

THE CLOCK

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"Grow in Christ...Share Our Faith"

Dear Beloved Family,

I would like to take this installment of our newsletter to give grateful thanks to each of you for your prayers and support through our recovery from the automobile accident Karen and I experienced on June 28. Karen has finally been given the green light from her doctor to begin physical therapy, but she still is unable to return to work. Please keep praying for a full recovery. I have experienced some memory loss as a result of my concussion, as well as some challenges with short term memory. Thankfully, my ribs appear to be completely healed, and nearly all the numbness under my right knee is gone. Thanks be to God. If you have seen the condition our car following the accident, then you know we are only with you because of the grace of God. Even in the midst of our struggles, we give praise to God for His loving kindness.

I would also like to take a moment this month to thank my students who were able to complete the Spiritual Formation Class for their participation. Each one has been through spiritual "boot camp" and is now prepared to engage in increasing levels of involvement with the first four spiritual disciplines. I trust the Lord will develop well prepared, humble servant leaders through these devoted efforts.

Praise the Lord for continuing to grow and bless our congregation to God's glory and the benefit of our community inside and outside of the Church.

In the Love of Christ,

Pastor Judd

FAITH

*is not believing that God can
it is knowing that He will.*

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SEPTEMBER SCRIPTURE READINGS

September 2	<i>Song of Solomon 2:8-13</i> <i>Psalms 45:1-2, 6-9</i> <i>Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23</i>	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 9	<i>Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23</i> <i>Psalms 125</i> <i>James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17</i> <i>Mark 7:24-37</i>	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 16	<i>Proverbs 1:20-33</i> <i>Psalms 19</i> <i>James 3:1-12</i> <i>Mark 8:27-38</i>	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 23	<i>Proverbs 31:10-31</i> <i>Psalms 1</i> <i>James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a</i> <i>Mark 9:30-37</i>	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 30	<i>Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22</i> <i>Psalms 124</i> <i>James 5:13-20</i> <i>Mark 9:38-50</i>	NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Please Pray:

Please pray for the sick or injured, those caring for the sick, those in recovery, shut-ins and those in mourning. Please pray for healing, recovery, comfort, peace & grace for:

The family & friends of Frank Baril. Frank passed away on Sunday, August 5th.

Church members, friends and family who are shut-ins, including: Harriet Brunnett, Bob Hatfield, Doris Norcross, Sally Johnson, Hazel Prouty & Carlton Thomas.

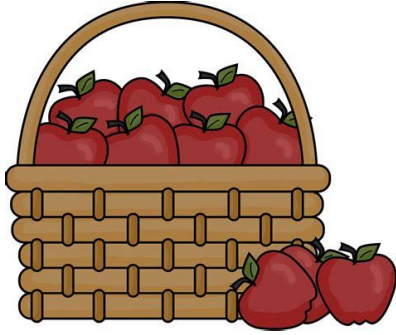
Please pray for Daniel Fay.

Please pray for our nation and for all of God's children around the world. Pray for our leaders, local, national and global that they may be guided to bring about peace for ALL.

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Starting on September 5th the office hours will be Wednesday and Thursday from 9-12. Pastor Barry will be available on Wednesday.

Please plan to attend the Fellowship Brunch after church on September 16th. I will lead a discussion regarding the landmark decision to be made by the 2019 Special Session of the General Conference regarding the consideration to ordain and license LGBTQI community members into ministry as clergy.



Brunch with Barry & Bruce 3^d is the new 5th

*Join us after church on September
16th with Pastor Barry*

*In order to have variety of choices
here is a suggested
break down, but if you have a favorite
dish please bring it along!!*

*A – G Fruit or Juices
H – O Pastry
P – Z Breakfast Casserole*

Any questions see Nancy Bouchard



UMCOR

United Methodist Committee on Relief
A Big THANK YOU to all who donated
Hygiene Kits for UMCOR!

Throughout the month of July, the congregation of OUMC gathered items to be included in one-gallon re-sealable bags to assemble UMCOR Hygiene Kits. 16 Hygiene Kits were delivered to Webster United Church of Christ to be sent to areas effected by natural disasters so that people will have the basic items they will need to clean themselves and improve their chances of staying healthy.

While I was making this delivery, I was informed that the secretary at Webster United Church of Christ has made arrangement with a local store to receive 5-gallon buckets with lids. She plans to give us 5 of the buckets so we can complete the UMCOR Cleaning Kits for which we have already collected items. 7 COMPLETE Cleaning Kits were delivered in July.

Cindy Denson,
Missions Committee Chair

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school begins on Sunday, September 16th! Registration during Fellowship on Sunday, Sept 9th for age 4 through 3rd grade. For children 4th grade through age 12, please see Angela Gillette to learn more about the Scribes Program!

We are looking for additional Sunday school teachers. If you are interested, please see Angela Gillette.

OUMC FACEBOOK PAGE

Next week, in addition to a former pastor's memorial, I will post a memorial on the church Facebook page for Rev. Ithiel Town Johnson. Rev. Johnson was **not** a pastor here at Oxford Methodist Church, but he did accept Jesus Christ after attending worship here and committed his life to God at Oxford Methodist. This is remarkable because Rev. Johnson describes his early years as that of a very troubled child. After being baptized by Rev. Daniel Chapin at Oxford Methodist he was received into full connection six months later and remained a member here for many years. As he wrote in his autobiography, "I remember what joy came into my heart when I was privileged to know that I was instrumental in leading a soul to Christ." Reverend Johnson became an evangelist, and traveled all over the United States, preaching in many venues for the Glory of Jesus Christ. At the end of his life, his funeral was held at Oxford Methodist Church on Charlton Street.

Bob Shedd, Church Historian

Oxford Ecumenical Food Shelf

For the month of **September** the Food Shelf is accepting donations of:

Baking items: cake mixes, brownie mix, pancake mix, frosting.

On September 2nd please place food items in the collection basket at the front of the church when you come forward to receive Communion.

For the rest of the month, donations can be put in the basket in the narthex (next to the office door).

**In October we will be looking for
Cereal.**

Many families coming to us have members with "diabetes" and "gluten allergies".

Low sugar, sugar free, and gluten free items are always in need.

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

Thank you for your generosity!



**If you cannot make it to church, you can join us on YouTube!!!
Go to YouTube and type in "Oxford Massachusettts United Methodist Church "
You can watch and send us messages by typing right on the site; you can send your prayer request to us to be read in church with the other prayers. Yes you do have to mistype Massachusettts**



COMMUNION STEWARD NEEDED

The Worship Committee is seeking a person or a two to four-person team to serve as Communion Steward(s). This volunteer position involves bringing the bread and making sure there is enough grape juice for communion on the first and third Sundays of each month and cleaning up after the service. Instruction on how to set-up for communion at the rail and for communion by intinction will be provided. Costs can be reimbursed. If you are interested in serving the Lord and your church in this way, please speak to Brenda Gabel or Cindy Denson.

LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES TRAINING

In 2012, the General Conference approved a name change from “Lay Speaking Ministries” to “Lay Servant Ministries.” Lay Servant Ministries includes much more than just pulpit supply.

Oxford UMC will be the site for 3 Lay Servant Classes on the following Saturdays: October 13, November 3, and November 10. All classes will meet from 1PM to 6 PM.

Courses being offered are: Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course, Class Leaders (Accountable Discipleship is a prerequisite) and Spiritual Gifts.

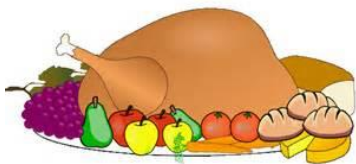
More information and the course registration form are available on-line. There is a course fee of \$45. Registration forms and a check payable to “The New England Conference” are due by Friday, October 5th. You can download the registration form by going to: www.neumc.org/layspeakingcoursescm

Please mail your registration form and check to:

Beth Ferguson
388 Oakland Parkway
Franklin, MA 02038

If you have any questions regarding Lay Servant Ministries, you may speak with Bruce Denson at church or call him at 508-987-5241.

SAVE THE DATE!!
ANNUAL HARVEST SUPPER
TURKEY DINNER WITH ALL THE FIXIN'S
SATURDAY, October 27, 2018
5:00PM – 6:30PM
Take-out available beginning at 4:30PM



**Staff Parish Relations Committee
Will be meeting on August 29th**

SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, September 29th
Teen Ministries
“MYSTERY SUPPER”
[Menu to be determined]
5:00- 6:30
[Prices to be determined]
Fund Raiser for the 2019 Teen
Ministries Missions Trip to
Camp Mechuwana

**Come to church, view the announcements
 on the screen, read the bulletin and
 listen for announcements with
 further information.**



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| Doris Norcross | 9/1 |
| Carolyn Latham | 9/5 |
| Sally Johnson | 9/6 |
| Marilyn Knox | 9/9 |
| Maxwell | |
| Zostant | 9/9 |
| Rosy Krantz | 9/11 |
| Harriet | |
| Brunette | 9/15 |
| Samuel Zostant | 9/15 |
| Daniel Gabel | 9/18 |
| Anne Nitti | 9/21 |
| Ashtin Morio | 9/21 |
| Lily Krantz | 9/23 |
| Donna LaPlante | 9/23 |



John & Karen Olival 9/30

September Lay Readers

- September 2 Sue Stone*
- September 9 Nancy Bouchard*
- September 16 Bruce Denson*
- September 23 Brenda Gabel*
- September 30 Angela Gillette*

*September Altar
 Flowers*

- September 2 Baril*
- September 9 Morrow*
- September 16 Brennan*
- September 23 Gabel*
- September 30 open*



A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

The next edition of The Clock, the OUMC newsletter, will be for October 2018. The **deadline** for submitting articles for the October 2018 edition is 7:00 PM on **Tuesday, September 25th**. Please send any items for The Clock to: c.l.denson54@gmail.com.
Thank you.

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 2018

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2 WORSHIP 9:00 Food Shelf Donations Fellowship Following Worship	3 	4	5 Office Hours & Pastor's Hours 9:00-12:00	6 Office Hours 9:00 – 12:00	7	8
9 WORSHIP 9:00 Sunday School Registration during Fellowship Following Worship	10	11	12 Office Hours & Pastor's Hours 9:00-12:00 Bible Study 10AM Ad Council 7PM	13 Office Hours 9:00 – 12:00	14	15
16 WORSHIP 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 BRUNCH WITH BARRY & BRUCE Following Worship	17	18	19 Office Hours & Pastor's Hours 9:00-12:00 Bible Study 10AM Finance 7PM	20 Office Hours 9:00 – 12:00	21	22
23 WORSHIP 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Fellowship Following Worship Worcester Fellowship Sandwich Making	24	25	26 Office Hours & Pastor's Hours 9:00-12:00 Bible Study 10 AM	27 Office Hours 9:00 – 12:00	28	29 TEEN MINISTRIES SUPPER 5-6:30 pm 2019 Missions Fund Raiser
30 WORSHIP 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Fellowship Following Worship	The CLOCK has been sent... mostly by email. If you think someone new would like to receive <u>The Clock</u> either by email or through the post office, please have them contact the Editor, Cindy, at: (c.l.denson54@gmail.com). The most recent issue will also be available for pick-up in the Narthex. If you do not wish to receive the OUMC Newsletter, reply to this e-mail with "unsubscribe" in the subject line or speak with Cindy (508) 987-5241.					

Oxford United Methodist Church

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:00 AM	Choir rehearsal
9:00 AM	Sunday School Classes
9:00 AM	Morning Worship Service
(child care available during Sunday activities and service)	

Serving the Church

Ministers	All members of the congregation
Pastor	Barry Judd
Nursery Care	Denise LeBlanc & Denise Stewart
Church Secretary	Sue Stone
Church Custodian	Don Parker

Starting on September 5th, the church office will usually be open on Wednesdays & Thursdays, 9:00am to Noon, and Pastor Judd's Office Hours will be Wednesdays, 9:00 AM to Noon or by appointment.