

THE CLOCK

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“Grow in Christ...Share Our Faith”

Dear Beloved Family,

I would like to invite each of you to consider joining one of the upcoming Spiritual Formation Classes. As you may recall, these groups are part of my experience in contextual education at Boston University, and something I am very passionate about. We will be covering several themes which were requested by the participants in the Fall classes. In addition, we will be focusing much more attention upon developing the historical and cultural contexts within which each Scripture passage was written. By doing so, we will have even richer discussions during our meetings, and more opportunity to encourage and edify one another toward love and good works in our lives outside of the meetings.

We will also continue to underpin our work together through a Method of Perception which will be foundational to see the world through the Work of God. Do you currently experience where God is working in your life, world, neighborhood, family and even in people who you do not like? Do you enjoy a daily friendship with Jesus as your very best friend? Do you see how God communicates love and grace in ALL of the Bible? If you are inclined to say, “no,” to any of these questions, I would strongly encourage you to join one of the Spiritual Formation Classes.

Classes will be held in Oxford on Tuesday evenings at 7:00, beginning February 4th. In Quinsigamond, classes will be held on Saturdays at 10:00, beginning February 8th. The teaching at the meetings will be identical, so you are welcome to join either group, depending upon your own schedule. Please email either Church office to inform me that you will be attending. You do not need to have attended in the Fall to attend these classes in the Spring.

I pray that many will attend, so we may grow closer together and closer to God. Please pray to see if God is calling you to join a class and send an email to the Church office to let me know.

In the Love of Christ,

Pastor Judd

FEBRUARY SCRIPTURE READINGS

February 5	<i>I Thessalonians 4:13-18</i> <i>John 14:1-7</i>	<i>Fourth Sunday</i> <i>after the</i> <i>Epiphany</i>
February 12	<i>Revelations 20:1-6</i> <i>Matthew 3:13-17</i>	<i>Fifth Sunday</i> <i>after the</i> <i>Epiphany</i>
February 19	<i>Revelations 20:7-21, 22:1-5</i> <i>Matthew 25:31-46</i>	<i>Sixth Sunday</i> <i>after the</i> <i>Epiphany</i>
February 26	<i>I Corinthians 15:35-49</i> <i>Matthew 17:1-9</i>	<i>Seventh Sunday</i> <i>after the</i> <i>Epiphany</i>

**In everything give thanks,
for this is the will of God in
Christ Jesus concerning you.**

1 Thessalonians 5:18 MEV

Happy Birthday

Carolyn Adams	2/2
Iver Peterson, Jr.	2/5
Lenka Drahoradova	2/19
John Adams	2/20
Andrew Naim	2/21
Lisa Bellafatto	2/23

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: Moy Bengtson, Tim Denson, George Foster and Rose Pilling.

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

Pray for our church, our conference, our nation and for peace throughout the world.

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Oxford Ecumenical Food Shelf

This program helps keep people of Oxford from going hungry.

For the month of February, the Food Shelf is asking OUMC to donate the following: Rice-a-Roni and similar side dishes

Throughout December please place food items in the collection basket in the narthex (next to the office door).

In March we will be looking for:

Sugar Free and Gluten Free items

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!

!! SEE YOU SUNDAY !!



“SOUPER” BOWL LUNCHEON



TO BENEFIT THE OXFORD ECUMENICAL FOOD SHELF

WHEN: SUPER BOWL SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2020

11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

WHERE: OXFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

465 MAIN STREET - OXFORD

WHAT: A VARIETY OF HOMEMADE SOUPS AND BREAD

(IT’S “SOUPER” BOWL SUNDAY – GET IT?? 😊)

(Would you like to bring a crock pot of soup to share? Call/text Brenda Gabel at 508-789-7935)

**A FREEWILL OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN
WITH ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE
OXFORD ECUMENICAL FOOD SHELF**



2019 MISSION SHARES PAID IN FULL!!

Yes, it came down to the wire but your end-of- year generosity was evident and we met the challenge. **Thanks be to God!**

The Finance Committee is implementing several changes to help keep us on-track throughout the year. The gas heating bill has been changed to a budget plan so rather than face the typical steep charges during the colder months, the church will be billed on fixed rate spread over the year.

We have also committed to using a portion of the rent we receive each month toward the 2020 Mission Shares. These funds, together with any designated mission share envelopes received, will help to keep us current.

Teen Ministry Dates:

Saturday, February 8th: **Pot-Luck Supper** 6 – 8 pm

We would like to invite you to sit down and share a meal with us. If you have a favorite dish you would like to prepare, we would love to have it.

Saturday, February 22nd: Teen Gathering 6 - 8 pm

Save the Date: Friday, March 6th

**3rd ANNUAL PASTA WITH A PURPOSE
& TRIVIA 5 – 8 pm**

Dinner will be served from 5:00 - 6:30 followed by Trivia till 8:00 pm

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

Menu includes:

Spaghetti and sauce with or without meatballs
Rolls Salad Brownies



\$8.00 for Adults

\$4.00 for Children

\$20.00 per family maximum



February Lay Readers
 February 2 Sue Stone
 February 9 Brenda Gabel
 February 16 Brue Denson
 February 23 Bob Parmenter

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

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.

February Altar Flowers
 February 2 LeBreton
 February 9 open
 February 16 open
 February 23 open
 Please let the church secretary, Sue Stone, know what you would like printed in the bulletin 2 weeks prior to your chosen date.



A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:
 The next edition of The Clock, the OUMC newsletter, will be for March 2020. The **deadline** for submitting articles for this edition is 7:00 PM on **Wednesday, February 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 LaLiberte
 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>FEBRUARY 2020</h1>						1
2 Choir 8:30 WORSHIP 9:00 Sunday School 9:15 FOOD SHELF DONATIONS Fellowship Following Worship "Souper" Bowl 11:30-1:30	3	4 Spiritual Formation Classes at OUMC 7 PM	5 Office Hours & Pastor's Hours 9:00-12:00 Bible Study 10AM Renewal/Worship 7 PM	6 Office Hours 9:00 – 12:00	7	8 Spiritual Formation Classes 10 AM at QUMC Judd Shower 2 PM TEEN Potluck Supper 6-8 PM
9 Choir 8:30 WORSHIP 9:00 Sunday School 9:15 Fellowship with coffee and donuts Following Worship	10	11 Spiritual Formation Classes at OUMC 7 PM	12 Office Hours & Pastor's Hours 9:00-12:00 Bible Study 10AM Ad Council 6:30 PM	13 Office Hours 9:00 – 12:00	14 	15 Spiritual Formation Classes 10 AM at QUMC
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23 Choir 8:30 WORSHIP 9:00 Sunday School 9:15 Fellowship with coffee and donuts Following Worship Sandwich Making for Worcester Fellowship	24	25 Spiritual Formation Classes at OUMC 7 PM	26 Office Hours & Pastor's Hours 9:00-12:00 Bible Study 10AM CLOCK DEADLINE 6:00 PM	27 Office Hours 9:00 – 12:00	28	29 Spiritual Formation Classes 10 AM at QUMC



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