

The Grapevine

Oxford United Methodist Church ~ Rev. Julius E. Del Pino, PhD., 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 FOCUS

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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From
the
Pastor



We are now in the final quarter of 2022. This year has in many ways helped us to see what we have accomplished and what we still need to work on. I am thankful for the faithful few who have given much of their energy, time, gifts and service. As followers of Jesus Christ, we dare not strive to replicate the past, but to trust in God's merciful promises for the future.

Thanks
be to God
for his
incredible
gift!
2 Corinthians 9:15

I have high expectations of this congregation and I hope you do too. As your pastor, I am asking each person to put the vision and ministry a top priority in 2023. Our church 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."

I am asking you to be in worship much more as we give God thanks for all of our blessings. When all of us join hands in grateful service to God...we are making the church together. When in thankfulness to God for His inexpressible gift of Jesus Christ we give our prayers... our presence ...our gifts and our service... we are making the church together. This is the time for all of us to undertake new approaches, by moving imaginatively amid the risks and uncertainties of the present, all in the hope of new beginnings.

I am inviting you to please join me with great faith and joy in our hearts!
Julius E. Del Pino, Pastor





Community Thanksgiving

November 24

12noon - 3pm

Free Thanksgiving Dinner served buffet style provided courtesy of your neighborhood community of churches. There will be a Thanksgiving message delivered.

The Lions football game will also be available on the big screen in the sanctuary.

All are welcome - volunteers are needed also (contact Steve Laidlaw)

Located at Oxford United Methodist Church
21 E. Burdick St. Oxford

2023 Commitment Card

[Please cut out and place in the offering plate]




2023 Commitment Card

We thank God for our blessings!
I/We commit to giving our prayers, volunteer service & year-end donation

My/Our Financial Commitment

\$ _____ weekly (for 52 weeks)

\$ _____ monthly (for 12 months)

\$ _____ Electronic Giving

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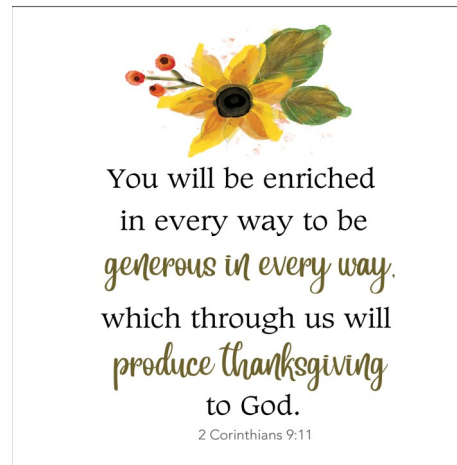
Offering Envelopes Request (check one):

Weekly envelopes (52) Monthly envelopes (12)

Name(s) (print): _____

Signature: _____

Oxford UMC - 21 E. Burdick St. Oxford, MI 48371



Commitment Sunday is **November 20th** with Bell Choir and Praise Singers music. We will also be praying about our commitment of time, talents, prayers, and finances to God's Church in mission and ministry in 2023. Please pray over and turn in your 2023 Commitment Card (see left), either then or by mail. Your commitment is kept confidential by Larry Bradford, Financial Secretary. It may be changed at any time.

Thank you

Advent 2022 at Oxford United Methodist Church

November 27 1st Sunday of Advent / UM Student Sunday - *Holy Communion*

December 3 1pm Oxford Parade / 2pm Oxford UMC Party - hot dog luncheon

December 4 2nd Sunday of Advent - *Holy Communion*

December 11 3rd Sunday of Advent - *Children's Program*

December 18 4th Sunday of Advent - *Bell Choir and Brunch*

December 24 7pm Christmas Eve Worship

December 25 10am Christmas Day Worship [*last day to make a 2022 offering*]

The 7pm service will be a Carol service including: Christmas carols, readings, and music by piano, organ, harp and bells. The 10am service will include Holy Communion. If you would like to help by being a greeter or usher at either service please let Michelle Mumbue, Laura Clancy or Rosemary Rumbold know.



Please Help Give!

The Giving Tree will be set up when we decorate the church for Christmas and will be dressed with Christmas "ornaments" upon which will be written items for the **Grace Centers of Hope homeless shelter and for our neighbors in need**. In addition to the usual **hats and mittens**, we are collecting **socks and underwear** for children, adults and families. All sizes are needed.



Please take one or more of these "ornaments", purchase the item, and place it in the collection box near the Giving Tree. **These items must be NEW, not used, and please do NOT wrap them.**

This mission project gives us the opportunity to show our love for those less fortunate and to bring blessings to children, youth, and adults.



Trimming the Church

Sunday, November 20th

(after the worship service)

All are invited to stay after the service to help decorate for the Christmas season. Pizza will be provided for lunch. Thank you in advance for your time and service.

PRAY for and Encourage One Another Daily

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

Family of Shelia Burdette - Mother of Christy Turk Family of Phyllis Rizzo - Mother of Tony Rizzo
John & Nadine Lychuk Marcy Yagoob Steve Friends of Don Family of Lillian Brokenshaw Sandy
Theresa Richards Eric & Olga Neill Amy Thorson Kent Patterson Kip Lawrie Shirley Ricketts
John Hauxwell Ron Shedlowsky Linda & Chuck McIntyre Julie Imirowicz Ro Van Wagoner
Ruth Patterson Bruce Conrad Kristina Del Pino Toni Capers Ron Bunker Shirley Conner

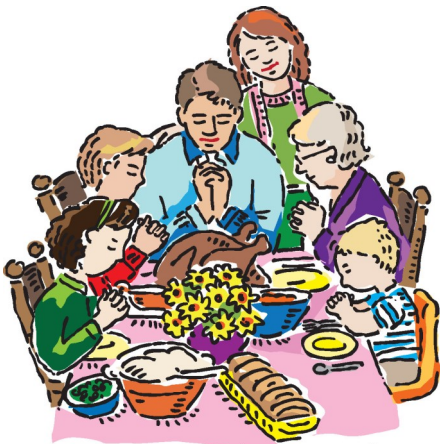
We ask your blessings upon:

All Families + those expecting new children; dealing with loss of a loved one
All of our brothers and sisters who deal with racism & hatred
First responders, caregivers, medical personnel and all affected by illness
All our school children, their teachers, school workers and administrators
Our neighborhoods and the Revival of our community
All affected by the Oxford High School and all other School Shootings
Those with mental illnesses, are lonely, or do not have someone to pray for them
Our local and national representatives in all three branches of government
Those in the military serving on our behalf
Those affected by Natural Disasters & all Violence in the US and worldwide
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!



**"Blessing and glory and
wisdom and thanksgiving and
honor and power and might
be to our God
forever and ever! Amen."**

Revelation 7:12, NRSV

**The Church is always open for prayer!
Come anytime when it is open or when there is a meeting.
Need prayer with Pastor?
Sign up on the sheet outside the office.**

Listen to Autumn's Reverie

By Bishop David Bard | MI Area | Posted on October 6, 2022
printed in "MI Area Leadership: Joyful Journey"

Bishop David Bard, in this month's Joyful Journey, invites us to slow down during the changing seasons, pay attention, and take time to appreciate life's good gifts...

As the calendar turns from September to October, there is no shortage of difficult and challenging topics that could be addressed. Hurricane Ian devastated many parts of Florida, particularly the southwest coast. If you have not given to UMCOR to help respond to this disaster, I encourage you to do so. There's also a national shortage of cleaning kits (flood buckets). While no one storm can be directly attributed to climate change, this is the kind of horrific storm climate scientists predict will continue as the oceans warm and the climate changes. It will cost billions to repair the damage. Shouldn't we get more serious in our conversations about investing in the kinds of actions needed to mitigate climate change?

We have an election just around the corner. I encourage you to vote and to do your homework on the candidates and issues for which you will vote. Don't let your only information come from political ads. I also encourage you, if you can, to volunteer to be an election worker. There is a shortage of people currently willing and available here in Michigan, and our current political climate has made this a less attractive task. Yet it remains critically important. This is not about partisan politics. It is about the healthy functioning of our democracy and ensuring that the voting process works well for everyone exercising their right to vote.

Yet I would like to go in a different direction with you. *"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven"* (Ecclesiastes 3:1). "[Jesus] also said to the crowds, *'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens.'*" (Luke 12:54-55). If we pay attention, we know we are in a change of seasons this month, from summer to autumn.

Autumn. It is a season that mixes speeding up with slowing down. In the church, there are Rally Sundays, renewed programming, and new groups. Autumn brings the start of school with all the attendant activities. It is often a very busy time.

Yet autumn also invites a slowing down, an attentiveness to change. While a busy season, it is also a season where plants grow more slowly and then, after the first freeze, stop to prepare for winter. Autumn is the transition from the warm possibilities of summer to the chill of winter.

Popular songs associated with autumn invite an attentiveness to the wistfulness of what is past, to change, and to present beauty. "It's autumn in New York that brings the promise of new love. Autumn in New York is often mingled with pain. Lovers that bless the dark, on benches in Central Park, it's autumn in New York. It's good to live it again" ("Autumn in New York"). "The falling leaves drift by my window, the autumn leaves of red and gold. . . . But I miss you most of all . . . when autumn leaves start to fall" ("Autumn Leaves").

As followers of Jesus, we affirm that *"every perfect gift . . . is from above"* (James 1:17) and that therefore we have reason to *"enjoy life"* (Ecclesiastes 9:9), giving thanks to God for life's joys and good gifts. I mention the songs above not only because they are autumn songs but because they are songs that bring me joy. Listening to Billie Holiday, Diana Krall, or the duet with Louis Armstrong and Ella Fitzgerald sing



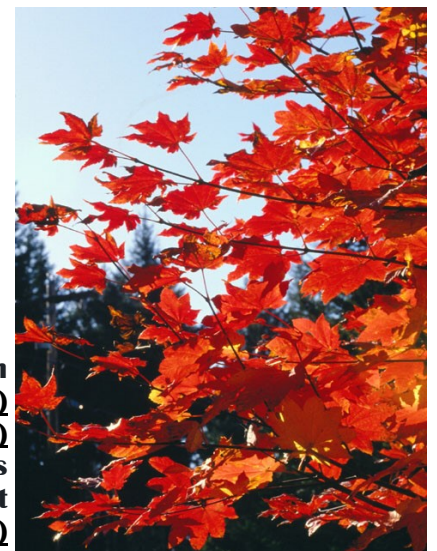
"Autumn in New York" touches me. It slows me down to appreciate joy and beauty. "Autumn Leaves" has been sung or played by musicians as diverse as Johnny Mercer, Frank Sinatra, Eric Clapton, Cannonball Adderley, and Bill Evans. They all reach a place in my heart. I

think of other such autumnal songs as "Fall" by Miles Davis, "Autumn in Washington Square" by The Dave Brubeck Quartet, or "September" by Earth, Wind & Fire—a song that makes most people who know it want to dance. All of these bring me joy.

The serious issues we must deal with will not magically disappear by spending time in autumnal reverie. Hurricane response will be ongoing. The election will still be before us, and after it, dealing with what comes next. Inflation, gun violence, opioid deaths, and denominational disaffiliation will be there on the other side of reverie. Yet we miss something deeply important and human if we neglect opportunities to slow down and pay attention, to stop and watch the leaves change colors, to pause and let a cool autumn breeze kiss our cheeks. It is a part of faith to take time to appreciate life's good gifts—music, an engaging book, a fine film, a beautiful painting or picture, a delightful poem, a nice meal, and a lovely conversation. Something about autumn invites me to such appreciation, an invitation of the Spirit in this change of seasons.

In the final poem of his book *The Spirit Level*, "Postscript," Seamus Heaney encourages a drive on the Ireland shore: "In September or October, when the wind / And the light are working off each other / So that the ocean on one side is wild / With foam and glitter . . ." He says that stopping the car won't help you capture the beauty and the moment more thoroughly, but you can still let "big soft buffetings come at the car sideways / And catch the heart off guard and blow it open."

This autumn, take some time for beauty and reverie and joy. Let something catch your heart off guard and blow it open.



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

Local Missions & Outreach

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 pineapple	Beef stew	Canned mandarin oranges	Boxed or bagged potatoes
Boxed pasta	Canned chicken	Manwich (sloppy joe mix)	Chili
Chunky Soup	Cake mix	Personal care items	Feminine Products

Current Hours -

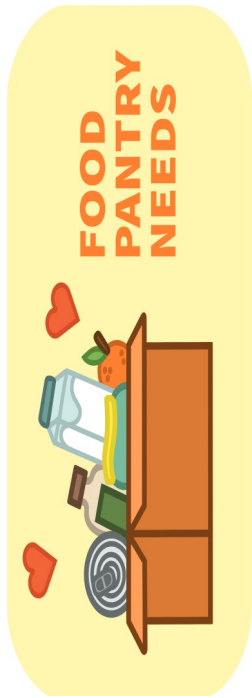
Office: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - 9 to noon
 Pantry: Tuesdays - 1-3pm; Wednesdays - 10-2pm; Thursdays - 1-5 pm; 3rd Saturdays of month - 9:45-11:30am

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

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**



Oxford UMC Meal Outreach



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

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)
 Lakepoint Community (Thursdays)
 from 5:30-6:30pm

and/or Oxford UMC (Saturdays)
 from 9:30-10:30am



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 Free Methodist Church at 790 S. Lapeer Road) needs help sorting donated clothes on Tuesdays from 9:00am-12:00pm or helping clients shop, two Tuesdays a month, from 12:00pm-3:00pm.

Bed, Blessings & Beyond and Little Luxuries (at Lakepoint Church at 1550 W. Drahrer Rd) needs help sorting items on Tuesdays from 9:00am-12:00pm and helping clients shop from 12:00pm-3:00pm.

If you would like to donate your time or money to help your neighbors in need please contact them:

Website - www.loveincfnoc.org or
 call 248-693-4357 for more information.

UM Student Day

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.’ For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.” —Isaiah 2:3

On United Methodist Student Day, we partner with other congregations in a special offering to support the next generation of young disciples on their educational journey. Raised in The United Methodist Church, Mireille Rhodes said she experienced her first true connection with God at age 13 when she attended Camp Aldersgate in Carrollton, Ohio. “During an invitational service,” she recalled, “I committed my life to Christ.” Two years later, she was confirmed. She was active in the district youth group and served as a sound manager and a liturgist at Mount Zion United Methodist Church in Rogers, Ohio. Her Christian upbringing, Mireille said, “has brought me to the right people at the right time. I have no idea what kind of person I would be if I had not been raised in the church, or where my mental health would be if I didn’t have access to the people who helped me during [a time of spiritual struggle].” At Camp Aldersgate, Mireille formed strong friendships and always felt welcome. “It was there,” she said, “that I decided I wanted to attend a Christian university. I wanted to surround myself in the same environment as camp.” Mireille is grateful for her Gift of Hope scholarship supported by the United Methodist Student Day Sunday offering. “It is helping to fund my tuition to Huntington (Indiana) University, a private Christian school,” she said. “I haven’t had to worry about working an extra job or applying for more scholarships.” Film production is Mireille’s first love and receiving formal training for film is important to Mireille. “Some people can survive in the film industry without a college degree,” she said. “I firmly believe that because I’m getting this training, I’ll be able to thrive in the industry. Without the support of my church family (and extended church family), my university education would not be



Gift of Hope scholarship recipient Mireille Rhodes (left) hones her filmmaking skills. Courtesy photo

Last year, our church, along with other United Methodist congregations, gave \$272,159 to the offering and supported 70 loans and scholarships for undergraduate and graduate UM students. These last few years, the world experienced some unprecedented times, but we hope that you will give as much as you can to help our United Methodist students. When you give to the United Methodist Student Day offering, your gifts support the Gift of Hope Scholarship program that is awarded to United Methodist students annually.

We are indeed one body, but investing in our individual members will take us to the next stage in building the beloved community. When you support United Methodist Student Day, you make it possible for students to change the world in the name of God’s love—to live out their dreams for a better world.

HOW TO GIVE: Write a check to your local church with “UMSD” in the memo line and place in the offering plate or mail to Oxford United Methodist (21 E. Burdick St. Oxford). Thank you for your generosity. Without your gifts, we could not continue this ministry.

possible.” United Methodist Special Sunday celebrations invest in transforming communities, empowering leaders and building up ministries of peace with justice. Concentrating our resources to support shared ministries equips us to step into a grace-filled new beginning with faithful determination.



This year we invite all High School and College age students to come and be a part of our worship service on November 27th to honor them for their service to the church and their academic achievements. This will be a special Sunday for all of us as we celebrate the gift that these young people are to their family, this church, and their schools.

If you would like your child to be a part of this worship service please contact the church office as soon as possible.



2022 In Memoriam of Loved Ones

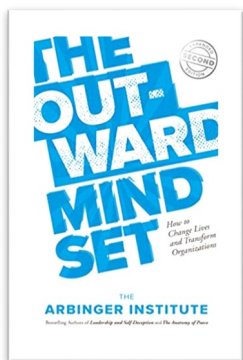
On November 6th we will celebrate all those whom we have lost since our last All Saints day by lighting a candle and lifted them up in prayer to the Lord. We ask that you continue to keep their families and friends in prayer. Here are the names of church members, constituents, family and friends we will include (please let us know if you have others to add to the list):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Entered into Eternity</u>
Deanna Moser - <i>Oxford UMC Member</i>	January 9, 2022
Gertrude Curtis - <i>Oxford UMC Constituent</i>	January 12, 2022
Charlie Garrard - <i>Oxford UMC Member</i>	May 31, 2022
Phyllis Rizzo - <i>Mother of Tony Rizzo</i>	October 24, 2022
Shelia Burdette - <i>Mother of Christy Turk</i>	October 26, 2022

We invite you to take a stroll through the Memorial Garden.

Brick Orders for the Memorial Garden are available on the kiosk or from the church office.

The Outward Mindset - Get Your Copy Today!



Patty Dennis advised us to read the book "The Outward Mindset" by the Arbinger Institute which focuses on the acronym SAM.

- S – **SEE** the needs of others and the challenges
- A – **ADJUST** our efforts to help each other and impacts on the greater good
- M – **MEASURE** and hold ourselves accountable

We invite you to order this from Amazon or your favorite bookseller. If you have a problem getting this book please contact the church office as Becky has ordered extras. Cost = ~\$15

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.

Wednesday, November 9: *The Exiles* by Christina Baker Kline. In this gorgeous novel, Christina Baker Kline brilliantly recreates the beginnings of a new society in a beautiful and challenging land, telling the story of Australia from a fresh perspective, through the experiences of Evangeline, Hazel, and Mathinna. While life in Australia is punishing and often brutally unfair, it is also, for some, an opportunity: for redemption, for a new way of life, for unimagined freedom. Told in exquisite detail and incisive prose, *The Exiles* is a story of grace born from hardship, the unbreakable bonds of female friendships, and the unfettering of legacy.

Wednesday, December 14: *Comfort and Joy* by Kristin Hannah. Joy Candellaro once loved Christmas more than any other time of the year. Now, as the holiday approaches, she is at a crossroads in her life; recently divorced and alone, she can't summon the old enthusiasm

for celebrating. So without telling anyone, she buys a ticket and boards a plane bound for the beautiful Pacific Northwest. When an unexpected detour takes her deep into the woods of the Olympic rainforest, Joy makes a bold decision to leave her ordinary life behind--to just walk away--and thus begins an adventure unlike any she could have imagined.

Wednesday, January 11, 2023: *The Moonlight School* by Suzanne Woods Fisher. Haunted by her sister's mysterious disappearance, Lucy Wilson arrives in Rowan County, Kentucky, in the spring of 1911 to work for Cora Wilson Stewart, superintendent of education. When Cora sends Lucy into the hills to act as scribe for the mountain people, she is repelled by the primitive conditions and intellectual poverty she encounters. Few adults can read and write. Inspired by the true events of the Moonlight Schools, Fisher brings to life the story that shocked the nation into taking adult literacy seriously. You'll finish the last page of this enthralling story with deep gratitude for the gift of reading.

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





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

Rev. John Wesley (founder of Methodism)

Finance Update

Thank you for your faithful giving each month to God's Church. 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	\$ 5,965.00
February Giving	\$ 8,003.00
March Giving	\$ 6,424.00
April Giving	\$ 6,067.00
May Giving	\$ 10,055.00
June Giving	\$ 4,075.00
July Giving	\$12,284.00
August Giving	\$ 7,065.00
September Giving	\$ 3,918.00
October Giving <small>[11/11 10/23]</small>	\$ 13,342.00
Giving Subtotal	\$ 77,198.00
Budget for 2022	\$ 115,725.00

If you prefer to write a check or donate with cash please use your offering envelopes.

If you need envelopes, please call the church office or Larry Bradford, financial secretary.

*Please consider giving your donation electronically! It will be paid as you decide and directly deposited into the church account. It is so easy!
And no more check writing!*

2022 Church Council

Church Council Chairperson:

Michelle Wood (248)969-2545

General Fund Treasurer: Becky Sallans (248)628-1289

Designated Fund Treasurer: Kevin Kater (248)628-7804

Financial Secretary: Larry Bradford (248)628-5759

Finance Co-Chairpersons:

Bernie Rumbold (248) 391-0973

and AmyBeth Fleischer

Board of Trustees: David Cischke (248)863-8037

Michelle Wood (248)969-2545

SPRC Chairperson: John Warren (248)778-8735

Worship Team: Michelle Mumbroe (248)969-9173

Laura Clancy (248)628-6648

Missions & Outreach: John & Devon Warren

(248)778-8735

Adult Bible Study:

Sue Rizzo (248)628-1787

Rosemary Rumbold (248)391-0973

Education Team:

Mary Dempsey (810)797-5736

Amie Von Knorring (248)342-8051

Bob Willobee (248)628-2357

Adam Bertich (810)656-1629

Cindy Vincentini (248)252-2157

Camp Ed. Coordinator:

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Revive Team: Steve Laidlaw (248)801-5924

Bill Turk [turk.oumc@gmail.com]

UMM President: Fred Nelson (248)628-9826

UMW / Rachel Circle: Carolyn Lawrie (586)925-2687

Lay Member to Annual Conference: John Warren

(248)778-8735

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

Church Conference News

On Sunday, October 16 our church leaders met with District Superintendent Rev. John Hice at Lake Orion UMC. We voted on the 2021, 2021a & 2022a Church Conference minutes, voted and approved the 2023 Pastor Compensation and the 2022 Membership report (Losing four (4) members to death; one (1) by request and one (1) clerical correction). Seven names were added to the Love and Concern first year inactive list - they have been notified. The 2023 leadership list (Church Council, Trustees, Staff Parish, Finance, Nominations, and Memorials) was approved (all members were asked to continue for the current time). Important church numbers (as of October 16th):

Membership 108

Average Worship Attendance 45 (online and in person)

Average church school attendance 0

Total church expenditures \$85,389.00

Percentage of UMC apportionments paid (thru Sept.) 28%

[\$3,750 paid of \$13,604 total]

Congregational core values: Hospitable, Caring, Friendly, Missional, Generous, Community-minded.

We praise God for sustaining us in mission and ministry.



Knit Knack

Our group has been enjoying meeting together again on a regular basis. Watch for updates in later Grapevine articles.

We meet every Friday from 2-4pm 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

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.

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



Excelsior Bell Choir

The Bell Choir rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm

Come to hear us play every third Sunday during the school year.

Please remember to join us for brunch immediately after the service.

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 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).



November

- November 2 - Keri Kater
- November 6 - Peyton Kater
- November 12 - Richard Nelson
- November 17 - Linda McIntyre
- November 18 - Todd Lawrie

December

- December 4 - Becky Sallans
- December 5 - Natale Vincentini
- December 7 - Jan Hopper
- December 10 - Ed Hepp
- December 12 - Kayleigh Von Knorring
- December 13 - Colleen Richter
- December 14 - Shirley Ricketts
- December 16 - Fred Nelson
- December 17 - Dominic Vincentini
- December 23 - Nadine Lychuk
- December 24 - Carol Hauxwell
- December 29 - Daniel Moore

Birthdays

Anniversaries

- November 22 - Tony & Sue Rizzo
- November 24 - Bill & Ro Van Wagoner
- November 30 - Chris & Vonda Barclay

- December 12 - Chuck & Linda McIntyre
- December 19 - Eric & Catherine Richard

UM Women: Rachel Circle

Rachel Circle has had a wonderful start to our 2022/2023 year. On the last Sunday of October we will be hosting Friendship Hour & launching one of our **Fall missions, Samaritan's Purse also known as Operation Christmas Child & ShoeBox Ministries. This is a Franklin Graham ministry** (Billy Graham's son). We will have an information table set up at the next couple of Friendship Hours to help you understand what you can do to brighten a child's Christmas. Collection date for these boxes will be November 14th.

We are heading into November & December, traditionally very busy months. Our mission this Fall is to be strong disciples in Christian faith & deeds.

This November our church will be hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner for our community, free to all. This activity is a multi-church mission of goodwill & to share our blessings with those around us. I am calling all Rachel Circle members to donate at least one hour or more of your time (cooking, decorating, serving, cleaning up etc...) Please schedule this very important mission on your calendar on Thanksgiving Day. Dinners will be served from 12pm - 3pm. The Lions football game will be shown on the big screen in the sanctuary. Family activities will be in the Fellowship room along with dinner service. More information to follow on specifics, watch the Sunday program for details. **Giving with a joyful heart can not only make someone else's day but it will brighten your spirits as well as we enter into the Christmas season.**

As we approach the one year anniversary (Nov. 30th) of the OHS tragedy please watch for church announcements on how you can be a positive light on this difficult anniversary. Together we can light the spiritual candles of faith & love in our community.

We love to decorate our beautiful church for Christmas, please come on out on November 20th & join us. Many hands make a task much more enjoyable.

Keep in mind, this Fall Rachel Circle commitment is to be strong disciples & do our best in every situation. If you traditionally help with certain activities, I am asking you to reach into your quiet moments with Jesus & ask Him why he gave you talents - my guess would be so you could share them.

We will be hosting Friendship Hour on November 27th & December 25th.

Our meetings are normally the 2nd Monday of each Month

- Monday, November 14th at 10am - 11:30am

- Our December meeting is to be announced as it is usually our Christmas luncheon.

We hope to see you, not only at our next meeting but at one of our many missions this fall.

Questions? Need a ride?
Contact: Carolyn Lawrie
Rachel Circle President



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) or
John Warren (248-778-8735).



Please contact Michelle Mumbue, Laura Clancy or a member of the Worship Team to be a Sunday Servant. We very much appreciate your service! Thank You!

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Did you know there are daily scripture readings?

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Joy To The World

20 DAY CHRISTMAS BIBLE READING PLAN | ORANGICCHRISTIANLIVING.COM

Preparing The Way

- Day 1: John 1:1-5, 14-18
- Day 2: Luke 1:1-25
- Day 3: Luke 1:57-66
+ John 1:6-9
- Day 4: Luke 1:67-80
- Day 5: Luke 3:1-6
+ John 1:19-42

The Christ is Born

- Day 11: Luke 2:8-14
+ John 10:1-30
- Day 12: Luke 2:15-20
+ Isaiah 9:6-7
- Day 13: Matthew 1:1-17
- Day 14: Luke 2:21-38
- Day 15: Isaiah 53

Jesus' Birth Announced

- Day 6: Luke 1:26-38
- Day 7: Luke 1:39-45
- Day 8: Luke 1:46-56
- Day 9: Matthew 1:18-25
- Day 10: Luke 2:1-7

The Three Wise Men

- Day 16: Matthew 2:1-12
+ Micah 5:2
- Day 17: Matthew 2:13-15
+ Psalm 2
- Day 18: Matthew 2:16-23
+ Proverbs 19:21
- Day 19: Luke 2:39-52
- Day 20: 1 John 4:9-11 + Psalm 98

FOR UNTO US a child is born...AND HIS NAME
WILL BE CALLED...Prince of Peace

ISAIAH 9:6

Just for Fun...

Puzzle!

Although the Bible doesn't mention turkey feasts, the gospels do describe a miracle dinner that made thousands of hungry people thankful (see Matthew 14:13-21). Fill in the words to complete a poem about that meal.

Hint: Each pair of line endings should rhyme.



ate	faces	quest	then
began	late	ran	ton
bunch	lunch	rest	true
done	men	spaces	you

Jesus was tired and went to find _____.
 So away from the crowd he started his _____.
 It came to an end before it _____.
 The crowd followed Jesus; they walked and they _____.
 His boat pulled ashore, and he looked at their _____.
 Five thousand men, plus families, filled all open _____.
 And so Jesus spoke, and he taught until _____.
 The disciples told him it was time they all _____.
 Jesus said, "Yes, that is certainly _____."
 And feeding this crowd is now up to _____."
 Feeding five thousand! It could not be _____.
 What would they do? They'd need a whole _____.
 But then a young boy came and offered his _____.
 Five loaves and two fish to feed this big _____?
 Jesus gave thanks and blessed it and _____ ...
 it fed all the women, the children and _____.

Answer: rest, quest, faces, began, ran, lunch, bunch, then, men, done, ton, lunch, bunch, then, men

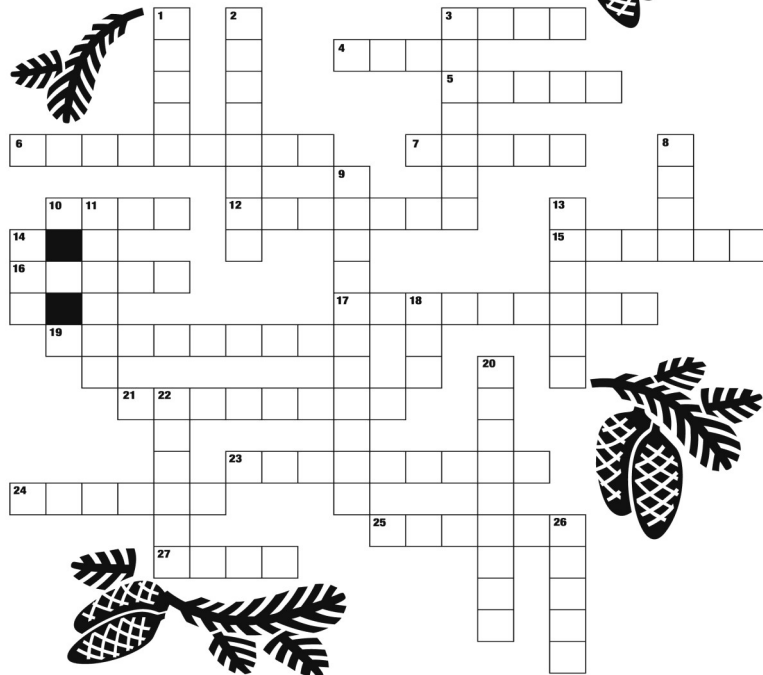
Take a break from Christmas preparations to complete this seasonal crossword.

DOWN

1. song
2. keeper of sheep
3. Anointed One
8. a gift of the magi
9. red plants
11. coming
13. Jesus _____
14. 12th month (abbrev.)
18. B&B
20. a form of holly
22. heavenly messengers
26. he ordered the slaughter of the innocents

ACROSS

3. wise men
4. author of the most famous Christmas account
5. red-suited gift-giver
6. of Ephrathah
7. presents
10. Gabriel came to her
12. has a red nose
15. "Messiah" composer
16. northern little helpers
17. patron saint of children
19. made flesh
21. home for Mary
23. tree decorations
24. crib
25. he was a carpenter
27. a nova



Answer: DOWN 1. carol, 2. shepherd, 3. Messiah, 8. gold, 9. poinsettias, 11. Advent, 13. Christ, 14. dec, 18. inn, 20. mistletoe, 22. angels, 26. Herod, ACROSS 3. magi, 4. Luke, 5. Santa, 6. Bethlehem, 7. gifts, 10. Mary, 12. Rudolph, 15. Handel, 16. elves, 17. Saint Nick, 19. incarnate, 21. Nazareth, 23. ornaments, 24. manger, 25. Joseph, 27. star

Christmas crackups

Enjoy these kid-friendly holiday jokes!

What did Adam say the day before Christmas?
It's Christmas, Eve!

What does the gingerbread man put on his bed?
Cookie sheets.

What do you sing at a snowman's birthday party?
"Freeze a jolly good fellow!"

What is a Christmas tree's favorite candy?
Ornamints.

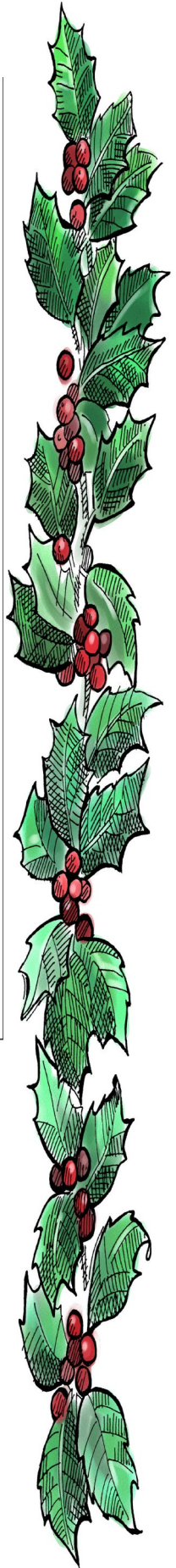
What goes "Oh, Oh, Oh"? *Santa walking backward.*

Why did Rudolph get a bad report card?
Because he went down in history.

What is an elf's favorite kind of music?
Wrap music!

How much did Santa pay for his sleigh?
Nothing. It was on the house!

What kind of photos do Santa's helpers take?
Elflies.



November

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		1 7p (Zoom) Staff Meeting 7p (Y) Trustees	2	3 6-9p (S) Building Our Church (Leadership training w/ Patty Dennis)	4	5
6  22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ALL SAINTS SUNDAY HOLY COMMUNION Daylight Savings Time Ends!	7	8  Election Day	9 1p (M) Reading for Fun	10 6-9p (S) Building Our Church (Leadership training w/ Patty Dennis)	11 VETERANS DAY	12
13 23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (?) 11:15a Revive Team "CRT"	14 10am (FH) Rachel Circle 7pm (FH) Worship Team	15	16	17	18	19
20 24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST CONSECRATION SUNDAY Bells & Brunch Blessing of the Greens & Trimming the Church	21	22	23	24 Community  Thanksgiving @ OUMC 12-3pm All Welcome!	25	26
27 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - HOPE UM Student Sunday!	28 7p (Zoom) Church Council	29	30			



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 4 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - LOVE HOLY COMMUNION	5	6 7p (Y) Trustees [No Staff MT]	7	8	9	10 Oxford Parade 1pm [Oxford UMC Luncheon to follow]
11 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - JOY 11:15am (U) Revive Team "CRT"	12 7p (FH) Worship Team	13	14 1p (M) Reading for Fun	15	16	17
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All Are Welcome!

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Saturday
24
December

WORSHIP *with us*

**Join Us In-Person
for this Christmas Eve Service at
Oxford United Methodist Church
starting at 7:00pm.**

*We invite you to join us for a Carol service including:
Christmas carols, readings, and music by
piano, organ, harp and bells.
Cookie Fellowship to follow.*

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December 25th
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This worship will include
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