all of your friends and family (see how in the images). And just like seeing pictures of yummy food over and over from a restaurant, eventually you will want to try it out. Maybe we are not a decadent crème brulee or double chocolate cake, but no one will know all that we have to offer the community and our congregation until we “share” the good news.

Not a Facebook user? Not a problem! We still need you to be an active promoter of our amazing church community that wants to help the people of Oxford and beyond! Make it a point to “sprinkle” in the Oxford United Methodist Church name or happenings in your

conversations. Yes, you should talk about your children and your grandchildren. But make sure to mention that you are excited about the movement of our church, the upcoming outdoor service, and youth activities that are coming! Make it a goal to share information with at least 5 people a week. Maybe you are talking with your hairdresser and 3 other people in the salon hear your news about the church. Maybe you are eating lunch with a friend and mention your experience at the “Sing Along” at the church. There are so many possibilities to “share” even without Facebook.

We, the active attendees of this church that care so much about it and our community, have to step up and get the word out. It takes all of us! Not just the staff, the Pastor, and/or the teams. We ALL want to keep these doors open! Let's make sure we are bringing people in those open doors by sharing the good news – we are growing!! Everyone is welcome to come grow with us!

Christy Turk



Prayer

"I will pray for you." Have you ever said those words to someone, meaning them at the time and then you got busy with your life and forgot to keep praying for them? Do you pray when you go to sleep? Maybe something you were taught to say when you were a child but now it is just one of those things you do without hardly thinking about it. If a loved one is sick or your life isn't working out the way you think it should, do you pray hard but just kind of stop for a while? Except for Sunday morning, of course? To tell you the truth, most Christians pray this way. It can be hard to do in the day to day scheme of things - but this is what we forget... God never stops trying to connect with us. Prayer is the conduit we use to have a relationship with our loving Father. And as a loving parent, God understands. But in the end we are the ones missing out.



thank and praise God and then he asks for what he needs, tells God what is going on in his life, creates that relationship, and then thanks and praises God again because he trusts him to take care of things.

Pray without ceasing - talk to God about your day, tell him about the bad driver who cut you off, look for the blessings and wish those who upset you well, pray for the Father's love to fill every area of your life. Do it enough and you will be able to forgive the unforgiveable. Not because evil is ok, but because you need to be healed and God can do that.

Thank God for all things - find the silver lining and you will start to leave your selfishness [thinking about your self and your problems] behind. You will start praying for others, daily, constantly - you will even seek out people to pray for. It is at this stage that you will need to start praying for Oxford UMC and the whole church. It becomes a Holy Spirit given longing to connect with God.

If you have a need to pray for Oxford UMC we are looking for a few of you. Oxford UMC will only revive and grow with people praying hard. If you love Oxford UMC and you are willing to pray for its missions and vision we need you. Join a few others, walk through the church, sit in the Sanctuary and pray for the revival. Please let the church office or Pastor Julius know you are being led to do this. His will be done.

Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Praying was considered so important to our Lord Jesus Christ that he taught us the right way to pray in The Lord's Prayer. The first thing he does in this prayer is to

Pray for One Another Daily -

this is one of the most important things we can do to care for one another!

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

Dorothy - Aunt of Emma Taylor Charlie Garrard Gary Pearlman
 Lucinda Bellairs Lillian - Sister of Emma Taylor Kristina Del Pino
 Shelia Burdette - Mother of Christy Turk Brendan Stokes
 Chuck McIntyre Ron Bunker Shirley Acheson Shirley Conner

Our Homebound - Bill Connor, Sue Enekes, Gertrude Curtis, Linda Brown

We ask your blessings upon:

All our brothers and sisters who deal with racism & hatred
 First responders, caregivers, medical personnel and all affected by Covid-19
 Those with mental illnesses - especially depression or anxiety
 All those who live alone, are lonely or do not have someone to pray for them
 All those unemployed or underemployed and those working from home
 All our school children, their teachers and administrators
 Our local and national representatives in all three branches of government
 Those in the armed forces serving on our behalf
 Those affected by Natural Disasters & Violence in the US and worldwide
 Oxford UMC Church Council, Trustees, Pastor and Staff
 Oxford UMC Membership, Constituents, 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 these prayers in your name, Lord Jesus. Amen.



Memorial Celebration at Ridgelawn Cemetery

MAY 31, 2021

Pastor Julius and Shirley Acheson joined members of the Scouts and local members of the military to honor those who have gone before on Memorial Day...



Our Missions & Outreach Groups

UM Women: Rachel Circle

Rachel Circle is a sisterhood of Christian fellowship. We support one another, we raise money to assist with missions, we volunteer for Coffee Hour Fellowship (when applicable), memorial lunches and more.

We meet the second Monday of each month
September through June.

You do not need to be a member of this church to
attend, everyone is welcome.

In the coming months Rachel Circle will look inward at the mission & vision for our group. How it relates & can benefit our community. We welcome any input, history, or past missions experience you may have that you would be willing to share with us. As a vital part of our movement forward, please join us in meaningful, powerful, Christian based conversations that will shape the future of our Rachel Circle as we move forward.

In our new normal, we need to understand & meet the new needs of our community. Let's unite our talents to make this happen.

God bless you!
Hope to see you soon.
Carolyn Lawrie
Rachel Circle President



UM Men: Band of Brothers

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Michigan Conference of United Methodist Men is inviting men over the age of 18 to a Rebuild Event on a Saturday in September 2021. In partnership with "Rebuilding Together Tri-County" UMM will make repairs on a Lansing home of a veteran, disabled or low income homeowner. "Rebuilding Together" identifies the home and provides the material and supervision, Michigan Conference of UMM provides the volunteers. Volunteers do not need to be a member of UM or even a church member; both laborers and skilled tradesmen will be needed.

Interested? Email j.gordon.schleicher@gmail.com to get future information.

For information on Rebuilding Together go to www.rebuildtogethertricounty.com

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

Questions? Please contact Fred Nelson, UMM President (248-628-9826) or John Warren (248-778-8735).



Piece Makers

You are invited to attend the Piece Makers group and help with our prayer quilts. They usually meet on Tuesday 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.

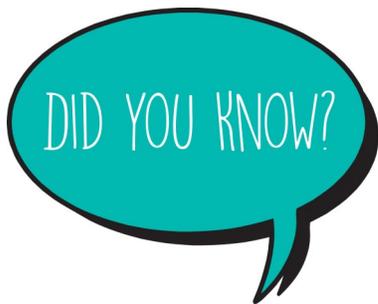
We will be tying a quilt in worship on May 2nd. Come, say a prayer and help send it on it's way.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda McIntyre (248-245-7898).
Please keep praying!

We are once again meeting at the church and invite you to join us on Fridays at 2pm if you feel safe doing so. If not please work on your project at home and be with us in spirit.

We are still working on lapghans which we hope to distribute to nursing homes and/or veterans associations when that becomes safe for all involved.

Questions, contact Mary Garrard (810-797-5840)



Here are the items that have been printed recently...

- ◇ *That Pastor Julius has a twin sister, Judy?* Judy has an extensive knowledge of hymns and enjoys choosing the ones we sing most Sundays. We are very grateful to her for this ministry. If you would like us to sing one of your favorite hymns, please fill out the form on the back [of the program] and submit to the office by placing it in the offering plate. What a joy it is to praise in song!!!
- ◇ *That Oxford United Methodist Church is generous?* Just as you are generous to Oxford United Methodist, the church is also called to be generous to the community and to the world. This year we have been able to give monetarily to our local Love In the Name of Christ (aka Love INC) which together with other churches and groups in the area helps those less fortunate when they are struggling [call 248-693-4357 or go to www.loveincfnoc.org if you or someone you know needs help]. We have also given monetarily to the FISH Food Pantry, UMCOR (the United Methodist Committee on Relief), World Communion Sunday and our Easter offering went to our Conference Ministry Shares. Thank you for having a heart for others!
- ◇ *That Oxford United Methodist Church loves to hear the Bell Choir?* Did you know that the handbells are bronze, being 80% copper, 20% tin, mixed with small amounts of zinc and lead? Did you know that the bells are cast in different sizes and thickness, and this determines the pitch? These are just a few of the many things you may learn about our wonderful Bell Choir! We thank them for their beautiful ringing and look forward to hearing them when they resume in the fall!
- ◇ *That Oxford UM Church has people who practice Campanology?* Do you know what campanology means? It's the art of handbell ringing. In 400 A.D. in Campania, Italy, a Bishop was looking for a way to call the people of the village together for an emergency or to make announcements. He knew that banging metal made a loud noise, and the higher you raised the metal the more the sound carried. He ordered a very large metal pot to be made, to hang from the top of the church, and he ordered it to be hit forcefully with a hammer when he wanted people to assemble. Bells have come a long way since then! True story? Probably not as there is a record of bells in existence dating back to 1000-2000B.C. in China. Many years ago, Ro Van Wagoner was at a bell
- ◇ *That Oxford UM Church Supports the CROP Walk?* CROP Walk / Hunger Walk continues to fight against the challenges of disease, disaster, displacement and other concerns that leave people hungry. 50% of donated funds goes to local missions and 50% goes to worldwide missions. Oxford United Methodist Church donated \$345 (Thank You!!) and the United Methodist Men donated \$155 for a total of \$500 this year - well done all!! This means that we are feeding our neighbors here and around the world.
- ◇ *That We Are Inviting People to be a part of Sunday Morning Worship & Fellowship?* If you are wishing to serve and have a heart for welcoming people to Oxford United Methodist Church, or maybe you like to bake cookies, or see that the candles are lit, or want to be a Youth Disciple, or how about singing? There are many ways you may share your gifts here. There will be training classes this fall for Ushers, Greeters, Acolytes and Lay Readers and you may serve in other ways by contacting the church office and Becky will direct you to the right person. Yummm - Bakers and people interested in helping at Coffee Hour can contact Carol Hauxwell as soon as possible! Let's share our gifts in the church and in the world and live our vision!
- ◇ *That Pastor Julius will soon be visiting upon request?* Pastor Julius is really looking forward to traveling with Laity to visit those who request a home or hospital visit. If you are interested in having a visit please call Becky in the church office at 248-628-1289 during office hours (Monday-Thursday 8:30am - 1:30pm) or shoot her an email.
- ◇ *That Oxford UMC is very generous?* We are so grateful to everyone who gave from the heart to our brave Oxford Firefighters in honor of International Firefighters Day. In just two Sundays we were able to raise \$741.00! What a wonderful act of Christian Outreach for our community. Here is a photo of Rev. Julius with Oxford Fire Chief Jack at the presentation of the check...



We Are Growing!

On June 28, the Church Council approved the following people into new positions of leadership:



Meet Michelle Mumbrue - Our New Worship Team Leader!

“Being OUMC worship team leader, I plan to work with the worship team to respond to the needs and desires of the church.”

If you would like to support Michelle or the team you may contact her at brueha@sbcglobal.net



Meet Steve Laidlaw - Our New Church Revive Team Leader!

He is tasked with leading the Revive team as Oxford UMC goes through the changes that are needed to live out our vision.

If you would like to support Steve or the team you may contact him at sklaw@aol.com



Meet Christy Turk - Our New Social Media and Education Director!

She would like to connect Oxford UMC with our neighbors, grow the church, and teach our children so they may be our future.

If you would like to support Christy and her ministry you may contact her at turk.oumc@gmail.com

We are so grateful for their willingness and ask that you keep them in prayer!

The Power of Listening

“The most basic and powerful way to connect to another person is to listen,” says Dr. Rachel Naomi Remen, author and integrative medicine professor. “Perhaps the most important thing we ever give each other is our attention.”

Twice in Mark 4, while teaching, Jesus urges, “Let anyone with ears to hear listen” (verses 9 & 23, NRSV). One way we show what Jesus means to us is by truly listening to his word — not just hearing sounds but being attentive and intentional. Likewise, one way we love and serve others is by respectfully listening to them: not assuming we know what they feel or mean or will say; not planning what to say even as they’re still speaking, but listening deeply to learn about them and their experience.

We often think living our faith calls for great accomplishments or worldwide reach. But Dr. Remen says, “A loving silence often has ... power to heal and to connect.” Don’t underestimate something as basic and doable as listening as a way to practice Christ-like love.

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Fellowship, Study & Music Groups

VBS - Coming Soon!

We are working out the best way to do it this year but at the time we are definitely planning on a version of Vacation Bible School!

If you are interested or have a great idea please email / call the church office [248-628-1289] or contact Christy Turk (turk.oumc@gmail.com)



Bell Choir

The Excelsior Bell Choir rehearsals are on Wednesdays (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 currently 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).

Reading for Fun



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 **1:00pm** in the Memorial Room.

If you have any questions, please contact Joanne Bogus (248 747-7544).
Hope to see you at Book Discussion!



Adult Bible Study

We normally choose a book to study but are on hiatus for the summer

During the school year we meet on Wednesdays - 10:30am to 12noon in the Fellowship Hall

All are welcome to join anytime!

Questions? Contact Sue Rizzo (248-628-1787)

Have You Noticed Something Different?

If you have had a chance to take a look around the church and in the Sanctuary recently you may have seen that a few things are different. Some of these things have been changed for the summer, like the chairs being in the round -



But other things are being changed because we need to grow and become more welcoming to our guests. We ask your patience as we figure out what works for the best. We are not changing things just for the sake of changing things - we are attempting to live out our vision.

Take a moment to say it out loud -

"We envision a church with a VIBRANT 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"

Let's press on and even if it may be uncomfortable or not the way we have done things in the past, remain focused on our goal.

We are headed for revival!



Birthdays

- July 2 - Adam Dudewicz
- July 4 - Michelle Wood
- July 5 - Kyle Beckwith
- July 15 - Courtney Waters
- July 16 - Tony Rizzo
- July 21 - Makenna Kater
- July 22 - Pauline East
- July 28 - Bob Richter
- July 29 - Christy Turk

- August 2 - Kay Smith
- August 4 - Debra Bunker
- August 5 - Tom Bertich | Michelle Mumbrue
- August 7 - Harvey Acheson
- August 12 - Grace Jerome
- August 14 - Kevin Friesmuth
- August 15 - Cindy Vincentini
- August 18 - Chris Acheson
- August 23 - Megan Bellairs
- August 25 - Pamela Dudewicz
- August 26 - Amie Von Knorring
- August 27 - Morgan Imirowicz

Anniversaries

- July 11 - Dan & Michelle Mumbrue
- July 21 - David & Amie Von Knorring
- July 27 - Todd & Carolyn Lawrie
- July 29 - Larry & Teddi Bradford
David & Holly Cischke

- August 3 - Frank & Gail Enekes
- August 4 - Fred & Teresa Nelson
Bill & Christy Turk
- August 14 - Charles & Mary Garrard
- August 23 - Mat & Cindy Vincentini



Have you seen our website?
 There is so much to see and learn!
 We now have the programs available on the website!
 Visit us at oxfordunitedmc.org...



Bible Quiz

An unnamed relative of Paul obstructed a conspiracy to kill the apostle. What was this rescuer's relation to Paul?

A. nephew
B. niece
C. brother
D. sister



(See answer for quiz on page 15)



Bible Quiz

What was the name of the queen who refused to appear before the king of Persia and his guests and, as a result, was deposed?

A. Esther
B. Jael
C. Vashti
D. Milcah



Answer: C (See Esther 1:12.)

PUZZLE

No kidding

Whatever our age, God calls us to model holy living for others.

Directions: Match the animal young with its parent. Then write the letter answers in order below to complete 1 Timothy 4:12, NIV.

1. ___ bear	9. ___ monkey	A. fry	I. hatchling
2. ___ frog	10. ___ platypus	B. fawn	K. foal
3. ___ owl	11. ___ alligator	C. gosling	L. owlet
4. ___ horse	12. ___ giraffe	D. cub	M. puggle
5. ___ kangaroo	13. ___ goose	E. kid	N. joey
6. ___ deer	14. ___ swan	F. cygnet	O. polliwog
7. ___ goat	15. ___ dog	G. infant	P. puppy
8. ___ fish		H. calf	

“_on’t let any_ne _oo_ down o_ you _ecaus_ you _re youn_, but set an exa_ple for the bel_evers in speec_, in _onduct, in love, in _aith and in _urity.”

1 TIMOTHY 4:12, NIV

Answer: D, O, L, K, N, B, E, A, G, M, I, H, C, F, P

If you, LORD,
kept a record of sins,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you
there is
Forgiveness
so that
we can,
with reverence,
serve you.

PSALM 130:3-4, NIV

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11 7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	12 10a (F/FK) Rachel Circle 7p (Zoom) Worship Team	13 7p (Zoom) Trustees 7p (Zoom) Staff Mtg.	14 1p (M) Reading for Fun	15	16	17
18 8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Outdoor Worship	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Church Office Closed - Becky on Vacation					
25 9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	26 7p (Zoom) Church Council	27	28	29	31	

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Our Pastor is on a healing Committee on Native American Ministries (CONAM) Conference & Mini Vacation - Aug 7-17						
15 12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Pastor at CONAM Conf.	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Invite a Friend Sunday Cook Scholarship Presentation	23	24	25	26	27	28
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All Are Welcome!