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Oxford United Methodist Church
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Sunday Worship Services & Sunday school

8:30 a.m. Informal Worship in Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship in the sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Sunday school

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THE PASTORS PAGE

From Pastor Karen Montgomery—

August has arrived and once again I am amazed at how quickly the summer days have slipped by! It also brings with it the passing of another year, as August 15th marks the 7th anniversary of my relationship as a staff member of OUMC. I am deeply grateful for the time I've been given to share life and ministry with you!

I am hopeful and feel a sense of anticipation as I look to the fall. As a church in a university setting, Oxford UMC's schedule tends to operate in rhythm with the academic calendar. The beginning of a new school year offers a fresh start and opportunities for reconnecting, meeting new friends, learning and growth. The same is true for the life of the church. There are many possibilities ahead for us!

The fall of 2011 at OUMC will bring a new Worship Series, OUMC Kids: Parent driven Children's Ministry, Live Wire Youth, Campus Student Ministry and opportunities to reach out of the church walls in missional service.

As you are enjoying the last days of summer... dream about the season to come and the new possibilities awaiting you!

Karen Montgomery



**Commissioned Provisional Elders
2011 West Ohio Annual Conference**

Pastor Karen Montgomery was commissioned as a Provisional Elder during West Ohio Annual Conference, Wednesday, June 8, 2011. As the final step in being commissioned, deacon and elder candidates were brought forth to acknowledge and affirm God's call to them and their response to that call. Bishop Ough laid hands on each candidate, offering a blessing to their lives and ministries. Bishop Ough urged all new leaders to "Light your lamp!" and search for the least and the lost in every corner of the world. The Bishop incited them to hold the heart of the Father, with a sense of urgency, extravagant love and relentless searching for the lost. The celebration ended as the symbols of ministry were transferred to new hands, trusting God's grace upon them for service.

Rev. Don Dixon named guest lecturer at Bay View—A Chautauqua on Lake Michigan Petoskey, Michigan—August 22-25, 2011
The Religion and Life Heritage Fund Lectures and the Judge Guy C. Shearer Lectures will feature Rev. Donald G. Dixon who will speak on the theme, "Certainty and Faith."

"Bay View was settled by Michigan Methodist in 1875."

For more information:

<http://www.bayviewassociation.org/>



Lay Leader Moment

by Howard Krauss

"Go therefore and make disciples of Jesus Christ of all the nations ..."
(Matt. 28:19a)

For the past three years this Bible verse has been the theme of the annual Methodist conference at Lakeside. And it is the direction that the Church is to follow into the future. Everything we do as Christians is to reflect this.

When we take up a collection it is to make disciples for Jesus Christ.
When we serve a meal it is to make disciples for Jesus Christ.
When we visit the sick it is to make disciples for Jesus Christ.
When we hold a rummage sale it is to make disciples for Jesus Christ.
When we go on a mission trip it is to make disciples for Jesus Christ.
When we help with sharefest it is to make disciples for Jesus Christ.
When we help with the monthly community meals it is to make disciples for Jesus Christ.
When we help with Habitat for Humanity it is to make disciples for Jesus Christ.
When help with Nomads it is to make disciples for Jesus Christ.
When we take part in a church community it is to make disciples for Jesus Christ.

Oxford United Methodist Church offers everyone Bible study groups, prayer ministry groups, mission trips, and many more opportunities to reach our community for Jesus Christ. Are you part of this? One of the speakers at the annual conference told us that we must all roll up our spiritual sleeves and join together in this effort. What better way then to be part of the activities here at OUMC? What better way to learn what God is saying to each of us then to join with one of the study or prayer groups at OUMC?

RUMMAGE SALE

Drop-off

Saturday, September 10

Drop-off day for the Fall Rummage Sale will be Saturday, September 10, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Items should be clean and in usable condition. For convenience park either in the kitchen driveway or the parking area behind the church.

A Rummage Sale is an easy way for church members and friends to recycle items no longer used. It also provides a way for people in the community with low incomes to buy needed clothing and household items at low cost.

The Rummage Sale will be Friday evening, September 16, and Saturday morning, September 17, in Fellowship Hall. Set up will begin on Sunday, September 11, after the 8:30 worship service.



Thank you for my 50th birthday celebration!

I am grateful to all who took part in any way...your gifts and cards, both humorously age appropriate and generous, made me laugh and made my year! I am blessed to be a part of this wonderful congregation!

Thank you and bless you—I am grateful!

Karen Montgomery

OUMC Book Group LOOKING AHEAD...



Oxford United Methodist Church Book Group will start its 2011-12 season on Monday, September 19, 2011, with a carry-in lunch and book-choosing session. We are starting the session at 12:00 at Dixie Utter's. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share as well as 1 or 2 books ONLY to recommend for the coming year's readings. It would be best if you have checked to make sure that your recommended books are available in quantity at the libraries.

OUMCBG consists of women and men who greatly enjoy reading and then discussing the books with each other.

If you do not already attend this group and enjoy reading and discussing books, please consider making this a part of your schedule this year. This group normally meets the 4th Monday of every month October through May at 2:00. We take turns meeting in the homes of attendees who enjoy hostessing.

If you have any questions, please call (756-0285) or email (lksa@fuse.net) Linda Augspurger. Other regular attendees you can question about this group are Peggy Lewis, Mary Lou and Newell Booth, Joann Olson, Charlotte Krauss, and Jo Will.

All book lovers are encouraged to try this group out!

Missions @ OUMC

"As you have done it for one of these, you have done it for me." Matthew 25:40

Service Opportunity: Mission Planners Needed

It is a "new year" beginning in August! We are all listening for God's guidance, planning our emphases for the 2011-2012 school year. Where should we concentrate our efforts and gifts? You are invited to be a part of the decisions! Missions Committee meets second Mondays at 7 p.m. This means the next meeting is **August 8, 7 p.m., Room 202**. We hope YOU will come with ideas and a heart filled with caring! If you want a ride, call Alice, 504-4044 (cell) or 523-6482.

An Email from Liz Scott Rand

"Great news!! We submitted a grant proposal to General Board of Global Missions (GBGM) to fund scholarships for Cambodian pastors and spouses attending the biblical storytelling training. We learned this week that GBGM is going to grant our request and give us \$10,000. This takes us over the top!! All 240 pastors *and* their spouses will be able to attend the training. We would like Oxford UMC to know that we have reached our goal, and that you are the leading church supporting this mission. Without your faithfulness, we could not have fully funded this mission. Please convey our deep gratitude. We would love to come back and offer a program once we get home."

Liz

And, yes, OUMC will have the Rand Family come "show and tell" when they return from this Volunteers in Mission trip to Cambodia!

A Thank You and a Request

Emmanuel and Rosalind Banda and their three children are seeking green cards and permanent visas here in the United States. They are here on Asylum Visas and the areas of work open to them are very limited.

This involves a large expense which they cannot fulfill with their graduate student stipends from Miami University. Generous people in our congregation have given over \$3,500 toward this for which Emmanuel and Rosalind are most grateful. However, this is only about half of the total needed.

If you can help this family meet this unusual expense, mark your gift "Banda Family" and it will be put in the Angel Fund and shared with them at the moment needed. Thank you for any further gifts you can give these, our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Where in the World Is God Calling YOU?

Mission teams are constantly forming. God is calling people all over the US and around the world. If you have heard the call to "go for God" and are searching, let a pastor or Alice Laatsch help you find the focus of that call. OUMC does have resources to help you afford such trips.

Two Volunteer in Mission Possibilities in Central America

Interfaith Service to Latin America (ISLA) is looking for volunteers to join its **Oct. 9-21 trip to Jalapa, Nicaragua**. Volunteers are needed in medical (cervical cancer prevention and other areas), light construction, and some education areas. For more information look to the website, www.isla.cc or contact Jon Kerr, Adm. Director at 612-819-8877.,

Costa Rican Mission/Adventure Trip ; January 31st - February 11th, 2012. Twelve-day Costa Rican mission/adventure trip to help children and families gain the basic resources necessary for a healthy life. Spend six days being the hands and feet of Jesus working on various projects. (Building projects will be determined as trip gets closer) Experience a two-night excursion to Cahuita National Park/Beach on the Caribbean Ocean; see an active volcano, play in the hot springs, explore local shops and cuisine. Based at Strong Missions, at Carrillos in the Central Valley of Costa Rica (www.strongmissions.com) includes excellent accommodations in bunk houses with showers, three meals per day, nearby grocery and local establishments. Trip cost is \$1,750; which includes airfare from Chicago. Deposit of \$500 due as soon as possible, we are only able to take the first 26 volunteers that register For more info or to register contact Deb Bollig at Mauston United Methodist Church 608-847-5964, or e-mail at maustonumc.vim@gmail.com

Two Quick and Easy Mission Projects That Make a Difference

In the face of natural disasters, violence, and grinding poverty, these simple kits provided for hygiene or school supplies can make a big difference. These kits are assembled here at home, collected at the Depot, and sent from there around the US and the world. You are invited to build a Hygiene Kit or a School Kit, bring it to the church, **place it in one of the bins in The Bridge, and it will be relayed on to those in need.**

To Assemble a Hygiene Kit you will need:

One hand towel, approximately 16" x 28" (not finger tip or bath towel)
One wash cloth
One wide-tooth comb
One nail clipper
One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
One toothbrush (in original packaging)
Six standard size Band-Aids
One one-gallon plastic bag with zipper closure

Please DO NOT add toothpaste to the Hygiene Kit. Cartons of toothpaste that have an extended expiration date will be added to the Kit just prior to shipment.

Please DO include \$2 in each kit for toothpaste and shipping costs.

Place all items in the plastic bag; remove excess air from the bag, and seal. Put in one of the bins in The Bridge at OUMC.

To Assemble a School Kit you will need:

1 pair blunt scissors—rounded tip only; no plastic scissors please
3 pads of paper spiral or top bound pads—150 sheets of loose leaf can be substituted for 1 pad; combinations of spiral, top bound or loose leaf is acceptable
1 hand held pencil sharpener—at least one inch long; remove from packaging
1 - 30 centimeter ruler—hard or flexible; cartoon characters are acceptable; no advertisements please
6 unsharpened pencils—no advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols please; cartoon characters are acceptable
1 - 2 ½ inch eraser—no advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols please; cartoon characters are acceptable
1 - 24 count box of crayons—only 24 count boxes please; Crayola brand suggested as they do better in hot climates
1 - 14"x16" cloth bag—home made or purchased bags are both acceptable; heavy duty fabric only- denim, corduroy, drapery fabric etc.; no advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols please; closures are optional but must be buttons, snaps or Velcro sewn in middle of opening if used.

Please include \$1 in each kit to help defray shipping costs.

Put in one of the bins in The Bridge at OUMC.

Birthdays

8/01 Judy Hart
8/02 Don Fairburn
Katherine Malone
Breanna Worley
8/03 Alex Danielson
Vicki Hart
8/04 Beth Haley
Gene Krebs
8/05 Richard Daniels
Beverly Mattox
8/06 Todd Daniels
Finley DelVecchio
Emily Smith
8/07 Doug Drake
Aaron Hudepohl
8/09 Jerome Conley
8/10 Ann Bennett
Mary Lou Booth
8/11 Lauren Walker
Rob Hufford
8/12 Brad Cotterman
8/13 Emily Eberwine
8/16 Cole Jones
Mike Rudolph
8/18 Debbie Hurley
Harry Paulin
Harling Wespiser
8/19 Allison Estirdge
Ron Kolb
Dixie Utter
Jack Worley
8/21 Chris Allison
Bob Mucha
8/22 Norah Green
Rudy Krehbiel
Karl Mattox
8/23 Anna Hurley
8/24 Phyllis Cox
8/25 Andy Zimmerma8/28
Kieran DelVecchio
Alice Miller3
8/29 Erin MacDonald
8/30 Michael Smith
8/31 Jacob Clawson
Justin Clawson

Anniversaries

8/04 Jim & Amy Clawson
8/08 Bruce & Diane Perry
8/10 Bob & Wynetta Martin
8/16 Tosh & Cindy Augspurger
8/18 Bud & Bibi Williamson
8/19 Stu & Lana Worl
8/22 Howard & Charlotte Krauss
Bill & Martha Lee Pulley
Bill & Ginny Scott
8/26 Ron & Donna Kolb
8/27 John & Joan Green
Clay & Ethel Hock
8/29 Bill & Dixie Utter
8/31 Karl & Beverly Mattox

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Host a Family for Parent's Weekend!

We need your help!

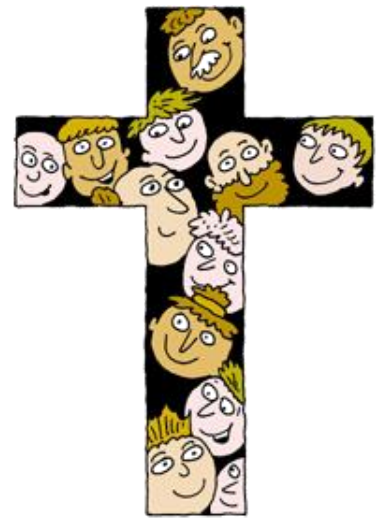
We are looking for interested persons to host individuals and parents of MU students for Parent's Weekend on September 23-25, 2011.

If you are interested and have room(s) available, please contact Barbara Eshbaugh at barbara_eshbaugh@hotmail.com



Just a note of thanks to **all** who were a part of OUMC team in the 2011 Relay for Life -- not just team members walking laps, but so many others who supported our efforts with registration, the purchase of luminaries, and their generous donations. We were again designated a "Silver Team" -- raising over \$3500 to help in the fight against cancer. It was a great **team** effort -- your involvement and support are greatly appreciated. THANK YOU for your important part in our collective success.

Peggy Lewis and
Michael Hart
(co-chairs, Friends for Life)



August Ministry Schedules

Greeters

8/07
8:30 Lori & Larry Hufford, Mary Evans
10:00 Barb & Brad Cotterman
8/14
8:30 Greg & Laura Haskins, Alice Laatsch
10:00 Barb & Dick Kolb, Jack Cotter
8/21
8:30 Norm, Jane & John Krumpel, Peggy Lewis
10:00 Bob & Wynetta Martin
8/28
8:30 Barb & Hardy Eshbaugh, Teddi Robeson
10:00 Doug, Audra, Ben & Emma Drake

Lay Readers

8/07 Becky Heckert
8/14 Rusty Richardson
8/21 Jerome Conley
8/28 Dixie Utter

Sound Technicians

8/07 Brad Cotterman
8/14 Bob Montgomery
8/21 Earl Folker
8/28 Robby Montgomery

Ushers

8/07 Team Hock
8/14 Team Hesselbrock
8/21 Team Hild
8/28 Team Haskins

Fellowship Time

8/07 9:30 Carol Michael
11:00 Cathy Green & Pam Termeer
8/14 Alice Laatsch
8/21 Louise Friedman
8/28 Lana Worl

OUMC August 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 10:00 Staff Meeting 5:30 Community Dinner 7:00 AA Meeting Nominating Comm. Mtg.	4	5	6 5:00 AA Meeting
7 8:30 Gathering Worship 9:30 Fellowship Time 10:00 Union Serv. OUMC 11:00 Fellowship Time 12:15 Grace Korean Church	8 11:00 Congregational Care 7:00 Missions Mtg. 7:00 Trustees Mtg.	9	10 10:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 AA Meeting	11 7:00 Choir Practice 7:00 Resingled	12	13 1:00 Lois Daniel Memorial Service 5:00 Bosma/Smith Wedding 5:00 AA Meeting
14 8:30 Gathering Worship 9:30 Fellowship Time 10:00 Worship 12:15 Grace Korean Church	15 7:00 Finance Mtg.	16	17 10:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Church Council Bar-B-Que at the Montgomery's -3 Bull Run 7:00 AA Meeting	18 7:00 Choir Practice 7:00 Resingled	19	20 5:00 AA Meeting
21 8:30 Gathering Worship 9:30 Fellowship Time 10:00 Worship 12:15 Grace Korean Church	22	23	24 10:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 AA Meeting	25 7:00 Choir Practice 7:00 Resingled	26	27 5:00 AA Meeting
28 8:30 Gathering Worship 9:30 Fellowship Time 10:00 Worship=Welcome / Blessing All Students 12:15 Grace Korean Church	29	30	31 10:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 AA Meeting			