



NEWS FROM OXFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH LEARN MORE ABOUT THE VARIOUS MINISTRIES OF OXFORD IN THIS MONTHLY PUBLICATION.

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FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University returns to Oxford UMC July 27- September 1. Paul Peterson will be leading this financial planning course that focuses on getting out of debt, creating an emergency fund and planning for your future.

Classes will be held in the downstairs classroom of the gym at 7 pm. If you would like to register please see Kristi Forister or Paul Peterson or go on-line to daveramsey.com and click on find a class to register.

“The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.”

Philippians 4:9

HELP FOR THE NEEDY FUND

Our monthly communion rail offerings will be going to our Help for the Needy fund. This fund is established to help those who come to us 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.

OUR YOUTH



O^t Youth Group Happenings

Fun in the summer continues during the end of July into August. We have several upcoming mid-week outings planned to get the kids out of the house and off of the devices for a few hours.

- July 28 – Incredible Pizza
- August 2 – Zoo
- August 7 – Water Wars (at church)
- August 11 – Bowling
- August 18 – Landa Park

The youth would like to thank Oxford for donating Gatorade for us to take on our mission trip to Memphis; we had just enough for all five days! Thank you Oxford for Blessing us!

O^t Youth Group Mission Trip & Retreat

July 10-14: Middle School Mission Trip to Mt. Wesley, Kerrville, TX

July 18-22: Summer Retreat at the HEB Foundation Camp-Windsong near Leakey, TX

If you are a youth 6th grade – HS Senior please join us for our weekly gatherings. We meet Wednesday night in the gym upper room (Bible Study) at 6:30 and Sunday at 1 in the gym (lunch, games and thought-provoking lesson.)

Meet Our Pastor



Rev. Juan Cantú Jr. has currently been appointed to serve as Senior Pastor of Oxford United Methodist Church in San Antonio, Texas. Pastor Johnny is a graduate of Texas Lutheran University of Seguin Texas, where he received a BA in Psychology and received his Theological and Doctrinal studies through the Course of Study Program at Perkins School of Theology through Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. He has successfully completed the Basic and Advance courses which have allowed him to become Ordained as Elder of the United Methodist Church this past June 2016 at the Rio Texas Annual Conference.

Pastor Johnny received his call to ministry after attending the Emmaus Walk in 1994 and began to serve in church ministry at Iglesia Metodista Unida Dios Es Amor of La Feria, Texas which was under the leadership of Lay Servant Israel Garcia and Rev. Jose Galindo. His first Lay Servant appointment was made by Superintendent Rev. Eubaldo Ponce in 1995 to a small Mission church located North of Edinburg in Faysville, Texas where he served till May of 2003. This eventually led him to answer the call to full-time ministry and receiving his first Episcopal appointment in 2003-2010 to Bethel UMC of Raymondville, Texas and followed by La Trinidad UMC of Seguin, Texas in 2010 where he served as Senior Pastor till June 2016.

Pastor Johnny currently serves in various committees in both Conference and District levels. The heart of Pastor Johnny's message is that the Church of Jesus Christ must make herself visible to the community and thus challenges the local church that **NOW** is the time to move (GO) beyond the four walls. "I tell you, **NOW** is the time of God's favor, **NOW** is the day of salvation." 2 Corinthians 6:2b *NIV*. Since answering the call, Pastor Johnny's life work has been to carry the gospel to **ALL** beyond the local church and abroad by working from within the connectionalism of United Methodist Church family.

Born in Edinburg Texas on December 05, 1972, to parents Juan and Aurelia, Pastor Johnny was the youngest of ten. In 1992 he then married Idaly Mora of Edinburg Texas and both have birthed two wonderful children, Jonathan David and Jenesis Idaly whom both currently live with them. Pastor Johnny credits his lovely wife Idaly for leading him to know and accept Jesus Christ through her life's teachings and examples which she has shared with him for the past 24 years of marriage. GOD is GOOD!

Now to my friends at Oxford UMC, please know that my passion has always been to serve the Kingdom of God by leading and teaching many to embrace the love that God has for all. I find great joy reaching souls beyond the four walls of the local church, yet teaching and helping them to discern their personal calling. I believe just as the pastor needs to exercise his calling, so must the church exercise its gifts and graces, in order to grow the kingdom of God. As the church, a shining city on a hill, we must not be afraid to come down and shine for the unreached, the marginalized, or as scripture teaches "*the least of these*" Matthew 25:40. Even a shining city on a hill can go unseen from below, with all the clutter, distress, and worries one might experience in their lives. "*NOW is the time of God's favor*".

With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, together we can and will press forward, taking courageous steps through the parted waters and leading this new generation to God's promises. I will strive hard to teach and equip today's leaders in becoming strong witnesses of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Leaders, who will not fear in guiding the steps of a younger generation of believers and non-believers into a full covenant with God. I am asking you to please journey with me through the parted waters, putting our hands on the plow, reaching out to touch the hem of HIS garment, running towards the prize and only looking unto Jesus Christ the author and finisher of our faith. Amen

In His Service

Blessings, *Pastor Johnny*

Serve in the Community



School Supply Drive & Blessing of the Backpacks

We are gearing up to give away school supplies and back packs to children in our community. We are currently help from those who wish to serve and we are collecting monetary donations. We will purchase all of the school supplies and backpacks in bulk. We need volunteers on the day of and to help prepare and organize the back packs as well. To volunteer, please sign up in the narthex. For more information contact **Ana Davis** at 210-394-3513 or anadavis@sbcglobal.net.

UMW News



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UMW News:

Saturday, July 30 - 8:30am-1pm, Oak Meadow UMC will be hosting the cluster study, "The Bible and Human Sexuality". Anyone interested in going needs to let Louise Taylor know by July 24. Carpool 8:00 am Oxford UMC. Bring a sack lunch.

Donate new Undies and Socks for Boys and Girls from the Wesley Community Center. There will be a box available in the narthex. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Dates to remember:

July 30 - Cluster Study at Oak Meadow 8:30am
Aug 1 - Kneeling Sisters Circle 6:30 pm
Aug 3 - Leadership Team Mtg. 5:30 pm
Aug. 16 - Dorcas Circle 9:30 am
Aug 28 - Ice Cream Social 6:30pm



Worship Stats

May 29

9:15 a.m...83
11:30 am ...79
Nursery ...11
Total... 173
Sunday School...83

June 5

9:15 am ...108
11:30 am....86
Nursery13
Total207
Sunday School ..92

June 12

9:15.....100
11:30 a.m...73
Nursery ...10
Total204
Sunday School..84

June 19

10:30 am ...227
Nursery ...9
Total... 236

June 26

9:15 am ..98
11:30 am..71
Nursery18
Total187
Sunday School90

July 3

9:15 am ...102
11:30 am...81
Nursery6
Total189
Sunday School ...57

July 10

10:30 am...225
Nursery7
Total232



Watch online

Oxford is Live Streaming every Sunday!
Share the link with your friends and family. Share the Good News!

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



Online Giving

Online giving is coming soon. We will be offering a safe, secure, and convenient way to give online. Please stay tuned for details.

NEW MEMBERS

Sue Doty joined on June 12.
Laura Caflisch & Marty Martinez joined on June 19
Pastor David Cervantez, joined on June 19.
Lorie Martinez joined on June 19.
Janet Haby joined on July 3.

Thank You

Robin Boldt wishes to thank all of the "heroes" who jumped into action to help her during her recent fainting spell in worship on Sunday, July 3. Everyone stepped up to help and cover her in prayer and loving care while "Amazing Grace" was played. Robin received Holy Communion in the EMS and she spent only a short time in the ER. She is doing much better. We love our Sister in Christ! Praise God.

Birthdays



Barr, Karen	07/02
Bohannon, Thomas	07/04
Brown, Scott	07/22
Carey, Pat	07/26
Cervantez, David	07/06
Escobedo, A.J.	07/13
Forister, Justin	7/24
Francis, Peggy	07/25
Graves, Robert (Bob)	07/15
Grothues, Trudy	07/21
Hernandez, Graciela	07/31
Hernandez, Matthew	07/24
Hinkel, Jim	07/15
Hoelscher, Nolan	07/27
Holloman, David	07/17
Huggins, Marsha	07/19
Jones, Kevin	07/06
Jones, Pamela	07/09
Jones, Seth	07/02
Mac Cammon, Mary Ann	07/31
Mason, Angee	07/26
Maxwell, Barbara	07/30
McAfee, Mary	07/14
McCullers, Valerie	07/29
McIntosh, Truselle	07/30
Moses, Sue	07/01
Peterson, Matthew	07/25
Riley, Tonia	07/05
Sisnero, Carlos	07/22
Slater, Makayla	07/12
Taylor, Carl	07/03
Thaxton, Dean	07/05
Wilson, Kevin	07/23
Witt, Anna	07/12
Wohlers, Kim	07/26
Zavala, Ben	07/07

Avila, Lisa	08/03
Burgamy, Karen	08/14
Carper, Lorene	08/03
Clegg, Van	08/30
DeLeon, Antonio	08/16
Egeler, Sandra	08/18
Flake, Mary Gail	08/27
Flores, Elda	08/19
Grothues, Steve	08/29
Hodges, William	08/19
Ivens, Gina	08/04
Maloy, Madeline	08/05
Martinez, Lorie	08/12
Mason, Brad	08/26
Quye, Elizabeth	08/31
Robinson, Helen	08/28
Rosdahl, Lyle	08/23
Smith, Pat	08/02
Solis, Linda	08/12
Sygeel, Joanne	08/03
Tearney, Bryce	08/26
Thompson, Judy	08/02
Wise, Frances	08/21
Wright, Fred	08/14

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

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

ONGOING PRAYER LIST

Tom & Bernice Adamietz
Lily Robinson
Sadie & her grandma Delores Koeck
Margaret & Jerry Mason
Richard & Linda Persyn
Jackie Duke
Dennis and Sue Moses
Jimbo Frazier and Michele Frazier
Nolan & Rosalyn Hoelscher
Mark C.
Milton & Eloise
Rev Phil Robberson
Dr. Walter R.
Ernie Garibay
Barbie Tarr
Mary Morgan Marshall
Susan Gaches
Peggy Fry
Ruth & Roland Martinez
Rose Cervantes
Nolie Torbert
Perla May
Linda Born
Janet Haby

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

Birthday Bash Dates:

Sunday July 31 and August 28

Come have a slice of cake!

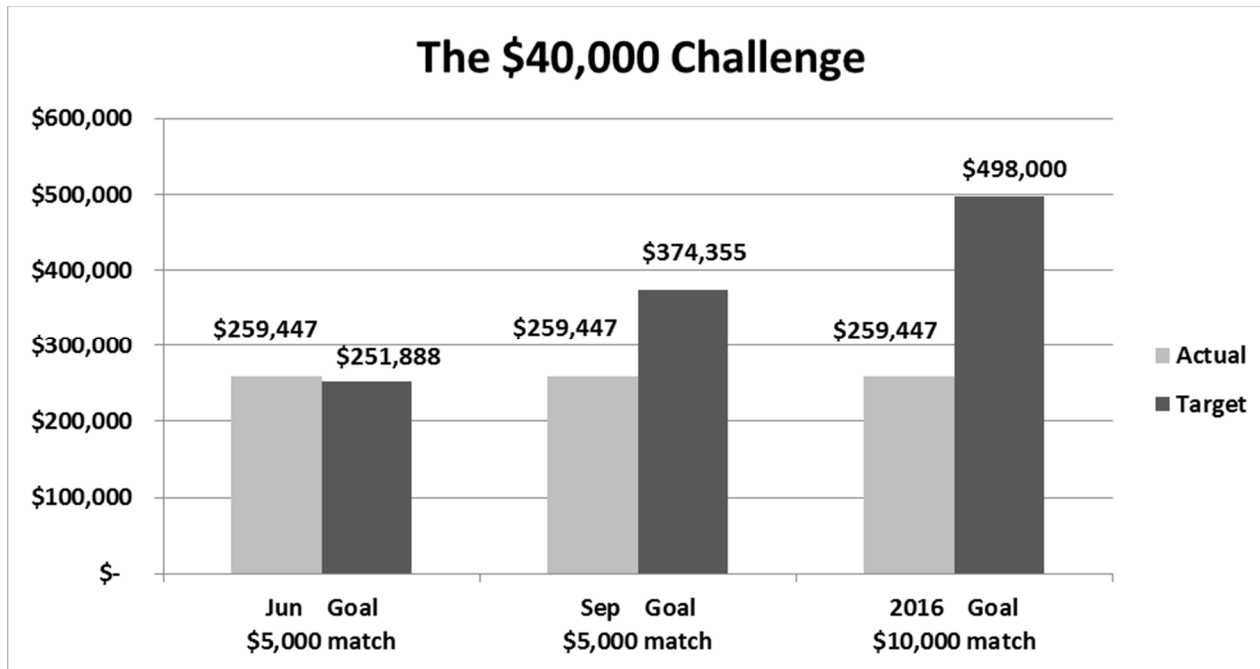
The Birthday Bash is a monthly celebration held on the last Sunday of each month in which we celebrate the Birthdays of the month. We gather in the narthex between the morning worship services.

The \$40,000 Challenge Update

June year to date Matching Goal Achieved!!

Many thanks to the people of this congregation for the overwhelming response and generous giving that brought us to achievement of the June matching goal. Because of your support, the first \$5,000 of the \$20,000 matching gift opportunity is now guaranteed and as a community we have put ourselves in a favorable position to move forward and also achieve the September and Full Year goals. God is so good and he is working in the lives of the Oxford community, where time and time again, this congregation steps up when called upon and delivers amazing blessings.

The chart below shows our progress as of June 30 against the blessing goals for June year to date, September year to date and full year 2016.



It is awesome and humbling to witness the abundance that the Lord can provide through his people. Together we can do this ... and we did! Praise be to God!

Blessings,

Paul Peterson
Finance Chairperson



"To those who participate in the Prayer Shawl Ministry, THANK YOU!"

When we attended services at Oxford UMC during the winter months, I noticed the prayer shawls in the pews. I had just met a lady at the RV Park where we reside and soon discovered that she, too, was from Iowa. She and her husband were in Texas for her participation in a new clinical trial to fight her cancer. They were very hopeful. I checked out a prayer shawl for my new friend, Becky. She appreciated it so much. Her fight against cancer ended this spring after their return to Iowa. Now, there is rejoicing in heaven. Her husband shared that Becky had so enjoyed the prayer shawl. It was going to their youngest grandchild. They had a special connection.

Thank You for spreading the warmth and love of our big wonderful God!

*God's Blessings always,
Phyllis Peterson"*

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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