

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them, bear much fruit..."
John 15:5



The Grapevine

Oxford United Methodist Church ~ Rev. Dr. Julius E. Del Pino, Pastor

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2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy

Spirit and began to speak in other tongues^[a] as the Spirit enabled them.

5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. 6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. 7 Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? 9 Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,^[b] 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome 11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" 12 Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

Acts 2:1-12

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Our Mission:

Uniting in Jesus Christ
we spread God's love

Our Vision:

We envision a church with a vibrant Christian spiritual life where we welcome and value all God's people... Where we grow, discover, and share our gifts in the church and in the world.



From the Pastor: A Heartfelt Thank You!

I am so blessed to see and experience the warm and accepting spirit that is growing in Oxford UMC. I see smiles. I see joy in people's eyes.. I see long term members and constituents reaching out beyond their comfort zone and inviting others to join them in sharing the love of God. I see and hear babies crying out for the love of all those around them. I am filled with gratitude as we move forward to give our hearts for the cause of Christ Jesus. My eyes are open wide as God invites us to keep doing what we are doing. I see youth and young adults attending worship and joining the congregation in singing new and familiar songs. I hear the sound of little feet running throughout the worship center (Sanctuary) before and during worship. And then I have taken notice of friendly ushers and greeters opening their hearts to receive those coming to be in the presence of the Lord. Oh my God. If you have not felt just a little of what I am referencing, just keep coming and let the spirit of the living Lord pour the abundance of his love and grace upon you and your family.

I cannot forget the Bell Choir and the Praise Singers. They bring excitement and joy to our worship. I hope you can feel and sense some of what I have experienced. I pray you will continue to open your eyes and ears as Oxford UMC prays for a renewed vision THAT keeps us moving forward in the spirit of Jesus. We have come through some difficult days, but keep believing.....keep hoping.....keep loving as you invite others to join the journey of becoming a disciple,.....a follower of Jesus Christ! who saves, rescues and heals.

And thank you for supporting the Youth Ministries and the rebuilding of the Lahaina United Methodist Church in the town of Lahaina. Thank you for believing all things work together for those who love the Lord.

Bless You!
Your Pastor

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Baptism
*All things have
become new.*
2 Corinthians 5:17, NKJV

On May 2 we are blessed to welcome
by the sacrament of Baptism,

Leighton Belevender

and

Tillie Belevender

We celebrate them along with their parents,
Kyle & Mackenzie Belevender

PRAY for and Encourage One Another Daily

Lord - we lift up these people to you by name:

the Bradford family on the birth of a new grandson - Benjamin
the Osborn-Uselman family on the expectation of another baby
Jimmy Reynold family Jennifer David Lawrie Bob Willobee Laurie Del Pino Kim Rizzo
Betty Morrison Jerry Shedlowsky Franny Stokes Conor & Christopher Chris Jerry Lambert
Ellen Bill & Danice Burns Gaiter family Olivia Victoria and family Joy Nancy Stewart
Evelyn Granger Mike Dempsey Pauline & Grayson East Mrs. Joan Ann Anderson
Lisa Palazollo CJ John Hauxwell Amanda Guzman John Buscanti Samantha Clancy
Jodi Aiken Jake Taylor Mike Hoover Nadine Gildner Ed Roden & Family Ro Van Wagoner
Carolynn Foss Shirley Acheson Kip Lawrie Peg Moulder Glen & Geraldine McLaughlin
Olga Neill Kent Patterson Carol Hauxwell Denise Gildner Ron Shedlowsky & family
Ginny Conrad Amy Thorson

We ask your blessings upon:

Those affected by Natural Disasters & all Violence in the US and worldwide
Those navigating complex relationships; dealing with job / lack of job stress
All Families - those expecting new children; dealing with loss of a loved one
First responders, caregivers, medical personnel and all affected by illness
All our school children, their teachers, school workers and administrators
All of our brothers and sisters who deal with racism & hatred
Those with mental illnesses, are lonely, or do not have someone to pray for them
Those in the military serving on our behalf
Our local and national representatives in all three branches of government
All affected by the Oxford High School and all other School Shootings
Oxford UMC, Pastor, Staff, Guests, United Methodists, and Christians everywhere
Our Revived Church - *that Oxford UMC may be a great source of love
for this community and that we may revive our vision*

We also pray for those whose names are unmentioned, dear Lord, for you know and love them.

We ask all these things in your name, Lord Jesus.

Amen!

Need prayer with Pastor? Sign up on the sheet outside the office, or contact the church office

Grateful for Those Who Gave All

We remember, O Lord, the men and women who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country. Help us never to breathe the air of freedom, claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship without deep gratitude for those who gave "the last full measure of devotion" for our sake.

May they now know the peace of eternity and the joy of your presence. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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An illustration at the top of the page features a pile of autumn leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and red. Above the leaves are several tulips in pink, red, and yellow. To the right of the leaves are gardening tools: a blue watering can, a brown-handled shovel, and a brown-handled rake.

SPRING Cleanup

May 2nd - 8:30pm til 12noon



Join us in
worship on
May 10th



Peace with Justice Sunday - May 31

A Special Sunday in The United Methodist Church that Supports Efforts to Build Peace with Justice

What is Peace with Justice Sunday?

Peace with Justice Sunday is one of six churchwide Special Sundays designated to support ministries and causes important to the entire United Methodist Church. One this day, we come together to support ministries that work for peace and fairness around the world. It's a day when the church speaks out against violence and inequality and renews its commitment to be peacemakers—just as Jesu taught.

Why Does It Matter?

The world is full of conflict, division, and injustice. Peace with Justice Sunday reminds us that the church has a role to play in making things right. United Methodists believe that working for peace means addressing the deeper causes of conflict—like poverty, racism, and oppression. It's not just about ending war, but about building a world where everyone is treated with dignity.

Peace with Justice Sunday matters because it equips United Methodists to advocate for change and support ministries that challenge systems of inequality and violence.

What Does My Giving Support?

Special Sundays give us a chance to focus our prayers and support on important ministries all year long—uniting our gifts to multiply our impact. Your generosity supports real change—both in your own community and around the world. Here's how the money is used:

- Annual Conference Ministries (50%)

Half of the funds collected stay local and support ministries that promote peace, fairness, and education where you live. Many areas also have a Peace with Justice Coordinator who helps lead local advocacy and learning opportunities.

- Ministries and Grants (50%)

The other half supports United Methodist efforts across the U.S. and beyond. Grants are available to churches and organizations working on initiatives that promote peace, challenge injustice, and empower underrepresented communities—especially Ethnic and Minority Local Churches.



*Join us in
worship on
June 21st*



Come join us for Vbs!

When: June 14-17th

Time: 5:30-8:15

Ages: preschool-18

Where: 21 E Burdick street Oxford MI

Pizza and giant water party on the 17th!

FOOD SUPPLIES LIST FOR VBS

(NEEDED IN EARLY JUNE)

2 CANS VANILLA FROSTING

2 CAN CHOC FROSTING

2 BAGS MINI M&M

50 SMALL BOWLS

1 BAG OF THIN LICORICE RED ROPES

2 BAGS LARGE WHITE MARSHMALLOWS

1 LARGE BAG OF SWEDISH FISH

2 BOXS RICE CHEX CEREAL
(OR OFF BRAND IS FINE)

2 BAGS MILK CHOC CHIPS

BIG BAG BANANA CHIPS

LOTS OF GREEN GRAPES

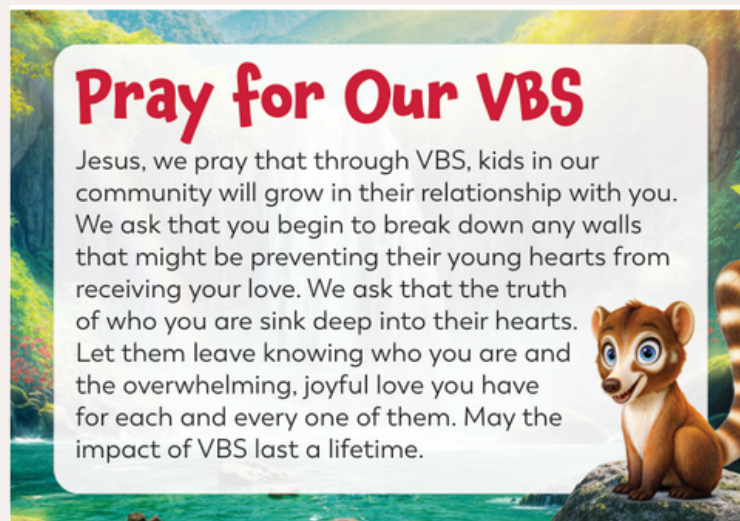
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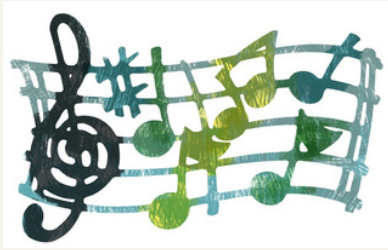
LARGE CLEAR PLASTIC CUPS

BOTTLE WATER

Questions? Ask Lynda Bertich or Megan Crothers

How You Can Help...





Excelsior Bell Choir

The Bell Choir rehearsals are on
Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm
during the school year
If you have any questions please contact
Rosemary Rumbold (248-391-0973)

Praise Singers

Join us to practice Sunday's songs and hymns.
Rehearsals are at 5:30p on Wednesdays and
9am on Sunday mornings.
If you have questions or if you
would like to be a part of the Praise Singers
please contact Renae Shagena (248-969-2225).



Wednesday Video & Book Study at 10:30am

Book / Video to be determined at the time of printing
- check for info in the Sunday programs



Knit Knack

We meet every Friday from 1-3pm in the Fellowship Hall.
Please join us if you enjoy any type of needle work.
We are always willing to teach anyone who
would like to learn.
If you have any questions,
please call Mary Garrard, 248-613-4505.

Piece Makers Quilting

All are invited to attend the Piece Makers group
and help with our prayer quilts. We usually meet on
Wednesday afternoons (1st and 3rd weeks)
starting at 1pm.
Do you know someone who would like the comfort
of the prayers woven into a quilt during its creation?
These quilts are intended for anyone who could
use a hug and a prayer during challenging times.
If you have any questions, please
contact Linda McIntyre (248-245-7898).
Please keep praying!



Youth Group: Elementary & Middle School

Wednesdays from 6-7pm

Youth Group: High School Sundays from 6-7:30pm

UM Women: Rachel Circle

Rachel Circle is a Christian, faith based women's group. We meet once a month for fellowship with women from our church and surrounding community.

We pray together, plan fun community events, and support one another through life's trials. Fellowship is an important part of being a Christian. It allows you personal growth through shared experiences. You will experience deeper relationships & a sense of belonging among other women.

All women of any age are encouraged and welcome to attend our (September - June) regular season meetings. Also, please check in the Sunday programs for pop-up summer activities.

Psalm 46: 10 *"Be still & know that I am God"*
If you are feeling under pressure, as we all do at times, (I know this is something I have trouble with), Psalm 46: 10 serves as a reminder to find the peace and strength Christians have through Christ, especially during times of chaos and frantic thoughts.

Philippians 4: 13 *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."*

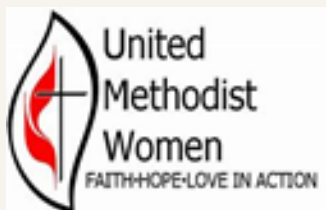
Mark your calendars :

Our next Friendship Hour: May 31st & June 28th

Our next meeting will be Monday, May 11 at
10:30am.

Our June meeting TBD

Peace be with you,
Carolyn Lawrie
President, OUMC Rachel Circle



UM Men: Band of Brothers

The United Methodist Men focus on Evangelism, Missions, and Spiritual Development.

Questions? Please contact
Fred Nelson, UMM President
(248-628-9826)



The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday in May. This year it is on May 7. Created by Congress in 1952 & signed by President Truman, it serves to encourage spiritual reflection & unity. Originally focused on Judeo-Christian traditions, it is open & encouraged for all faiths.

This year our Wednesday night Youth Group will be assembling "The Prayer Chain". It will be in red, white & blue in honor of our great nation, its 250th birthday & Oxford's 150th birthday.

Please write your prayer requests for our nation's leaders, both local & national, on strips of white and blue paper provided at the entrance of the Sanctuary on the Usher table and on the communication table in the Fellowship Hall. Feel free to add prayer requests of a personal nature as well.

The prayer requests will be gathered from both the Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary baskets on Wednesday, May 6th, assembled, prayed over & hung on display in the Sanctuary.



"Do all the good you can,
in all the places you can,
to all the people you can."

Rev. John Wesley (founder of Methodism)



Because of you and your generosity, we are able to meet our goal to send a mission offering to Lahaina UMC of \$2,000. This will greatly help them as they rebuild their church which was devastated during the wildfire in Lahaina on Maui Island, Hawaii.

Finance Update:

Thank you for your faithfulness in giving each month to God's church. We as a Finance team keep track of giving and expenses each month. Thank you for being a good servant. Please help monthly with our General Fund - especially remember us while you are on vacation during the summer.

"Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce." Proverbs 3:9

January Giving	\$5,323.91
February Giving	\$4,368.31
March Giving	\$8,000.60
April Giving (w/o 4/26)	\$4,314.45
2026 Giving Subtotal	\$22,007.27
Budget for 2026	\$137,925.00



We give thanks for all that you can do!

If you prefer to write a check or donate with cash, please use your offering envelopes. If you would like information on how to do it electronically, please see Becky in the church office.

If you need envelopes or have a question about your giving statement, please call Larry Bradford, financial secretary or leave a message for him with the church office.

How to Get Connected

Social Media:

- Oxford UMC on Facebook
- Oxford UMC on X
- Oxford UMC on Instagram

Get Email Alerts:
Visit our website at www.oxfordunitedmc.org to sign-up and receive information directly to your e-mail.

Call or Email our Main Office:
oumc.office@sbcglobal.net
Main Office: 248-628-1289

Worship Services Online

We load our Sunday services asap here: Oxford UMC on youtube.com



- May 7 - Steve Matteson
- May 9 - Amy Cischke
- May 15 - Laurie Del Pino
- May 16 - Amy Fleischer
Charlotte Nicholson
- May 20 - Emaleigh Von Knorring
- May 25 - Rosemary Rumbold
- May 31 - Zoe Fleischer
Shawn Turner



May 20 - Bernie & Rosemary Rumbold



- June 1 - Cora Nicholson
- June 3 - Kevin Kater
- June 6 - Sue Rizzo
- June 11 - Desirae Turner
- June 24 - Zoe Gaiter
- June 27 - Craig Acheson



- June 17 - Mike & Mary Dempsey
- June 18 - Grayson & Pauline East
- June 24 - Tom & Lynda Bertich



Our Church is to Be Sold

Our church is to be sold! That statement may sound alarming at first, but rest assured, we are not facing foreclosure or financial trouble. Instead, our church has been planted with a purpose that reaches far beyond its walls and membership. It exists to serve the wider community and to share the hope of Christ with those who may not yet know him. That calling presents us with an exciting challenge.

Our church must be “sold” to the unchurched. There are many people in our community who would gladly worship, serve and grow alongside us if they simply knew what our church offers. Often, the greatest barrier is not resistance, but lack of invitation.

Each of us represents our church every day through our words, attitudes and actions. How much do we value its ministry? How much do we treasure the message of Christ it proclaims? If our church has encouraged us, supported us and helped shape our faith, that story is worth sharing.

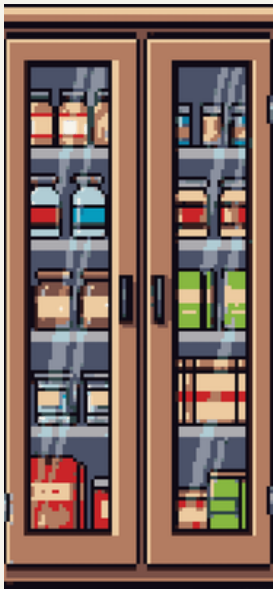
Being enthusiastic does not require polished speeches or sales tactics. It simply means speaking honestly about what our church means to us and inviting others to experience it for themselves.

When we take our church seriously and talk openly about its mission, we help open doors for others to discover faith, community and hope they did not know they were missing.

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Oxford / Orion FISH Food Pantry

“Neighbors Helping Neighbors”



We are collecting FISH donations on the first Sunday of each month. You may also make out a check to Oxford UMC and put “FISH Food Pantry” in the memo line and we will make sure that your donation gets there. “Thank You!”

Current Needs -

Canned chicken Canned carrots Canned stew Canned soup Canned fruit
Canned kidney beans Canned mixed vegetables Chilli Any non-perishable food
Bagged or Boxed Potatoes Personal care items Feminine Products

Current Hours -

Office: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9 to noon
Pantry: Tuesdays - 1-3pm; Wednesdays - 10-2pm; Thursdays - 1-5 pm;
3rd Saturdays of month - 9:45-11:30am

Questions? Contact Laura Clancy

(She would like to share this ministry with someone - please let her know if you are able to help!)

FISH is a 100% volunteer organization and they need your help.
All donations are tax deductible. Remember - NO EXPIRED FOOD PLEASE!

FISH Location: 1060 S. Lapeer Rd., Oxford
Website: www.oxfordorionfish.org

To receive food from FISH:
(248) 628-3933

If you or someone you know would like a Free! hot meal please invite them to visit:

Lake Orion UMC (Mondays)
Immanuel Congregational (Tuesdays)
LakePoint Community (Thursdays)
from 5:30-6:30pm

and/or Oxford UMC (Saturdays) from 9:30-10:30am

All Are Welcome!

All are invited to the community Free! meal program at OUMC!!

On Saturday mornings we are serving breakfast at PFP (People Feeding People)!
We encourage you to attend and not only be fed by food but also with fellowship.

We are lifting people up through nutrition and friendship. We are providing a hot breakfast and most weeks a sack lunch for people in the Fellowship Hall (the 3rd week is carryout). If you are interested in helping in any way please contact Kathy Laidlaw (248) 701-5910. We hope that you come and enjoy!!!

WHERE: Oxford United Methodist Church

WHEN: Saturdays, 9:30-10:30 am

Oxford UMC is serving on May 2, 16 & 30, June 6 & 20



Love in the Name of Christ (Love INC) of North Oakland County is a non-profit network of churches in the area, including Oxford UMC. The mission of Love INC is to mobilize local volunteers and churches to help those in need and transform lives in the name of Christ. They try to provide any help that is beyond the scope of the churches on their own.

The Clothing Closet (at Oxford Freedom Church at 790 S. Lapeer Road) is open on Wednesdays from 9:00am-12:00pm.

The Connection Center (at LakePoint Church at 1550 W. Draher Rd) needs help.

Love INC is now overseeing the Meals on Wheels program here at Oxford UMC!

If you would like to donate your time or money to help your neighbors in need, or need help please contact them:

Website - www.loveincfnoc.org or call 248-693-4357 for more information.

Kasper's Corner - Hope Instead of Unbelief

Posted on April 1, 2026

"Blessed are all those who never see Me and yet they still believe."

John 20:29 The Voice version

Did you ever notice how hard it can be to share good news with some people? Ever notice how hard it is to accept and believe good news? What is it that causes such skepticism?

Remember Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome?

These special women got up early that first Easter morn to finish preparing Jesus' body for burial. While on the way they realized a huge obstacle was in the way between them and Jesus and they did not have the ability to remove it. But when they looked up, they found that the stone had already been rolled away. Then an angel tells them that Jesus isn't dead anymore.

What would you expect their reaction to be? This was the greatest news ever, so we'd expect that they would be jumping up and down celebrating and partying. The angel told them to go tell the disciples, so they ran as fast as they could to share the good news, right? Except that's not how Mark reads. "Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid" (16:8). John tells us that Mary Magdalene did go to the disciples, not to tell them Jesus had risen, but that someone had taken Jesus from the tomb (20:2). Peter and John go to check out what Mary had said. Sure enough, the tomb is empty; Jesus is gone. But there is no party. Instead, they lock themselves up in a room too scared to come out, afraid that they might suffer the same consequences as Jesus.

What's the problem? The stone was rolled away. The angel told the women Jesus was alive. Jesus had previously told the disciples on numerous occasions, "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men. They will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised to life" (Matthew 17:22-23). But they didn't remember. All they know is that Jesus is dead. There is no physical stone in the way to separate them from Jesus, but there is a stone. It's a big, huge stone and it's been keeping people from Jesus for centuries. It's the stone of unbelief.

The stone of unbelief is ominous, casting a dark, gloomy shadow over everything. It refuses to see good and only sees negative. It closes the mind to possibilities. It is itself death. And because unbelief is death that is all it knows. The disciples had seen Jesus crucified; they had watched him die. Life is done; it's over, finished. Satan wants us to think that Jesus died and all hope died with him by placing the stone of unbelief in our way. One of the reasons there is so much death and destruction in this world is because people don't have hope; they don't know that there is more to life than this life. So, they live only for this life and what this life might give them before they die.

If you are living only for today because you think there is no future, no life beyond now, I have good news for you. From behind the stone of death Jesus rises to life; onto the gloom of unbelief Jesus shines; and into the locked room of now Jesus steps to roll away the stone of unbelief so that we can believe. Jesus declared, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me ... will have the light of life" (John 8:12). Unbelief breeds death, but Jesus came that we might "have life, and have it to the full" (John 10:10).

...How often do we live in fear that we won't measure up, that we have done something that betrayed our God and that he would not forgive? How often has the stone of our unbelief limited the greatness of our Jesus? In spite of our fear, Jesus rolls away the stone of unbelief and death and declares "Peace." Not just a peace of quiet and lack of confusion and hostility, but shalom – the restoration of physical, moral, and spiritual well-being that all will be as it was intended to be from the beginning. And from the beginning it was intended that we would live not die; that we would experience love, not fear; and that we would know God. And even as we received the image of God as he breathed life in us in the beginning, so too we receive the Spirit of God as Jesus blows the death of unbelief away and breathes new life into all who believe.

The stone of unbelief demands proof: "Seeing is believing." Thomas wasn't there the first time Jesus "popped in" on the disciples. There was no way he was willing to believe the others unless he had proof. We are often no different. Before we are willing to submit to surgery, we want to know that the surgeon is successful. Before we invest in a project, we want to be certain that our time, energy, finances, and sweat equity will not be wasted. If we are going to commit ourselves to a relationship with God, we want proof.

Then Jesus rolls the stone of unbelief away and presents proof. For Thomas, Jesus presented himself, holes and all, "Put your finger here; see my hands ... put [your hand] in my side. Stop doubting and believe." Satan wanted Jesus to prove himself and Jesus replied, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." But I am amazed at how many times Jesus rolls away the stone of unbelief by providing the proof we demand so that we will believe. What is important to God is that nothing will become an obstacle between us and God, especially unbelief.

That is the very reason Jesus came and is the intended outcome of Jesus' mission, life, death, and resurrection: to remove any obstacle between us and God. Paul says that "righteousness comes from God to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus" (Romans 3:22-24). God in Christ removed every obstacle in our way. There is nothing we can or could do to earn salvation. But we must believe; for "it is by believing you may have life in his name."

Believe ... perhaps it's too simple. But it is faith that enables us to live, faith that dispels our fears, faith that accepts what we cannot see, and faith that sees beyond unbelief to the heart of Jesus. Is that why believing is easier for little children? Jesus said that if we have childlike faith, we will see God.

"Blessed are all those who never see Me and yet they still believe."



With you on the Journey, DS John
[\[Click here to read the whole article\]](#)

From the Bishop

To read the latest from the Bishop ([click here](#))

Conference ([click here](#))

Or the East Winds District ([click here](#))

Puzzle!

A Father's Love

Directions: Match the biblical children to their father, using the clues by the father's name. Then write the corresponding letter on the lines to complete the Bible verse below.

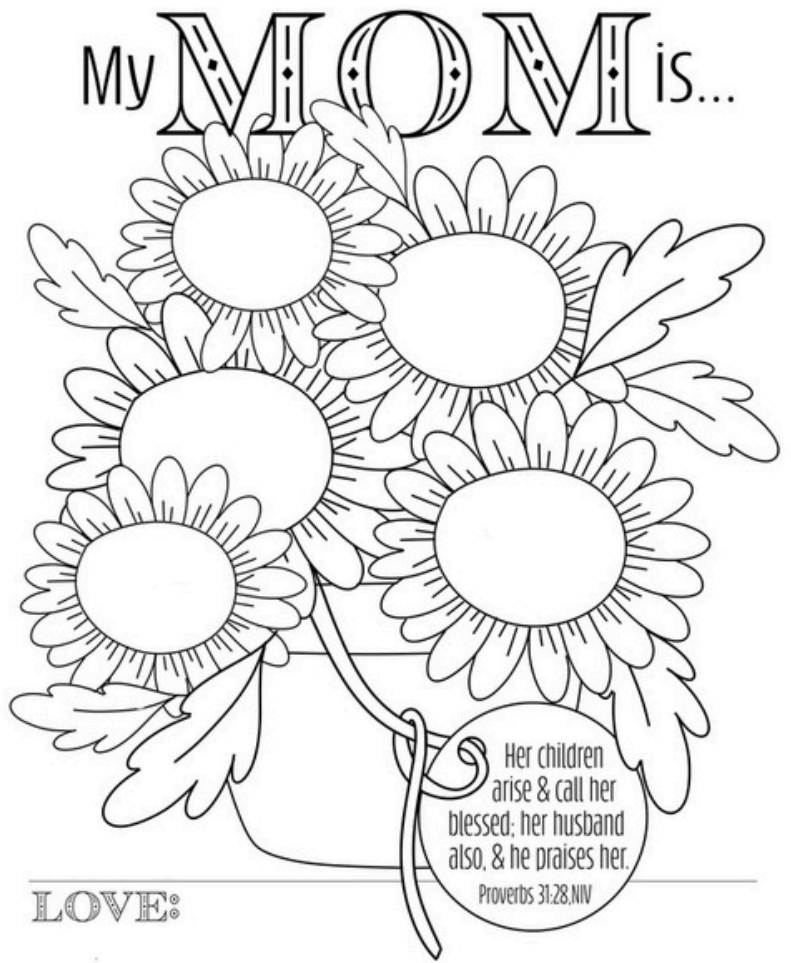
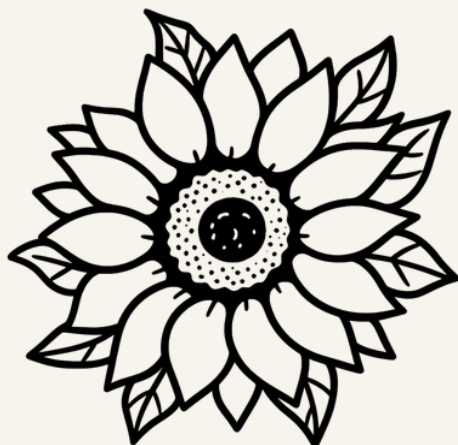
Shem, Ham & Japheth = M	John the Baptist = N
Solomon = O	Jacob & Esau = A
Jonathan = I	Cain, Abel & Seth = O
Jesus = C	Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar,
Rachel & Leah = S	Zebulun, Joseph, Benjamin, Dan, Gad,
Isaac & Ishmael = P	Naphtali, Asher & Dinah = S

- God: "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." _____
- Adam: God gave him another son because the older killed the younger. _____
- Noah: His sons were blessed and told to multiply and replenish the earth. _____
- Abraham: God promised he would be a father of many nations. The Jews and Arabs descend from these two sons. _____
- Isaac: His older son sold his birthright, and his younger son tricked Isaac and received the blessings for the firstborn. _____
- Laban: He had two daughters; the older was tender-eyed and the younger was very beautiful. Both married Jacob. _____
- Jacob: Two wives and two handmaids gave him 12 sons and a daughter. _____
- Saul: His son was David's best friend. _____
- David: He had many children, but one was known for his wisdom, for having many wives and for building God's temple. _____
- Zechariah: His son, a cousin of Jesus, was born to be a messenger of repentance. _____

As a father has _____
on his children, so the LORD has
_____ on those who
fear him. *Psalm 103:13, NIV*



Answers: compassion



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GROWING IN GOD'S word

Try this craft as a reminder that we need to continue to grow in God's Word.

What you need:

- Small terra cotta pot and plate
- Acrylic paints (various colors)
- Paper plate
- Potting soil (enough to fill the pot)
- Small inside plant or packet of seeds
- Newspaper or paper
- Paintbrush
- Cup of water
- Permanent black marker

What you do:

1. Spread some newspaper out on a table for your working area.
2. Squeeze the paint colors that you wish to use onto your paper plate.
3. Paint designs on the pot and plate.
4. When the pot is dry, take the black marker and on the top part of the pot write: Growing in God's Word.
5. Pour a small amount of potting soil into the bottom of the pot. With adults help, place your plant into the pot and surround your plant with the rest of the soil. If planting seeds, follow the packet instructions.
6. Water your plant so the soil is moist. Check your plant everyday and keep the soil moist.
7. Enjoy watching your plant grow, and remember that you too, need care as you grow in God's Word.

2 Peter 3:18 NIV
But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

May



Usual Weekly Events:

Sundays - 9am (S) Praise Singer Practice | 10am (S) Worship | 6pm (Y) Youth Group: High School

Mondays - 10:30am (SK) Meals on Wheels

Tuesdays - 10:30am (SK) Meals on Wheels | 12pm PROGRAM DEADLINE | 8am - 4pm (W) Dragonfly Hybrid

Wednesdays - 10am - 1pm (W) Cleaning Crew | 10:30am (SK) Meals on Wheels | 10:30am (M) Book Study |

1pm (1st/3rd weeks) Piece Maker Quilting | 5:30pm (S) Praise Singer Practice | 6pm (Y) Youth Group: Middle School | 6:30pm (S) Bell Choir Practice

Thursdays - 10:30am (SK) Meals on Wheels | 8am - 4pm (W) Dragonfly Hybrid

Fridays - 10:30am (SK) Meals on Wheels | 2pm (U) Knit Knack Crafts

Saturdays - 9:30am-10:30am (F/FK) People Feeding People

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5/2 - 8:30am til 12noon (W) Church Clean-Up

5/3 - 10am (S) 5th Sunday of Easter: Holy Communion

5/4 - 7pm (F/FK) Church Council

5/5 - 7pm (Y) Trustees

5/6 - 6pm (Y) Youth Group: Elementary & Middle School

5/7 - National Day of Prayer

5/10 - 10am (S) 6th Sunday of Easter: Mother's Day

5/11 - 10:30am (F/FK) Rachel Circle

7pm (F/FK) Worship Team

5/17 - 10am (S) 7th Sunday of Easter| Ascension Sunday

Bells & Brunch

5/24 - 10am (S) Pentecost

5/25 - Memorial Day (Office Closed)

5/31 - 10am (S) Trinity Sunday

Peace with Justice Sunday (Special Offering)

JUNE



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Sundays - 9am (S) Praise Singer Practice | 10am (S) Worship | 6pm (Y) Youth Group: High School

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1pm (1st/3rd weeks) Piece Maker Quilting | 5:30pm (S) Praise Singer Practice | 6pm (Y) Youth Group: Middle School | 6:30pm (S) Bell Choir Practice (during the school year)

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6/1 - 7pm (F/FK) Church Council

6/2- 7pm (Y) Trustees

6/7 - 10am (S) 2nd Sunday of Pentecost: Holy Communion

6/8 - 7pm (F/FK) Worship Team

6/14 - 10am (S) 3rd Sunday of Pentecost: Flag Day
Memorial Brick Dedication

- 5:30pm - 8:15pm (W) Vacation Bible School

6/15- THE GRAPEVINE DEADLINE: July/August Issue

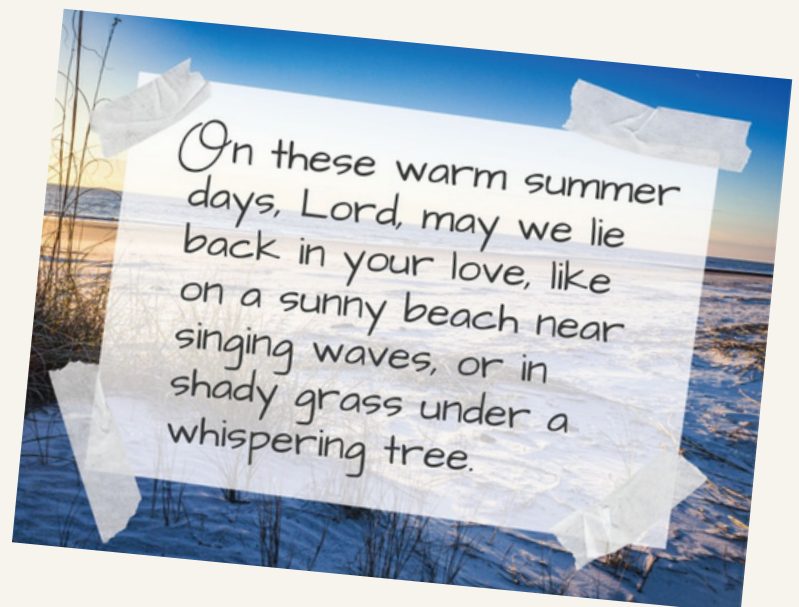
- 5:30pm - 8:15pm (W) Vacation Bible School

6/16 - 5:30pm - 8:15pm (W) Vacation Bible School

6/17 - 5:30pm - 8:15pm (W) Vacation Bible School
(with Pizza and Giant Water Party!)

6/21 - 10am (S) 4th Sunday of Pentecost: Father's Day
Bells & Brunch

6/28 - 10am (S) 5th Sunday of Pentecost
(John Wesley's Birthday)



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10:00am Worship

10:20am Sunday School to classes
(during Worship Service, Sept - May)

Coffee & Refreshments after service

All Are Welcome!