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Oxford is now offering Financial Peace University Classes on Wednesday evenings beginning at 7 p.m. Classes are held in the classroom located in the Gym. Classes began February 1 and runs through Wednesday, March 29. Childcare is provided. For more information, visit the church website at [www.oxfordumc.org](http://www.oxfordumc.org) Special thanks to Paul Peterson for teaching our class and to Sandra Peterson for her leadership as well.



Children's Church is off to an amazing start! The children are learning about worship while they enjoy participating in their own time of worship. The fun takes place in the Choir Room every Sunday beginning at 11:30 a.m.

# Youth Group News

## New Year's Eve Lock-In Was Fun for Everyone

We had a great end to a great year by ringing in the New Year together at our 5<sup>th</sup> annual New Year's Eve Lock In. We played a lot of games for cash and prizes and we celebrated the New Year with a Worship service outside that ended with us letting go of "light up" balloons that contained our dreams for 2017 and our futures to God.

## Upcoming Youth Events:

### "Souper Bowl" of Caring: Sunday, February 5.

The youth will be selling homemade soups and baked goods for donations. Soup may be purchased following both worship services. Feel free to take your soup to Sunday School and snack while you learn.

All donations will go to SOS (Service Over Self) in Memphis, TN to help them create a firm foundation for the future of SOS. SOS has recently celebrated 30 years of ministry; they have repaired over 950 homes with more than 25,000 volunteers (that number includes our own Oxford Youth, who have been going to SOS for over ten years). They have recently launched their newest ministry, SOS builds, an after school construction training program for urban youth. The O<sup>+</sup> youth will be attending SOS again this year June 4-10 and we are praying for one of our graduated youth to be working at SOS this summer.

### Youth Cowboy Breakfast: Sunday, February 26

Wear your western duds as we celebrate the end of the Rodeo with our own Cowboy Breakfast. Tacos and other breakfast favorites will be served beginning at 9:00 am through 11:30 a.m. in the lobby/narthex of the sanctuary. We'll see y'all there! Donations will be collected for our upcoming mission trips.

### Spring Break Ski Trip: March 11-16

We still have a few spaces left for the ski trip. Room for one male and a few females. If you plan to ski, registration paperwork will be due Wednesday, February 15 so equipment can be rented and lessons can be registered for.

### Youth Group Meets Wednesdays at 6:30 and Sundays at 1 pm

Our Wednesday night study is Half Truths by Adam Hamilton and Sunday afternoon activities include fun games and challenges for team building.

All students in grade 6-12 are welcome to join us in the gym for youth group. Parents are always welcome to join us to observe and see what it is all about!



Come support The Oxford Youth Soup and Bake Sale Fundraiser! Sunday, February 5!



Wear your Western Wear and let's celebrate Rodeo Time! The Youth will be selling breakfast tacos and pastries! Support this Fund Raiser for our Oxford Youth! Sunday, February 26!







The Tuesday Women's Bible Study is now meeting on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 am in the Choir Room. The new study is Sarah Young's "Jesus Calling" study series. Diane Waldron is leading the study.



Ladies, join us for Zumba! Wednesday evenings at 7 pm in the Family Life Center. Childcare is provided. Classes are free and open to all women. To receive a reminder text, please contact Michelle Carey at 210-815-6013.



### Women's Retreat Just Around the Corner

Our Women's Retreat is officially full at this point. If you wanted to attend, but didn't get the chance to register please let Teri Boldt or Kristi Forister know and we will add you to the waiting list. As of now we have 28 ladies attending, Praise God!

If you would like to carpool/drive to the retreat facility in Comfort, TX please let us know so we can organize rides from the church. We still need help with a few more scholarships. If you would like to donate \$25 to a great cause please see Teri or Kristi. The Women's Retreat is Friday, March 24 beginning at 7pm through Sunday, March 26 ending at noon at the Haven River Inn in Comfort, TX. A letter will be mailed out a few weeks before the retreat explaining what to bring, how to get there, and other pertinent information.

Teri and I can't wait to spend the weekend with all the amazing ladies that plan to attend.

### Church Council Dates

The Church Council will gather for our Annual Planning Session on Saturday, February 4 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon in the Family Life Center. The Council will also meet on Tuesday, February 7 at 6:30 pm in the Gym Classroom. Council members, please make every effort to attend.



Kids' Night Out is Friday, February 9 from 6 pm until 10 pm. Please RSVP by Thursday, February 11 by calling the church office.

## Passing in the Church Family



May 4, 1929 - January 15, 2017

Roy Allen Snyder, born May 4, 1929 in Hershey, PA to Grace and Harry Snyder went to be with his Heavenly Father January 15, 2017. He was a 1946 graduate of Hershey High School. Roy enlisted in the [U.S. Air Force](#) shortly after graduation where he was assigned to the air training command. After serving 20 years in the Air Force he went to work for Frontier Enterprises "Jim's Restaurants" and was with them for 17 years. Retiring for the second time, he loved to spend time fishing with family in Rock Port and taking care of his flowers. Roy was a lifelong member of the United Methodist Church and loved his church. He was preceded in death by his brother, Robert Lee Snyder. Roy is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Rita Elms Snyder; daughter, Linda Snyder Hensley and Karen Lee Snyder; sister, Alma Mae Koppenhaver; grandsons, Trent Allen Barnes and his wife Jennifer, William "Billy" Hensley Jr. and his wife Brittany, Steven Hensley; 8 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. The Rev. Juan Cantu, Jr. officiated at the Chapel Prayer Service and at the Graveside Service. Donations may be made to Oxford United Methodist Church.



We ask for prayers for the family of Russ Tracy. Mr. Tracy passed away on Wednesday, January 25. Russ and his wife Leonarda and their daughter Katie were very active in the church while Katie was in Youth Group. Russ had served as our church treasurer. He was a very kind and generous friend to many in our church. He will be greatly missed. Funeral arrangements are Tuesday, February 7 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Mission Park North and funeral mass at St. Matthew's Catholic Church on Wednesday, February 8 at 10:00 a.m. with burial to follow at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery.

# Thank You

"I am so blessed by the overwhelming love shown to me since being diagnosed with breast cancer and starting chemo. I thank each of you from the bottom of my heart for sharing your love and care with/for me. I know the days ahead will be tough but I also know my God is with me and one day this will all be behind me. I am so thankful for my church family. God bless each of you and God bless Oxford UMC."

**Barbara Maxwell**

"The Silver Sounds of Oasis Choral Group thanks Oxford United Methodist Church for providing a very nice place for us to practice our music for our Spring and holiday presentations to nursing homes and retirement centers for 2016. We especially thank Sandra Peterson for her hospitality and interest in our group."

**Lottie Millsaps**



Dear Emmaus and Chrysalis Family,

Please join us for the quarterly gathering of the Northwest San Antonio Emmaus Community **Sunday, February 19 at 5:15 pm. The gathering will be held at Oak Meadow United Methodist Church, 2740 Hunters Green, San Antonio 78231.**

Please bring a dish to share. Supper and fellowship will **begin at 5:15** with worship to follow. We will hold the **consecration of the team for NWSA Emmaus Walk #1.**

We look forward to seeing you there!

Elizabeth Lindell

NWSA Lay Director

# FEBRUARY



Irma Baker	2	5
Sarah Cadena	2	27
Doris Campbell	2	17
Michael Cantu	2	14
Bonnie Cawthon	2	4
Bette Cente	2	22
Henrietta Cervante:	2	1
Jocelyn Charles	2	4
Daniel Davila	2	20
Charles Del Cueto	2	23
Jackie Duke	2	3
Rose Eakin	2	10
Holly Grothues	2	23
Emmalyn Higgins	2	14
Chelsea Holloman	2	17
Lisa Holloman	2	5
Patsy Leathers	2	23
Sophie Marsh	2	13
Gabby McCumber	2	19
Charlene McGuire	2	7
Beverly Rosentreter	2	28
Sabrina Shelburn	2	8
Camille Smith	2	2
Felix Solis	2	12
Terry Tearney	2	25
Bonnie Wilcox	2	28
Emily Work	2	21
Kim Zavala	2	1

***If we missed your  
Birthday this month,***



## SHROVE TUESDAY

**All-Church Pancake  
Supper  
Tuesday, February 28 at  
5:30 pm in the  
Fellowship Center Gym.  
Sponsored by the  
Oxford United Methodist  
Women.  
All are invited!!!**



**Ash Wednesday Service  
Wednesday, March 1 at  
6:30 pm in the  
Sanctuary.  
The Rev. Tom Jackson  
preaching.**



### Worship Attendance

#### January 1

11:30 a.m....125

Nursery ...3

New Year's Eve Lock-in ...26

Total .....154

#### January 8

9:15...94

11:30 a.m...110

Children's Church... 16

Nursery ...6

Total ...226

Sunday School...67

#### January 15

9:15...115

11:30 a.m...104

Children's Church ...8

Nursery ...5

Total ...226

Sunday School...68

#### January 22

9:15...112

11:30 a.m...87

Children's Church ...15

Nursery ...6

Total ...220

Sunday School...69

#### January 29

9:15...106

11:30 a.m...85

Children's Church ...15

Nursery ...7

Total ...213

Sunday School...73



## Prayer List:

Our World  
Our service men & women  
Our nation  
Rio Texas conference churches &  
clergy  
Oxford UMC  
Kairos Ministry  
Shepherd Ministry  
Stephen Ministry  
The Residents of The Heights  
Meals on Wheels clients

## Current Prayer List:

Janice  
Fabian Freidberg Family  
Pat Sand  
Steve and Scott and their families  
Mari Robinson  
Lily Robinson  
Karen Barr Scoles  
Ursula Wheeler  
The Russ Tracy family  
Johnny Villarreal and family  
Therma Kougis  
Rene Jacobs  
Ken Adams  
Lucille Wernette



John and Lottie Millsap on their 69th  
Wedding Anniversary  
The birth of Rose Eakin's grandbaby  
Casey Nicole  
Ryan Beckmann  
Missy Bertram

## Pray for our Military

### Pray for Our Troops

Andy Bravo, Jeff Davis, Josue "Rudy" Garza,  
John McCann, Zach Mullins, Alex Zavala,  
Damian Mendez, Arturo Longoria Jr.



## Ongoing Prayer List:

Barbara & Max Maxwell  
John & Lottie Millsaps  
Ellen Burns  
Jackie Duke  
Jimbo Frazier  
Michele Frazier  
Ernie Garibay  
Carl Taylor  
Milton & Eloise Lindemann  
Brian Flanner  
Barbie & Schott Tarr  
Mary Morgan Marshall  
Margaret & Jerry Mason  
Susan Gaches  
Sadie  
Lyndsay Hodges  
Perla May  
Janet Haby  
Bette Center  
Joyce Dawson  
Diane Waldron  
Verna  
Cathy Dean

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Jose Moya

## 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 OPEN MONDAY-THURSDAY (CLOSED FRIDAYS)**  
**MOTHERS' DAY OUT - Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**