

THE CLOCK

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"Grow in Christ...Share Our Faith"

Dear Beloved Family,

I write this article at the verge of a change in my schedule. As I type these words, I am seated in the library at the Boston University School of Theology with one week of classes left for this semester. I anticipate nearly four months of time which will not include trips to Boston, papers to write, exams for which to prepare...and much more sleep! I will have the opportunity to spend more time with my neglected family...especially that beautiful little new granddaughter of ours. I'm already trying to get her to say "Seattle Seahawks," because I think it is easier to announce than "Mariners."

What will your Summer be like? Will you have a bit more free time, or will you feel busier than ever? Will you spend time away, or will you finally be able to catch up on some tasks which were put on the shelf over the Winter? Will you have a bit more time to spend with family, or will your family responsibilities make life busier than ever? Whatever your Summer will look like, I would like to encourage us all to make use of the time in one way or another to build our friendships with God and our brothers and sisters in the community of faith. Psalm 90 enjoins us to "Number our days..." so we do not waste the great resource of time with which our Maker has blessed us. I pray we will remember to number our days of Summer and make them useful for our spiritual lives. Is there an outreach opportunity God has brought to your mind, but you have put off? Do you have a neighbor who the Lord has been bringing to you mind for prayer? Perhaps this Summer will afford the opportunity to share some of the love of Christ with that person by being helpful in some way.

I have had the experience of "waiting for Summer" to do some spiritual work, and then being so focused upon the break that I "wait for things to get back to normal" (i.e. wait for Winter) to once again "wait for Summer," and the experience never quite fits into the schedule...anywhere. Let's number our days of Summer; and use them to our own spiritual advantage.

Have a great Spring and Summer indeed!

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Judd

MAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

May 5 Acts 9:1-6, (7-20) THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
 Psalm 30
 Revelation 5:11-14
 John 21:1-19

May 12 Acts 9:36-43 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 Psalm 23
 Revelation 7:9-17
 John 10:22-30

May 19 Acts 11:1-18 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 Psalm 148
 Revelation 21:1-6
 John 13:31-35

May 26 Acts 16:9-15 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 Psalm 67
 Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
 John 14:23-29
 Or
 John 5:1-9

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:

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

Please pray for Margaret Heidi, Janet Pilling, Rose Pilling and Daniel Fay.

The family and friends of Linda Tricarico. Linda died in Florida on April 18, 2019.

Pray for the New England Conference as we follow the Holy Spirit toward truth and love.

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

A THANK YOU NOTE:

To our hospitable friends at Oxford United Methodist Church,

You have once again opened your hearts and your doors to us for our annual art festival. Thank you so much for your generous spirit. It means so much to our students and their families, and we hope you enjoy a bit of children's art at the same time!

With gratitude and sincerity, the Jack and Jill Preschool Staff from First Baptist, No. Oxford.

Quinsigamond UMC NEWS

5/11/2019 Saturday 9:00am to 2:00pm bake sale and plant sale. Flowers and vegetable plants from Hartman's Herb farm, Barre, MA

Sunday June 2, 2019. Swedish Meatball dinner after church at 12:00pm. Adults \$10.00, children up to 12 \$5.00 and under 5 free. The family cap will be \$25.00. The proceeds from this dinner will go to the "Warm the Church" repayment account.



2nd Annual Pasta with a Purpose

OUMC Teen Ministry Fundraiser

Saturday, May 11, 2019

5:30 - 7:00pm

Oxford United Methodist Church

465 Main St.

Oxford, MA. 01540

All proceeds will go to the mission trip to Camp Mechuwana in July.

Menu includes:

Spaghetti with meatballs

Rolls

Salad

Brownies



\$7.00 for Adults

\$4.00 for Children

\$20.00 per family maximum

Notes from Your Renewal Team

On Friday, April 26th, our church held its first (of what we hope to be many) Red Cross blood drive. Although we fell a little short of the goal of 17 donors (14 total) I feel the overall experience was a huge success. We were able to see what the physical setup was to be for future blood drives and what the process was for donor registration. This event was at the last-minute request of the Red Cross as their original facility in Palmer had to cancel. Our first OUMC sanctioned blood drive is scheduled for September 20th from 1:00-7:00. More information will follow as we get closer.

The Renewal Committee did meet on Wednesday, April 24th. Some topics still on the table for discussion included a Blessing of the Animals to be held in August, a "Church Family" Reunion coming in September and in 2020 a special Souper Bowl brunch.

As always, any ideas from the Renewal Team (that would be the entire congregation) is more than welcome.

If you would like to share a 'Moment of Gratitude' during the Sunday morning worship service, please see Bob Shedd. Even if you don't like to '**speak in public**', remember you will just be sharing something that is meaningful to you with members of your church family - please pray about it, you may have something to share that someone else would love to hear...or even need to hear.

*Sing praise to the Lord,
all his faithful people!
Remember what the Holy one has
done,
and give him thanks!*

Psalm 30:4

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Saturday
June 15, 2019,
7:00 am



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Camp Mechuwana in July.**



3rd Sunday Brunch

*Join us after church on June
16th right after Church*

*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 Juice or Fruit

H – O Pastry's

P – Z Breakfast Casserole

Any questions see Nancy Bouchard

PRAYER BEARS

One of the ways the members of Oxford United Methodist Church show how they care for each other and for people outside this church is by giving Prayer Bears to people in need of prayer and comfort for any reason. Because the health of many of the recipients of these bears is already compromised, we give only NEW bears. When donating bears for this project, please make sure they are new and that the manufacture's tag is still attached. Thank you for your continued support for this mission of love.



PRAYER SHAWLS



To all those who knit and/or crochet: it's time to get those happy fingers busy. At last count, we had only one prayer shawl. If you would like instructions for making a knitted or crocheted prayer shawl, please contact Cindy Denson at 508-987-5241 or send an email to c.l.denson54@gmail.com. Some free yarn is available.

July 20th 7pm
.....Hold the date!



Worcester Bravehearts Baseball
Fireworks after the game!
 Stay tuned for more details

Grilled Roast Pork Dinner
Includes Baked Potato, Carrots,
Dessert and Beverages



Oxford United Methodist Church
465 Main Street
Oxford, MA
Saturday, August 3, 2019

Cost:

Adults - \$10.00

Children - \$5.00

For more information call the church at
508-987-5378

COFFEE HOUR 2.0



Beginning in May we will organize Coffee Hour sign-ups differently. The new process will be broken into 3 separate items:

1. Getting the donuts
2. Set-up
3. Serving and clean-up.

You will now be able to pick one of the 3 jobs each week (or more if you'd rather). The intent is to provide more flexibility in scheduling and lighten the load for the regular volunteers. The sign-up sheet will now be located in the kitchen. With the new arrangement, juice and creamer will now be stocked each week by other volunteers so no need to make a separate trip to Cumberland Farms.

Coffee Hour provides an easy atmosphere for all of us to meet for fellowship after service and equally important, it's a place for the visitor to meet our congregation and learn about our church.

Will you help?

See Steve or Brenda Gabel for more details.

Oxford Ecumenical Food Shelf

This program helps keep people of Oxford from going hungry.

For the month of **May**, the Food Shelf is asking OUMC to donate the following: **Condiments: Ketchup, mustard, relish, mayo, salad dressing, pickles, BBQ sauce, etc.**

On May 5th 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 June we will be looking for: Rice-a-Roni

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!

Mother's Day Bouquet

There will be one bouquet on the altar for Mother's Day, May 12th. There will be a list of Mothers to be remembered or honored in the bulletin on that date. If you would like a name of someone special listed in the bulletin, please complete this form and donate \$3.00 for each name. You can put cash or a check made out to "OUMC Altar Flowers" in an envelope marked "Mother's Day Bouquet" into the offering plate. Any profit after paying for the flowers will go to Missions. The bouquet will be brought to Sandalwood Care & Rehabilitation Center.

In Honor of _____ given by _____

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In Loving Memory of _____ given by _____

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The deadline for submitting names is May 8th.

Be thinking ahead to Father's Day, June 16th, when we will be doing the same thing for our Dads.



If you cannot make it to church, you can join us on YouTube!!!
 Go to YouTube and type in:
 "Oxford Massachusettstts 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 Massachusettstts.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Diane Peterson 5/2
- Malcolm Scales 5/11
- Phyllis Carey 5/13
- Tyler Bouchard 5/17
- Priscilla McVeigh 5/20
- Emma Carey 5/22
- Deborah Parmenter 5/23
- Iver Peterson, Sr. 5/26
- Judy Pytko 5/28
- Pamela Parent 5/29



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Carolyn & George Foster 5/16



A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:
 The next edition of The Clock, the OUMC newsletter, will be for May 2019. The **deadline** for submitting articles for the May 2019 edition is 7:00 PM on **Wednesday, May 27th**. Please send any items for The Clock to: c.l.denson54@gmail.com
Thank you.

May Lay Readers

- May 5 *Sue Stone*
- May 12 *Cindy Denson*
- May 19 *Steve Gabel*
- May 26 *Bob Parmenter*

May Altar Flowers

- May 5 *open*
- May 12 *Mother's Day Bouquet*
- May 19 *open*
- May 26 *open*

Oxford United Methodist Church

Sunday Morning Schedule

- 8:30 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 Stewart & Alyssa Franks
- Church Secretary Sue Stone
- Church Custodian Don Parker

The church office is usually open on Wednesdays & Thursdays, 9:00am to Noon, and Pastor Judd's Office Hours are usually Wednesdays, 9:00 AM to Noon or by appointment.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<h1>MAY 2019</h1>			1 Office Hours & Pastor's Hours 9:00-12:00 Bible Study 10AM Finance/Stewardship 7:00 PM	2 Office Hours 9:00 – 12:00	3	4
5 Choir 8:30 WORSHIP 9:00 Sunday School 9:15 Fellowship with coffee and donuts Following Worship Missions Committee Meet after Worship	6	7  <i>Choir</i> 7 pm	8 Office Hours & Pastor's Hours 9:00-12:00 Bible Study 10AM Administrative Council 7PM	9 Office Hours 9:00 – 12:00	10	11 Pasta for a Purpose 5:30-7:00 PM
12 Choir 8:30 WORSHIP 9:00 Sunday School 9:15 Fellowship Following Worship Happy Mother's Day	13	14  <i>Choir</i> 7 pm	15 Office Hours & Pastor's Hours 9:00-12:00 Bible Study 10AM	16 Office Hours 9:00 – 12:00	17	18
19 Choir 8:30 WORSHIP 9:00 Sunday School 9:15 Fellowship Following Worship	20	21  <i>Choir</i> 7 pm	22 Office Hours & Pastor's Hours 9:00-12:00 Bible Study 10AM Renewal Meeting 7:00 PM	23 Office Hours 9:00 – 12:00	24	25
26 Choir 8:30 WORSHIP 9:00 Sunday School 9:15 Fellowship Following Worship Sandwich Making for Worcester Fellowship	27	28  <i>Choir</i> 7 pm	29 Office Hours & Pastor's Hours 9:00-12:00 Bible Study 10AM	30 Office Hours 9:00 – 12:00	31	

The CLOCK has been sent... mostly by email. If you think someone new would like to receive The Clock 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.