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JOIN YOUR CHURCH FAMILY ON REALM

Oxford United Methodist Church has its own online community and would like you to join if you have not done so already. Realm invites were sent out by email in early August. Just click the link in the email to register. Once registered, you will be able to add your photo, self-manager your profile information and set your privacy preferences. You will also be able to view your giving and pledge history as well as give online.

Please join today. If you did not receive a Realm invite by email, please let the church office know or send an email to info-center@oxfordumc.org

COMMUNION SUNDAY'S

Our monthly communion rail offering will go to our Help for the Needy fund. This fund is established to help those with financial emergencies. We have helped brothers and sisters in the community with rental assistance, medical bills, utility bills, and other dire financial needs. Please consider making a contribution this communion Sunday.

Members, you can also bring food items or toiletries for the Food Pantry on Communion Sundays. Thank you all for your generous support.

JOYFUL NEWS



We are pleased to announce the birth of Baby Emmadee Lee Cochran.
Born : August 4, 2016
Weight: 7lbs 11oz.
Height: 20 1/4 inches
Congratulations to her parents Zach & Whitney Cochran and grandparents Doug & Teri Boldt.



Anakin Lee Work was Baptized at Oxford UMC on Sunday, August 21, 2016 by Pastor Juan Cantu.




PumpkinPatch

It's time to sign up to help at the Pumpkin Patch! The pumpkin patch book will be in the narthex all through the month of September. We have morning, day, and evening shifts available. Support the church and the Oxford Youth! The first load of pumpkins arrives on Sunday, October 2! For more information contact Kristi Forister at kristi@oxfordumc.org

Mission to Haiti

This October I will have the privilege of going to Haiti for the third time to work with the Thomas Food Project. The Project is out of the Northern California Conference of the United Methodist Church, but churches and individuals from all over the US have participated. It works with schools in Haiti to provide a daily meal and improved educational opportunities, including basic computer training. I am a family doctor so I just go and do physicals and provide basic medical care in the schools and in the Thomas Methodist Church which is where the project started. Haiti is still struggling to recover from the earthquake and then the hurricane that came shortly afterward. People are in need of basic items like food, but I still have seen many examples of their generosity of spirit. I have met families who are barely surviving who have still found a way to take in one more child left alone from the earthquake.

I can bring two suitcases of supplies with me for a total of 100 pounds. The most needed medicines that I can bring into the country are ibuprofen and acetaminophen (for both adults and children). For children, chewable tablets are lighter than liquid. I can teach a mother how to break the tablet to the right dose and crush it for her child. Generic antifungal cream is also needed. The people also really appreciate good used children's clothes (including teens). Most important, I would appreciate your prayers for me, the project and the people of Haiti.

If you want to learn more about the project, go to <http://www.umc.org/news-and-media/computers-feed-minds-and-bodies-in-haiti>. There is also a Facebook page called the Thomas Food Project and there are a lot of videos on youtube. I will be in the Narthex after services if you want to learn more about the project.



Sue Doty, Oxford UMC Member



Worship News

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 in the church office.

UMW News

Praises for Oxford members helping the children of Wesley Center with your donations of 134 pairs of socks and 126 pairs of undies to make them feel special in this new school year.

UMW General Meeting is Saturday, September 10 at 9:30 am in the Family Life Center.

Oxford is hosting the Las Misiones United Methodist Women's District Meeting on Saturday, September 17 beginning at 8:30 am. This is going to be a great opportunity for Oxford. We are expecting over 200 attendees.

UMW Dorcas Circle—Tuesday, Sept. 20 at 9:30 am

UMW Kneeling Sisters Circle—Tuesday, Sept. 6 at 6:30 pm

SAVE the DATES

World Communion Sunday— October 2

Noisy Offering—Sunday, October 30

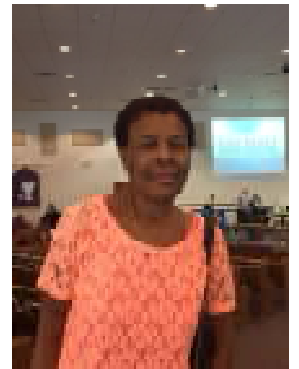
All Saint's Sunday—November 6

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



Chanel Gore and Jocelyn Charles joined with Oxford on Sunday, August 7 in the 11:30 am Elevate Worship Service. Chanel and her mom Jocelyn have been worshipping with us for quite some time and have been faithfully participating in Sunday School and Mid-Week Bible Studies. We are so blessed to have them join us!

Worship Stats

July 31

9:15 a.m...111
11:30 am ...98
Nursery ...13
Total... 222
Sunday School...89

August 7

9:15 am ...114
11:30 am....77
Nursery5
Total 196
Sunday School ..81

August 14

9:15.....101
11:30 a.m...85
Nursery ...14
Total200
Sunday School...86

August 21

9:15.....120
11:30 a.m...86
Nursery ...14
Total220
Sunday School...66



Watch online

Oxford is Live Streaming every Sunday! Go to our website. You can also share the link below with your friends and family. Share the Good News!

<https://iframe.dacast.com/b/59117/c/354303>



Thank you to all who donated their gifts and service to this year's back pack ministry. Oxford was able to give over 70 backpacks filled with supplies to children in our community. Special thanks to Ana Davis for leading us again this year. The Back to School Bash was so much fun in spite of the rain. We had lots of food and fun! The children and their families also received a special blessing from Pastor Johnny!



Online Giving

Online giving is here! You can give my registering through "REALM" Oxford's new online community. You can also go to our website www.oxfordumc.org and click on GIVE. And you can give by text message.



GIVE VIA TEXT MESSAGE

Text 'OxfordUMC' and the \$ amount you want to give to 73256.

- 1 Click the link
- 2 Complete your gift

Birthdays

Ellen Burns	9	25
Laura Caflisch	9	29
Cindy Campbell	9	15
Adrian Cantu	9	3
San Miguel Cantu	9	10
Rose Cervantes	9	21
Debbie Clegg	9	12
Jillian Clegg	9	29
Ruth Del Cueto	9	17
Chucky Escobedo	9	10
Teresa Espino	9	17
Dottie Fisher	9	14
Rick Gerry	9	9
Carol Sue Glassie	9	14
Judy Gray	9	14
Janet Haby	9	27
Linda Hensley	9	15
Linda Heske	9	6
George Howard	9	20
Jeremy Huggins	9	18
Janette Jackson	9	4
Susan Jarvis	9	15
Katie Koeck	9	29
Lonni Lee	9	7
John Millsaps	9	15
Frank Morrison	9	24
Linda Persyn	9	2
Lewis ""Wally""		
Salvatierra	9	10
Joel Schnitz	9	23
Schott Tarr	9	12
Helen Taulbee	9	3
Jim Tietjen	9	30
Lorenz Vijay	9	13



Our love and prayers go out to Kristi Forister and her family on the passing of her father Warren Ward on August 23, 2016. Friends and family are invited to attend a memorial service at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, September 23, 2016 at Fort Sam Houston Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas. Following the service, there will be a reception at

Oxford United Methodist Church. Warren's wishes were that in lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to Heel the Heroes, Inc. or the San Antonio Humane Society.

ONGOING PRAYER LIST

Richard & Linda Persyn
 Jackie Duke
 Dennis & Sue Moses
 Jimbo Frazier
 Michele Frazier
 Meals on Wheels clients
 Nolan & Rosalyn Hoelscher
 Rev Phil Robberson
 Ernie Garibay
 Carl Taylor
 Milton & Eloise Lindemann
 Brian Flanner
 Barbie Tarr
 Max & Barbara Maxwell
 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



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

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

The Next Birthday Bash is Sunday, September 25!

Come have a slice of cake!

The Birthday Bash is a monthly celebration held on the last Sunday of each month in which we celebrate the Birthdays of the month. We gather in the narthex between the morning worship services.





The Women's Bible Study will begin again on **Tuesday September 6th at 10:30 am**. There are actually 5 studies in the "Sisters" series each lasting 6 weeks. Our first study is titled **Knowing God: Making God the Main Thing in My Life**. There is a 15 minute video each week discussing the past week's chapter. As always, we will not meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month to allow for the UMW Dorcas Circle members to join in the study. The study will run through Tuesday, November 1. For more information contact Diane Waldron or call the church office at 210-696-0192.



Oxford is hosting a BLOOD DRIVE on Sunday, September 11 from 9:15 am to 1 pm. Participants will receive a "Never Forget" T-Shirt commemorating the 15th anniversary of 9/11 along with a \$10 HEB gift card (while supplies last). **Blood Donor Requirements are:** Anyone who is 16 years old and weighs at least 120 pounds (with a parental consent form), or at least 17 years old and weighs at least 110 pounds, and in good general health can donate blood. Donors must present photo ID, last four digits of their Social Security and their birth date. Please sign up!



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

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

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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