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MID-WEEK RE-CHARGE SUPPER & STUDY



Wednesday Night Meals and Bible Studies Resume

Wednesday night meals will return on October 5 beginning at 5:30 pm. We are planning on having an evening of food, fun, and fellowship for you to enjoy.

YOUTH NEWS

The Pumpkins Are Coming!!!!

The first shipment of pumpkins arrives Sunday, October 2 at 1 pm. We need all hands on deck who are not afraid of getting a little dirty to come out and help us unload the truck full of pumpkins. We have a lot of fun unloading and a light lunch and drinks will be provided. Any student who is in need of community service hours can pick up a form from Kristi Forister.

Why Pumpkins? The annual pumpkin patch is the youth group's major fundraiser for the coming year. On average we sell about \$30,000 in pumpkins; of course we only get to keep a percentage of that amount, but last year we kept \$12,000 for youth ministry.

Our pumpkin patch is well known in our community. This will be our 23rd year having a pumpkin patch; over the years it has been a blessing to see families bring their children out to the patch each year and watch how their kids have grown up. And we love to see all the dogs and other pets come to the patch. Pets are always welcome in the patch as long as they are friendly and on a leash.

The annual Craft fair will be October 22 and the ever popular Party in the Patch will be Sunday, October 30 at 5 pm. So get ready to decorate those trunks, dress up and come out for a spooktacular good time!

How you can help? - We are asking you to volunteer to work some shifts in the pumpkin patch. If you are an adult you will be responsible for running the check-out table. We especially need help during the day while the youth are in school. Almost every morning during the week we have a pre-school come to visit the patch and we offer a story time to them. This would be a great way for anyone to plug into the church and meet some new people as well as meet people in our community.



O⁺ Youth Group News

Pumpkin Patch is the youth group's largest fundraiser, bringing in \$12-13,000 a year. We use the money earned to help pay for students in the youth group experience to experience a mission trip, summer retreat and a spring break trip or retreat.

The patch is open Mon-Sat 10-8 and Sunday 11:30a-8pm. Parents we need your help in the patch, please sign up to work a few 2 hour shifts and invite the whole family out to shop and take pictures and come visit the church. Parents please ask your kids to sign up for shifts in the patch as well. They will learn customer service experience that will prepare them for a "real" job in the future; plus it is a great way to get to know the other youth group members, youth group leaders and parents, other people from our church and to meet people in our community. The Orange Pumpkin Patch book will be in the Narthex every Sunday and the youth director will be happy to sign you up for shifts if you contact her.

Pumpkin Patch t-shirts will be available again this year for \$5 each.

Here are some upcoming youth events to mark on your calendar:

Saturday, Oct 1 – Pumpkin patch work day 9am

Sunday, Oct 2 – First load of pumpkins arrive at 1 pm

Sunday, Oct 16 – Second load of pumpkins to arrive at 1 pm

Saturday, Oct 22 – Craft Fair (we will need youth to help set up tables and chairs as well as work the patch this day, it is a very busy and profitable day for the patch.)

Sunday Oct 30 – Party in the Patch (we will need youth to work patch, drive tractor hay rides and generally help out with the party.)

Sunday, Nov 6 – CROP Walk (students will be participating in a 5K walk/Run to help fight hunger. Participants will be collecting donations as well.)

Sunday, Nov 13 – Mystery Trip: To celebrate another successful pumpkin patch year the youth and leaders go on a fun "Mystery Trip." Details will be announced as to what to wear, what to bring, etc. as we get closer to the trip.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT



The Party at the Patch ~ Sunday, October 30 at 5 pm!

Our Annual Trunk-or-Treat Halloween Celebrations over the years have grown astronomically. We have served over 500 hot dogs and given away hundreds of prizes at the event we have called S.H.I.N.E. (Share His Incredible News Everywhere). This year's event is called "**The Party at the Patch!**" It is vital to our church that we continue to go outside of our walls to reach out to the community. In planning this year's event, we made some changes that will hopefully enable more of us to actually participate in "**Trunk-or-Treat.**" When we "**Trunk-or-Treat**", we get to interact with the kiddos and their families so they can know how wonderful the people of Oxford are! We will set up trunk-or-treat down by the pumpkin patch. We will have food provided by **Gilbo's Grill Food Truck!** Inviting Food Trucks helps the church by cut down on the cost of food and drinks. While we are scaling back on some of our expenses and giveaways, we will certainly not be scaling back on the fun! We are going to be a bit more focused on supporting the Pumpkin Patch which funds our "O Positive Youth Ministry and their mission efforts in the community. We will set up the cars down by the patch so we can all be together. We will be wearing fun (not scary) costumes! And of course, we will still share the incredibly Good News of Jesus and let our light shine! I hope to have even more people sign up to participate in "Trunk-or-Treat!" Information will be made available in the church narthex.

Thanks! Michelle Carey

Crop Walk

Team 'OXFORD' is forming NOW!

This year's CROP WALK to end world hunger will be held on Sunday, November 6. Registration is at 2 p.m.

You can register or donate at this website <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/sanantoniotx>

LOCATION:

Comanche Park / Pavilion #2

2600 Rigsby Ave., SATX. 78222





Stay Connected

All Saints Sunday 2016

We are gathering information on those who passed away this year for our All Saint's Sunday worship services on Sunday, November 6. If you lost a loved one this year and wish to have them included in the list of remembrance, please let us know. During both worship services, the names of those who have passed are read while candles are lit and a bell is tolled. **Please send your loved one's information (spelling of their name as you wish to have it listed in the bulletin) to Michelle Carey (michelle@oxfordumc.org) by Wednesday, November 2.**

WORSHIP DATES

World Communion Sunday— October 2

Noisy Offering—Sunday, October 30

All Saint's Sunday—November 6

Thanksgiving Worship Service—Wednesday,
November 23 at 6:30 pm

Christmas Choir Cantata—Sunday,
December 4 at 10:30 am

Christmas Eve Candlelight— Saturday,
December 24 at 6:30 pm led by the
Chance' Choir

Christmas Morning Worship—Sunday,
December 25 at 11:30 am led by the
Elevate Team

UMW News

Our Ice Cream Social was a wonderful success. Special thanks to all those that prepared homemade ice cream and baked goods. We had 55 in attendance. Also, thank you to everyone that helped host the Las Missions District Annual Meeting which was held on September 17. ***Linda Hensley, UMW President***

Dates to Remember:

Mon Oct 3 - 6:30pm Kneeling Sisters

Wed Oct 5 - 5:30pm Leadership Team Mtg

Fri Oct 7 - 9:30am Church Women United

Oct 14-15 Rio Texas UMW Conference Austin, TX

Tue Oct 18 - 9:30am Dorcas Circle

UMW Kneeling Sisters Circle News

Please mark your calendars for October 3 at 6:30 pm for our next Kneeling Sisters Circle meeting. We will meet in the gym classroom. We will continue our study on **The Serenity Prayer** which we began in September. Beginning in January, our study will be Francine Rivers' book A Lineage of Grace: five stories of unlikely women who changed eternity. Please take some time to look at the study and prayerfully consider taking a turn at facilitating the program. ISBN 978-0-8423-5632-9 is all 5 books in one volume. See you in church!

Blessings, Peggy Francis

Worship Stats

August 28

9:15 a.m...130
11:30 am ...78
Nursery ...18
Total... 226
Sunday School...74

September 4

9:15 am ...108
11:30 am...87
Nursery20
Total 215
Sunday School ...77

September 11

9:15.....117
11:30 a.m...106
Nursery ...15
Total238
Sunday School...87

September 18

9:15.....104
11:30 a.m...103
Nursery ...11
Total218
Sunday School...72



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- 1 Click the link
- 2 Complete your gift

Birthdays

Ken Adams	10/15
Cheryl Boldt	10/24
Robin Boldt	10/4
Oscar Brudevold	10/9
Jennifer Campos	10/31
James Donald Hogan Elliott	10/24
Ali Fassler	10/26
Fran Forister	10/15
Robyn Gerry	10/13
Evelyn Halliday	10/23
Rebecca Hamner	10/19
Toni Hayes	10/10
Lyndsay Hodges	10/12
Kaye Ingold	10/28
Emily Koeck	10/11
David La Vallee	10/6
Robert Marsh	10/14
Ruth Martinez	10/23
Patricia Mc Faul	10/3
Volney McKay	10/31
Dana Moses	10/11
Jose Moya	10/26
Diane Olson	10/21
Sandra Peterson	10/14
Felicia Rajasekaran	10/5
Reagan Smith	10/16
Luvina Vijay	10/1



If we missed your Birthday, please send your birthday info to michelle@oxfordumc.org

The Next Birthday Bash is Sunday, October 30!

*Come have a slice of cake!
The Birthday Bash is Sunday,
October 30!*

To my Church Family,

I want to thank all who have been and continue to pray for my health concerns. My last CT scan was showing no change in the bone cancer area and no new areas of concerns. This is my 3rd. bout with the renal cell that I discovered in 2001. The doctors are amazed that I have 3 times the survival time to my credit. I give the credit to your prayers and God's mercy. My brothers and sisters at Oxford are very dear to me and I think that they are amazing!

Thanking you all & Blessings,

Margaret Mason

PRAYER LIST

Ongoing Prayer List:

Richard & Linda Persyn
Jackie Duke
Dennis & Sue Moses
Jimbo Frazier
Michele Frazier
Meals on Wheels clients
Rev Phil Robberson
Ernie Garibay
Brian Flanner
Barbie Tarr
Patricia & Kevin and family
Mary Morgan Marshall
Margaret & Jerry Mason
Sadie
Lilly Robinson
Bernice and Tom Adamietz
Lyndsay Hodges
Russ Tracy and family
Perla May
Janet Haby

This week's concerns:

Evan Carbonell
Lisa Holloman
Mary Jenkins
Rosalyn Hoelscher
JoAnn Padgett
Rudy Krisch family
Rev. John Earl Rankin family
Kellie and Brooke Palmer
Kyle Hammond
Taylor Perez
Antonio Echavarria
Ernie Villarreal
John Millsaps
Gabriel Ryb
Karen Keeler
Tom Wohlers
Antonio Flores



PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

Roland Riley, Andy Bravo,
Jeff Davis, Josue "Rudy" Garza,
Damian Mendez,
Arturo Longoria Jr.

PRAYERS OF SYMPATHY

Oxford member Nolan Hoelscher passed away on September 17, 2016. Services were held on September 17 at Oxford UMC. Please keep Rosalyn Hoelscher and the entire Hoelscher family in your prayers.



We are seeking vendors and volunteers for the Fall Craft Fair. This year's fair will be on Saturday, October 22. For more info contact Javy Tamez at crafffair@oxfordumc.org

Save the Date!

Saturday, December 10th, 1pm

Band concert in the sanctuary
Patriotic music, marches, Christmas songs!



Silent Auction Items Needed

We are now collecting silent auction items for our annual Silent Auction which will be held on Sunday, December 4. Bring the items you wish to donate to the church office or contact Sandra Peterson for more information at sandra@oxfordumc.org



Silent Auction

Women's Retreat 2017

Ladies mark your calendars for the 2017 Women's Retreat to be held at the Haven River Inn in Comfort, TX the weekend of March 24-26. The Women's Retreat is open to all Ladies 18 and older.

If you have been to the Women's Retreat before then you know what's in store for you; good food, relaxation, pampering, great conversations, shopping, praise and worship and learning all about God's love for us.

Registration will begin soon. The cost per person is \$150 which covers your room, breakfast Saturday and Sunday and dinner Saturday night, plus all retreat materials.

We will be asking for a \$25 deposit with your registration and we encourage you to make \$25 payments each month leading up to the retreat, that way by the time March rolls around you will have paid off your retreat and won't have to worry about the money part anymore, just focus on what to pack and how fast can you get to the Haven! Of course if you would prefer to pay it all off in one payment you will not be turned away!

I do want to stress that we need 25 ladies to sign up and pay \$25 for this year's retreat by November 8. After November 8 if we don't have enough registrations we will be forced to cancel and recover our deposit. So please mark those calendars and start making plans now to attend and invite your friends, sisters, moms, and co-workers to join you. You won't regret it!

Come see me, Kristi Forister or Teri Boldt for more information and we can tell you all about the great times we have had over the years and how refreshed we felt returning back to "real life" after one of our wonderful women's retreats.



Thanks! Kristi Forister

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Traditional Worship at 9:15 am
Sunday School for all ages at 10:30 am

ELEVATE Contemporary Worship at 11:30 am
O Positive Youth at 1:00 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday 9 am—4 pm
Office Closed Friday