

# THE CLOCK

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“Grow in Christ...Share Our Faith”

Dear Beloved Family,

As September approaches, I am getting more and more excited each day! We will begin the Spiritual Formation Classes very soon. These classes will not only help me to comply with my contextual education requirement for seminary, but much more importantly they will also be a platform through which we may begin to engage in the Methods (of interpretation and application) about which I have been teaching since I arrived. These classes will be a great opportunity to grow in discipleship in ways which have not been afforded before now. The basic structure will follow an approach and curriculum created by Rev. Dr. Sarah Mount-Elewononi. Pastor Mount-Elewononi has focused her attention upon John Wesley's three general rules: do no harm, do good and attend to the ordinances of God. The ordinances Wesley referenced were essentially what we have learned to be the Two Methods bathed in worship. Thus, we may say: do no harm, do good and work on our friendship with God. We will thus be centering upon spiritual practices which connect us to Jesus. We will spend time in positive accountability so that we work on re-wiring our brains to not feel guilty about times we don't meet our own goals, but work instead on healthy ways of re-starting our journey toward those goals. We will study and meditate upon Scripture, talk (pray) and listen (spiritually contemplate) to God, and deepen our love for each other and Christ through fellowship and conferring with the saints. We will also practice our Method of Application by engaging in good works which God uncover to our spirits as we progress through the classes and learn to listen to God more clearly.

I cannot express how grateful I am to begin this phase of our journey together. We have been engaging in renewal since I arrived two years ago...praise God! I anticipate that these Spiritual Formation Classes will only increase our drive toward renewal, and our effectiveness in outreach. When we make our ministry more visible to the people in our communities, we have even more growth opportunities to offer than ever before. I think that the discipleship experience will perfectly augment our renewal and outreach efforts in ways greater than we can even imagine. To the glory of our Master, Savior and Best Friend, Jesus Christ. I pray you will consider growing through a Spiritual Formation Class. Please sign up when the sheets become available in the narthex of the Church Meetinghouse. I know you'll be glad you did.

In the Love of Christ,

*Pastor Judd*

## SEPTEMBER SCRIPTURE READINGS

September 1	Jeremiah 2:4-13 Psalm 112 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14	Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
September 8	Jeremiah 18:1-11 Psalm 1 Philemon 1:1-21 Luke 14:25-33	Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 15	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 Psalm 51:1-10 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10	Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 22	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 Psalm 113 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13	Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 29	Jeremiah 32:1-3A, 6-15 Psalm 146 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31	Sixteenth 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:

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, Christine Judd [Pastor's Mother], Rose Pilling and Daniel Fay.

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

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

## PRAYER SHAWLS

Are any of our members who knit or crochet in need of yarn for making Prayer Shawls? Speak to Cindy Denson. We recently received a donation of yarn.

We also have copies of the "Prayer Shawl" patterns.

If you know anyone in need of the Lord's comfort, bring them a prayer shawl. They have been laid on the altar and blessed with a prayer asking for healing and comfort for whomever wears them.





## Join us for Sunday School!

We'll be merging our Sunday School classes this year and will have one class for grades K-3. This year we will use the Dig In Curriculum to "Dig into Epic Teachings of the Bible." This curriculum will help us explore the enduring lessons of the Old and New Testaments. We'll dig into Scripture such as the Fruit of the Spirit, Armor of God, and Psalm 23. The kids will discover that the Bible matters and is a loving letter from a God who understand them.



**Registration:** Rally Sunday – September 8<sup>th</sup>

**Class begins:** September 15<sup>th</sup> (following Children's time)

**Thank you** to all of our returning teachers this year – Donna and Jeff LaPlante, Buddy Drew, Cindy Denson and Nancy Bouchard

\*\*Please note - All children in grades 4–7 are encouraged to participate in the Scribes Program. Please see Angela Gillette or Pastor Barry for more information.





## Oxford United Methodist Teen Ministry

### Teen Ministry Gathering dates:

Saturday, September 7, 2019 –

**Chili and Chowder Supper** (Teen Fundraiser)

Meet at church at 2:00 to prep for supper followed by serving and cleaning up

Saturday, September 21st - Teen Gathering - from 6-8pm

Saturday, October 5th - Teen Gathering - from 6-8pm

Saturday, October 19th - Teen Gathering - from 6-8pm

Saturday, November 2nd - Teen Ministry **Potluck dinner** - from 6-8pm

Saturday, November 16th - Teen Gathering - from 6-8pm

Saturday, December 14th - Teen Gathering - from 6-8pm

Saturday, December 21st - **Pie Making at Church** from 9:00-4:00



Saturday, December 28th –  
**Overnight/Lock in** –  
Railers game at 7:05pm then  
returning to church for overnight

**Our Teen Ministry Gatherings are open to all teens ages 13 and up and held at the Oxford United Methodist Church. If you have any questions, please contact Dave or Christine Kilmonis at [dck3b1@gmail.com](mailto:dck3b1@gmail.com).**

Do you have a favorite hymn?  
Write it down and give it to our organist,  
Ed LaLiberty, a choir member  
or a member of the Worship Committee,  
(Melissa Scales, Pam Marshalkowski, and  
Cindy Denson).



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Brunch

*Join us after church on  
September 15th 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 Breakfast Casserole  
H – O Juices or Yogurt  
P – Z Fruit*

*Any questions see Nancy Bouchard*



## Chili and Chowder With a Purpose

OUMC Teen Ministry Fundraiser

Saturday, September 7, 2019

5:30 - 7:00pm

Oxford United Methodist Church

465 Main St.

Oxford, MA. 01540

**All proceeds will go to support the**

**OUMC Teen Ministry.**

Menu includes:

Chili (regular and vegetarian)

Chowder (Clam and Corn)

Bread/Rolls

Cookies and Brownies



\$7.00 for Adults

\$4.00 for Children

\$20.00 per family maximum

## Oxford Ecumenical Food Shelf

This program helps keep people of Oxford from going hungry.

For the month of **September**, the

**Food Shelf is asking OUMC to**

**donate the following: **canned****

**tomato products**

On September 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 October we will be looking for:**

**canned soup**

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!***

October is our month to provide volunteers to help at the

Oxford Ecumenical Food Shelf.

Please support this very necessary program by donating your time

from 5:15-7:15 PM.

A MERRY HEART  
DOETH GOOD  
LIKE A MEDICINE.  
PROVERBS 17:22



**Oxford United Methodist Church  
465 Main Street**

**TURKEY DINNER WITH ALL THE FIX'INS**

Saturday, October 26, 2019  
5:00 – 6:30

Take-out available beginning @ 4:30

**Adults: \$12.00**

**Kids: \$5.00**

**Family Cap: \$30.00**



Bakers needed for the Missions Committee BAKE SALE to raise funds for the purchase of hats, scarves, gloves and mittens for Worcester Fellowship.

## From Your Renewal Team

The Renewal Committee met on Wednesday, August 28th. There were two main issues that took up the bulk of the committee's time.

First on the agenda was discussion on our upcoming Blessing of the Animals. This event will be held on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 12 noon. It will be held in the church parking lot. There are still some details that need to be worked out so look for more announcements coming. We have set another meeting in early September (11<sup>th</sup>) to finalize everything. Look forward to more information during the announcement portion of worship of Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and possibly the 29<sup>th</sup>.

We have a couple other events coming up prior to the Blessing of the Animals in October. On Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, the Town of Oxford will be holding their Fall Festival on the Town Common. Once again, we will have a table as we did last year. It was a lot of fun, met a lot of new people and shared God's love and grace with many. If any members of the Renewal Team would like to help out for as little or as much time as they can give, we'd love to see you there. Remember all members of the congregation are members of the Renewal Team.

Also, in September, the 20<sup>th</sup> to be exact, our church will hold its first official Red Cross Blood Drive. This will be held from 1:00pm – 6:00pm in Fellowship Hall. We are asking all that can donate blood to please do so. Only 38% of the U.S. population is eligible to donate blood, but only 10% donate. Please spread the word to family and friends. Appointments can be made on-line at [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or by calling 1-800-733-2767. We are hoping that on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> we will have the capabilities to make an appointment for you after worship service. If you should have any difficulties, please see any member of the Renewal Team Committee. Our goal, set by the Red Cross, is 12 pints.

The remaining time was taken up with discussions on the book "Roadmap To Renewal" which is our "GPS" to having a successful Renewal Program for our church. We pondered over the question of how to attract the "young adults" (ages 25-35). We did touch on a few "different" ideas but at this writing it is too early to disclose. This topic is very difficult, as you can imagine. So, if any of the members of the Renewal Team (and again that includes everyone from the congregation) has any ideas on how to bring "young adults" back to Jesus, please share with the committee.

Items that are still open for future discussion include: 1) Our Church Family Reunion; 2) Build A Prayer Wall; 3) Souper Bowl 2020 Luncheon; 4) Having Our Sunday Services Broadcast on Oxford's Local Access Channel; and 5) Secret Prayer Pal.

Our next Committee meeting will be held on September 11th.

## OUMC MISSIONS

Through-out the month of September, the Missions Committee will be accepting new donations for the assembly of UMCOR Cleaning Kits. Our goal is 6 complete kits. UMCOR delivers these kits to victims of floods, earthquakes, fires, etcetera, so they can clean their homes and help to make them habitable again.

There is a display outside the sanctuary with lists of needed items and a sign-up board. Please take a list and write your name next to the item(s) you will be donating. Please also indicate how many of each item we can expect.

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Volunteers are needed to deliver brown bag lunches to Worcester Fellowship on the fourth Sunday of the month. Speak to Cindy Denson for more information. Please continue to donate Dunkin Donuts gift cards, socks, other articles of clothing and toiletries.

It may be hot right now, but the temperatures will soon be dropping, especially at night while many homeless are sleeping outside. We will be collecting new and gently used hats, scarves, mittens, gloves, coats, jackets, blankets – anything that will help keep our homeless brothers and sisters warm.





## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

John & Karen Olival 9/30

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

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.

### September Lay Readers

September 1 Sue Stone  
 September 8 Steve Gabel  
 September 15 Brue Denson  
 September 22 Cindy Denson  
 September 29 Brenda Gabel

### September Altar Flowers

September 1 open  
 September 8 Alma for Dianne  
 September 15 Dan Gabel b'day  
 September 22 open  
 September 29 Memory of Dorothy Ohrn



#### A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

The next edition of The Clock, the OUMC newsletter, will be for October 2019. The **deadline** for submitting articles for this edition is 7:00 PM on **Thursday, September 26th.**

Please send any items for The Clock to: c.l.denson54@gmail.com **Thank you.**

## Oxford United Methodist Church

### Sunday Morning Schedule

8:30 AM Choir Rehearsal  
 9:15 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
Organist/Choir Director	Ed LaLiberty
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 style="font-family: serif; color: #669933;">SEPTEMBER 2019</h1>						
1 <b>Choir 8:15</b> WORSHIP 9:00 <b>Sunday School 9:15</b> Fellowship with coffee and donuts Following Worship	2	3	4 Office Hours & Pastor's Hours 9:00-12:00 <b>Bible Study 10AM</b> Finance 7 PM Trustees 7 PM	5 Office Hours 9:00 – 12:00	6	7 <b>Chili &amp; Chowder Supper 5-7 PM</b>
8 <b>Choir 8:15</b> WORSHIP 9:00 <b>Sunday School 9:15</b> Fellowship with coffee and donuts Following Worship <i>Blood Drive Sign-up</i>	9	10	11 Office Hours & Pastor's Hours 9:00-12:00 <b>Bible Study 10AM</b> Renewal Team 7 PM	12 Office Hours 9:00 – 12:00	13	14
15 <b>Choir 8:15</b> WORSHIP 9:00 <b>Sunday School 9:15</b> <b>3rd Sunday Brunch</b> Fellowship with coffee and donuts Following Worship	16	17	18 Pastor's Hours 9:00-12:00 <b>Bible Study 10AM</b> Ad Counsel Meeting 7 PM	19 Office Hours 9:00 – 12:00	20 <b>BLOOD DRIVE at OUMC 1 – 6 PM</b>	21
22 <b>Choir 8:15</b> WORSHIP 9:00 <b>Sunday School 9:15</b> Fellowship with coffee and donuts Following Worship <b>Sandwich Making for Worcester Fellowship</b>	23	24	25 Office Hours & Pastor's Hours 9:00-12:00 <b>Bible Study 10AM</b>	26 Office Hours 9:00 – 12:00 CLOCK DEADLINE	27	28
29 <b>Choir 8:15</b> WORSHIP 9:00 <b>Sunday School 9:15</b> Fellowship with coffee and donuts Following Worship	30	<p><b>The CLOCK has been sent...</b> 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: (<a href="mailto:c.l.denson54@gmail.com">c.l.denson54@gmail.com</a>). 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.</p>				

**SAVE THE DATE:** The Oxford United Methodist Charge Conference will be Sunday December 1st at 2:30 PM.