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November 13 is CONSECRATION SUNDAY



Please make plans to attend the Consecration Sunday Celebration Brunch on Sunday, November 13. The brunch will be held between the services in the Fellowship Center Gym. Sunday school classes will not meet. Read more about Consecration Sunday in this month's issue.

Make sure to set your clocks back one hour on the morning Sunday, November 6. Arrive on time for church!



In November we will be getting back to our regular youth schedule. We will be meeting in the gym on Sundays at 1 and Wednesdays at 6:30 for youth. Wednesday night meals will continue through November 16.

Crop Walk – The San Antonio CROP Hunger Walk is on Sunday, November 6. The youth will have envelopes to collect donations and we will participate in the walk that Sunday. This is an event for the whole family to enjoy. We will be walking out by the Missions and along some of the San Antonio River. Bring the dogs, the kids, strollers and wagons and let's walk to raise funds for the hungry!

Mystery Trip – to celebrate the end of the pumpkin patch we will be going on our annual "Mystery Trip" Sunday, November 13 from 1-6:30 pm. Parents and Sponsors we are in need of drivers to get us to and from the "secret location."



Pumpkin Patch 2016

The youth group would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time and purchased pumpkins from the patch. As I write this newsletter article mid-October we have already had record sales and sold out twice of all of our mini pumpkins. God has been good to us and we are blessed to have such a loving congregation to support our youth ministry. Thank you All!

Sunday School News

Crosstrainers Sunday School class Advent Study

For the upcoming Advent season the Crosstrainers Sunday School class will be experiencing a brand new Advent study entitled "We've Come to Worship." This is an original study written by teacher Douglas Boldt and will coincide with the choir's cantata by the same name. This is a wonderful study that will bring a much needed focus to the holiday season.

All are welcome! Topics will include:

November 20 -- "We've come to worship through Thanksgiving"

November 27 -- "Intimate worship -- Advent through Mary's eyes"

December 11 -- "Worship through obedience and expectation: Advent through the shepherd's eyes"

December 18 -- "Awesome worship -- Advent through the eyes of the Magi"

The Crosstrainers class meets in the gym classroom Sunday mornings at 10:30 am.





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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

Sign up in the Narthex this Sunday!

Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive

As we go into the month of November, we will be collecting turkeys and other food items for our **Annual Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive** to help hungry families in our community. Families register for a basket through our food pantry. Registration is Wednesday, November 2 and November 9. Registrants must register in person. Members, you can help make Thanksgiving possible for our brothers and sisters in need by simply picking up the list of Thanksgiving food items (including a turkey— 10lbs. Approximate size) and shopping to fill the bag. Please drop off your completed basket at the Gym. The Oxford Youth will be distributing the baskets on Sunday, November 20. They Youth will host the recipient families for lunch that Sunday as well. Last year, we provided Thanksgiving meals for over 25 families! Please participate in the Thanksgiving Basket Drive. We hope you will prayerfully consider sponsoring a family!

To Fill One Bag:

- 1 Small Turkey (approx. 10 lbs.)**
- 2 Cans of Green Beans**
- 2 Cans of Corn**
- 1 Box / Bag of Stuffing Mix**
- 1 Large Can Yams**
- 1 Box of Potato Buds or a Bag of Potatoes**
- 1 Can or Box of Chicken Broth**
- 2 Cans of Cranberry Sauce**
- 1 Can/Jar of Gravy**
- 1 Package of Rolls**
- A Note Expressing Jesus' Love for Us All!**



Charge Conference Scheduled

Church Council Members, please SAVE the DATE of Saturday, November 12 from 9 am – 12:30 pm for our Annual Charge Conference. The Location of this year's Charge Conference is Magdalena House. This year's Charge Conference will be mission oriented. Please come dressed to yard work and odd jobs at Magdalena House. To learn more about Magdalena House click on the link below:

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



Ministry news

Consecration Sunday Is Coming

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

The *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* has been selected as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During regular morning worship times on **Consecration Sunday, November 13**, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our Pastor will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday Stewardship team. Since we will make no follow-up contact to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship services on November 13.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Stewardship Chairperson,

Paul Peterson

United Methodist Women News

The Kneeling Sisters Circle meets Thursday, November 3 at 6:30 pm. The program is **The Serenity Prayer**.

UMW Leadership Team planning meeting for 2017 meets Sunday, November 13 at 1 pm.

The Dorcas Circle meets Tuesday, November 15 at 9:30 am. The program will be about **The World Thank Offering**.

UMW Trim the Chrismon Tree Saturday, November 26 at 9:30 am.

Worship Attendance



September 25

9:15 a.m...93
11:30 am ...89
Nursery ...15
Total...197
Sunday School...75

October 9

9:15.....109
11:30 a.m...76
Nursery ...14
Total199
Sunday School...71

October 2

9:15 am ...97
11:30 am....84
Nursery10
Total 191
Sunday School ...73

October 16

9:15.....97
11:30 a.m...97
Nursery ...11
Total206
Sunday School...63

October 23

9:15.....109
11:30 a.m...97
Nursery ...15
Total221
Sunday School...69

Watch online

Oxford is Live Streaming every Sunday on our You Tube Channel. Visit our website www.oxfordumc.org



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.**

Cantata Sunday 2016



"We've Come to Worship" Choir Cantata

On Sunday, December 4th, our chancel choir will be presenting "We've Come to Worship." This is will be a awesome worship experience with compilation, original narrations, and incidental music by director Douglas Boldt.

Our annual Tamalada and Silent Auction will take place immediately following the Cantata. Please invite a friend and bring the whole family!

UPCOMING WORSHIP DATES

All Saint's Sunday - November 6

Consecration Sunday - November 13

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

Christmas Choir Cantata - Sunday, December 4 at 10:30 am followed by Tamalada

Christmas Eve Candlelight - Saturday, December 24 at 6:30 pm led by the Chancel Choir

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

New Years Day Combined Service - Sunday, January 1 at 10:30 am.

Birthdays

Doris Brudevold	11/8
Julia Campos	11/17
Grace Carriker	11/1
Pat Davenport	11/16
Ray Davis	11/10
Joshua Del Cueto	11/23
Maddie Del Cueto	11/11
Beatrice DeLeon	11/25
Marty Donohue	11/13
Karen Gray	11/2
Carl Gustafson	11/15
J. D. Hamer	11/25
Ron Hamner	11/20
Rosalyn Hoelscher	11/25
Sammi La Vallee	11/18
Mackenzie Marsh	11/26
Roland Martinez	11/4
Peggy Pfluger	11/12
Larry Riley	11/16
Sarah Mae Sisnero	11/17
Isabel Solis	11/16
Julie Thibodeaux	11/16
Joyce Tumlinson	11/22
Betty Vaughn	11/1
Mary Villalobos	11/22



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

The Next Birthday Bash is Sunday, November 27!

Come have a slice of cake!

"My family and I would like to thank all of you for your prayers, your cards and your out pouring of love towards our family during my dad's struggles with his health and his passing. Thank you all so much for the food that you brought to our home and the meal after the funeral. Having a place like Oxford to call home makes difficult times a little easier to handle. Thank you and God Bless!" Kristi Forister

"To my Church Family, I wish to express my gratitude to all who gave of their time and to all those who prepared and served food for my husband Nolan's memorial service and gathering. It was a comfort to me and my family. We are forever grateful. Thanking you all & Blessings!"

Rosalyn Hoelscher

PRAYER LIST

Ongoing Prayer List:

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
 Lyndsay Hodges
 Russ Tracy and family
 Perla May
 Janet Haby
 Joyce Dawson
 Truselle McIntosh
 Lynsday Hodges
 Bette Center

Prayer concerns:

Steve Westerman
 Jon Stine and family
 Beverly Rosentreter
 Keisha & Kevin Wager
 Tommy Schoenert
 Rachel Zertuche
 Vickie Rocha
 Johnny Villarreal
 Robyn
 Bo
 Kevin Wayer
 Israel Garcia
 Tony Reyes
 Jonathan Serrato
 Maria Garibay
 Annette, Sierra, Erika
 The Alayli Family
 Robert Macias, Sr.
 Patricia McFaul and family
 Mom of Venus Carie
 6 year old Parker Roberts family
 Hailey
 Kimberly Susen and Family
 The Nallis family

Lillian
 Valerie and Julie
 Crystal
 Heller Family
 Kyle
 Monica's family
 Kelly
 Guidance for America
 Aurelia Olivarez
 Luz Maria's and family
 Family of Kathy Moriarty
 Sandra Campos
 Family of Pedro Sanchez
 Geri Carlson family
 Jake Seward
 Larry Keyes
 Ronita and Douglas
 Jean
 Typhoon Haiman victims in Philippines



PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

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

PRAYERS OF SYMPATHY

Please pray for Linda Persyn in the passing of her beloved husband Richard Persyn.
 Prayers for Stephanie Barker on the passing of her mother.

Save the Date!

Saturday, December 10th, 1pm

The Alamo City Community Marching Band concert will be held in our sanctuary!
Come hear 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



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. The cost per person is \$150 which covers your room, breakfast Saturday and Sunday and dinner Saturday night, plus all retreat materials. We are 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! 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. Thanks, *Kristi Forister*



INVITATION TO OUR OXFORD FAMILY

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

The children of

Gary and Joan Barr

request the pleasure of your company

as they celebrate their parents'

50th Wedding Anniversary

Saturday, the 19th of November 2016.

Stop by between 1-4pm

For Light Refreshments and Fellowship

at

Oxford United Methodist Church

(in the gym)

9739 Huebner Road

San Antonio, TX 78240

(Gift us only with the honor of your presence)

Please RSVP by Sunday, Nov 13, 2016 to Lisa Koeck,

at 210-878-5612

or email to koeck5@att.net

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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