

The Grapevine

Oxford United Methodist Church
Rev. Dr. Julius E. Del Pino, Pastor
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"I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them, bear much fruit..." John 15:5

Our Mission

*Uniting in Jesus Christ
we spread God's love*

Our Focus

The five practices of
Fruitful Congregations:

1. Radical Hospitality
2. Passionate Worship
3. Intentional Faith Development
4. Risk-taking Mission & Service
5. Extravagant Generosity

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This Month's Highlights:

⇒ *Let's Count our Blessings!!!*

This season let us be intentionally joyful and take a few moments to thank God for our blessings, for each other, and our OUMC family!

⇒ *Thank you for continuing to*

Worship Online on Sundays - 10am

"We are hopeful that with the vaccines becoming more available that it won't be long before we are able to worship together but until it is safe to do so please be patient!"

⇒ *Join the All Church Study*

January 31 - "Anatomy of a Revived Church" by Thom Rainer

Watch the worship online to see what this book is all about.

⇒ *Ash Wednesday: Drive-By "Ashing"*

February 17 - 5-5:30pm - Front parking lot (South)

Take a few moments to drive through the front parking lot of OUMC to receive your ashes. The experience will be Covid-19 safe as we celebrate the start of Lent!



*Join Us For
Worship Online!*

*Holy Communion -
First Sunday of the month*

From
the
Minister



Happy New Year: 2021

We are well on way into a new year!
Thank God for the past and thank God
for the future. We have much to do
and by the grace of God and our
unrelenting faith and love for each
other and the stranger, we as the
Church of Christ will prevail. I share
with you now a writing by a world
known poet who gives wise advice to
all of us. Please read it reverently!
Read on in faith and God's
unconditional love for each of you!
Let the Church say amen!!!
Julius E Del Pino, Pastor

CONTINUE
by Maya Angelou

Into a world which needed you
My wish for you
Is that you continue
Continue

To be who and how you are
To astonish a mean world
With your acts of kindness



Please continue to pray that this
Covid19 outbreak and precautions
comes to an end.

In the meantime -

Please follow these guidelines:
Social distancing 6 feet apart,
wear a face mask please,
Wash your hands often,
no food or drinks near others,

please stay home if you are feeling sick.

OUMC trustees/volunteers are disinfecting high touch surfaces.

Worship Online at
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/
UCN2R96oWdXzxDqwdz8YBlrQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCN2R96oWdXzxDqwdz8YBlrQ)
(or follow the link on our website)

January 1 - Epiphany Sunday / Holy Communion

Isaiah 43:18; Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12
"To Stand"

Continue
To allow humor to lighten
the burden
of your tender heart
Continue

In a society dark with cruelty
To let the people hear the
grandeur
Of God in the peals of your
laughter

Continue
To let your eloquence
Elevate the people to heights
They had only imagined
Continue

To remind the people that
Each is as good as the other
And that no one is beneath
Nor above you

Continue
To remember your own young years
And look with favor upon the lost
And the least and the lonely

Continue
To put the mantel of your protection
Around the bodies of
The young and defenseless
Continue

To take the hand of the despised
And diseased and walk
proudly with them
In the high street
some might see you and
Be encouraged to do likewise

Continue
To plant a public kiss of concern
On the cheek of the sick
And the aged and infirm
And count that as a
natural action to be expected

Continue
To let gratitude be the pillow
Upon which you kneel to
Say your nightly prayer
And let faith be the bridge
You build to overcome evil
And welcome good
Continue

To ignore no vision
Which comes to enlarge your range
And increase your spirit
Continue

To dare to love deeply
And risk everything
For the good thing

Continue
To float
Happily in the sea of infinite substance
Which set aside riches for you
Before you had a name
Continue

And by doing so
You and your work
Will be able to continue
Eternally

(poem written by Maya Angelou
in 2016 for Oprah)



January 10 - Baptism of the Lord

1st Sunday after Epiphany

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

"Let the Journey Begin"

January 17

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

"Just in the Nick of Time"

Bell Choir Performs

Special Offering: Human Relations Day

January 24

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Gospel: John 16:29-33

"A Word of Hope for a Hurting World"

January 31

tbd

Hanging of the Greens

On the 29th of November many members came together to decorate the church to celebrate Advent. Thank you to everyone that helped!



All Church Study

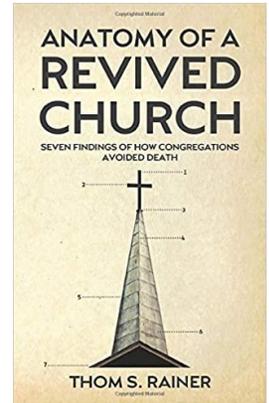
January 31st we as a church will be exploring the book

“Anatomy of a Revived Church”
Seven Findings of How Congregations Avoided Death
by Thom S. Ranier

There is hope. God can save your church. Thom Rainer reveals seven findings of revived churches. Through new research, he figuratively dissects hundreds of churches that were on the path toward death. But they turned around. They revived. They did so in the face of facts and naysayers who told them it could not be done. Get ready to walk with us through the anatomy of churches that were revived because they chose to live. The choice is as simple as it is profound. Change or die. And now, in God’s power, the choice is yours.

You may purchase this book on Amazon (there is a link on Pastor’s Book Recommendation page on our website at oxfordunitedmc.org)

If you have a problem with funds, books are available. Contact Becky at 248-628-1289.



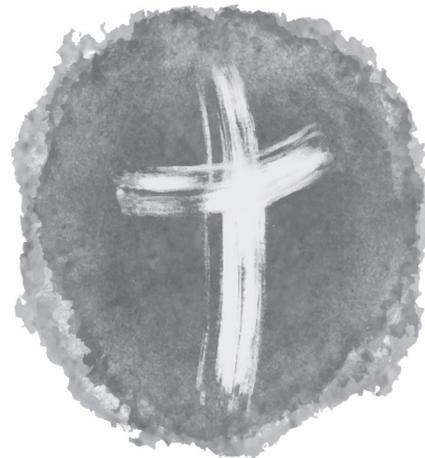
On Wednesday February 17, in observance of Ash Wednesday, Oxford United Methodist Church invites the community to mark themselves with ceremonial ashes from 5 - 5:30pm.

While the actual church building remains closed until restrictions due to the pandemic are eased, for those who are interested you may drive through the south (front) parking lot. OUMC ministers will be there to offer a clean touch-free method for applying ashes.

Ash Wednesday is a solemn time that marks the start of the Easter season.

We may be operating under adverse conditions with the virus still requiring caution but we can maintain our tradition of this and other observances on the church calendar.

We hope you will take a moment to join us for this solemn occasion and share with others.



Ash
WEDNESDAY

A Note from the SPRC

Well happy new year to everyone, and isn't it great to say we are now in 2021? I think everyone is happy to say goodbye to 2020.

As I write this it is still early December, and the Trustees, our pastor, the church staff and SPRC, everyone really is working on so many different ways to celebrate our Saviors birthday.

It's not easy, as you know we are not holding in person services. I cannot praise our Tech Team enough for what they are doing. Its not something any of them are experienced at, yet they are doing video services, and learning and getting better every week. Make sure you thank them when you see them next, they truly deserve it.

The church is looking absolutely beautiful with the decorations hung, and I hope it shows and adds to the video services. And I must say I miss you all so very much. It tells us how much we matter to each other when we can't worship together.

A lot of people might just wonder what the SPRC is? And what we are doing? So I'd like to take a moment to try to explain what we are, and what we do.

The SPRC is a group of fellow church members whose job it is to be the intermediary between the congregation and the pastor of the church. We bring issues and communicate the will and needs of the congregation to the pastor. We also bring the needs and direction, or game plans of the pastor to the congregation. With the goal of keeping positive communications moving in both directions. This is an effort which if done correctly can smooth over bumps in our operations, resolve conflicts, and keep us moving in a positive Christ centered mission based direction. I personally am determined to not allow negativity or poor communication ever detract from the health of our church family.

I think we have all felt a shift in the Holy Spirit in our congregation. It's clear we have a mission to serve our Lord being expressed to us. It will be for us now to discern the will of the Father and move with great faith in what ever direction that leads us. And that is all part of the Pastor / SPRC relationship that we are now hopefully building.

A Word for the Year

Every January, some people pray and ask God to provide a word for their year ahead. Friends have shared theirs with me, but I was hesitant to embrace the practice myself. I'd love to receive a word like *flourish*; then again, I might be like the friend who heard *health* and then faced many physical challenges that year.

But I tried it for 2020 and heard *prepare*. My first reaction was that the word wasn't very exciting, which possibly confirmed I hadn't orchestrated it. Indeed, 2020 ended up full of significant, unexpected change for our family, with careers, school, church and friends. *Prepare* reminded me that amid chaos, God had prepared me for each moment and continues to prepare me for what's next.

Give it a try! Regardless of the word you receive or what lies ahead, you can trust that God loves you and is ultimately in control for 2021 and beyond.

—Janna Firestone

This year 2021, we will undertake a book study amongst the whole congregation. Its my hope you will all join in with eagerness. Many of us have been reading the book already and I think I can say we all are learning so much from it. I am sure if we take heart it will help us move forward in Gods work. I know it explains so many of my own,, and others feelings, and helps me understand what many in the congregation have and are feeling. We will also soon begin and online prayer group. Which I hope when we get back to our building may turn into a weekly prayer group in a physical reality. Nothing can do more for our congregation then simply asking God for his guidance and helping hand. Nor sooth our souls like simply being in open, considered communication with the Father.

How many were stunned by Alex singing for us not long ago? Did you know he had that voice? I'm just counting that as one more blessing our church has. He and Rosemary are working together on more projects to highlight his talents, along with another talent that may join him. I am looking forward to see what he might have in store. This is the sort of thing we need input on for the SPRC to bring to the Pastor. Do you have a talent? Perhaps you have an inspirational poem? Or can tell a story? Or have a favorite dramatic reading that would be appropriate for us?

These are just ideas off the top of my head, but are examples of how the Spirit can move through you to touch our church. I invite you to let us know if you have something to share. It might or might not happen, but we care enough to want to hear and consider your ideas.

In closing I want to thank Rev. Del Pino for his drive, inspiration, and positive leadership in what's been a rough year for us all. And promise my, and I pray our support in 2021 to make it a better and thriving year for us all.

As always I pray for you all without cease,
John Warren



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

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2021 Commitment Card

[Please cut out and mail to the church]



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

Rev. John Wesley (founder of Methodism)



2021 Commitment Card (Estimate of Giving)

We thank God for our blessings!
I/We commit to giving our
_____ prayers
_____ volunteer service

My/Our Financial Commitment

\$ _____ weekly (for 52 weeks)
\$ _____ monthly (for 12 months)
\$ _____ Electronic Giving
*[Please include authorization form
and submit with voided check]*

Offering Envelopes Request (check one):

Weekly envelopes (52) Monthly envelopes (12)

Name(s) (print): _____

Signature: _____

Finance/Stewardship Update

We all know that as Stewards of God's kingdom on Earth, we are responsible for managing our time, talents, treasures & witness in such a way as to be consistent with the Second Commandment, "Love your neighbor as you love yourself." As Christians in Oxford Michigan, what does that look like?

Well, in 2020, we worked hard to bring food and sustenance to 150-200 people each week through our Wednesday Free Meals program and we were able to supplement with gift cards to help families provide for a better Thanksgiving & Christmas. Reverend Del Pino and Michelle Wood distributed the cards which were well received and helped make a difference in these troubled Covid months! The Church will continue investing in Community Outreach and be involved in this worthy Mission throughout 2021 and with your support, it will happen!

Faced with Covid-19 problems and the inability to meet and gather in the Church for Christmas Eve services, the Council Leadership planned an outdoor Community Carol Singing event (led by Alex Wolf on the keyboard & Lisa (Prawdzik) Dalmia singing) and was enjoyed by the 75-85 people who attended. Not bad for the freezing weather on Christmas Eve! Thanks to our wonderful tech team for setting everything up. Further thanks are due to Fred Nelson and the tech team as well as members of the Worship team who participate and prepare the Sunday You Tube services which enables everyone to keep in touch with the Church and each other.

We want to thank those who have pledged during November's Stewardship month. It makes our budgeting and planning so much easier and more accurate when we have a good idea what to expect.

We have rented out the parsonage starting mid January 2021. This will bring in much needed money to help fund our Mission plans for 2021.

So on to this year. Much is changing, yet the needs of the Church and its Community stay the same and continue to grow. We have a constant and loving God who will continue to provide for us, and through us, provide to others. Free Meals will continue to be served (time and talent), gifts will be provided for special occasions (time and treasure), we plan to be more intentional in the community (time, treasure and talent) and in general to expand our community footprint. Wouldn't it be wonderful to see our church and facilities used to their fullest!

Happy New Year!
Amy & Bernie

*"For where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also."
Matthew 6:21*

*It's not too late to make a
financial commitment to
Oxford UMC for 2021!*

New-and-Improved
WEBSITE

We have updated our website!!!
Take a moment and give it a look at
oxfordunitedmc.org



Our Missions & Outreach Groups

UM Women: Rachel Circle

Rachel Circle is a sisterhood of Christian fellowship. We support one another, we raise money to assist with missions, we volunteer for Coffee Hour Fellowship (when applicable), memorial lunches and more.

When able, we meet the second Monday of each month
Sept. through June at 10am.

You do not need to be a member of this church to attend, everyone is welcome.

In the past eleven months we have experienced a new way of life. We have learned what distancing is, wearing masks, unemployed, staying at home when we would normally be out of the house busy. In these trying times it is important to remember to think outside of your own surroundings. Use your telephone daily to call others. Keep in touch with friends and neighbors. This is a very good time to use your church directory & reconnect with some folks you have missed seeing in church on Sunday mornings. We all need to lift each other up (from a distance) during this world wide pandemic.

It is important to keep certain tasks in your everyday life. Keep up with your spiritual life learning. Gift yourself with a Bible study, read from an inspiring book that has been on the shelf for way too long. Start a 'Gratitude Journal' everyday (at least once) write in your Gratitude Journal what you are grateful for at that moment. If you are stuck for gratitude items, pray. Then, start again, keep writing about what you are grateful for & try not to rewrite anything twice. Give yourself a blessing, think of wonderful past gatherings that will make you smile as you recall them.

Look to the Son when you are feeling isolated, reach out to someone, they may be experiencing the same feelings & need to hear from a friend. Spread friendship, love & conversation. Your heart will thank you, as it fills with joy & laughter. "Love thy Neighbor" is what we need now.



Carolyn Lawrie
Rachel Circle President

UMC Camping

There are many choices at our Michigan United Methodist Camps for all ages and interests. Be sure to go online [www.umcamping.org] to find out the schedule for this year.

Our church, and the camps, can also help you pay for camp. Email Lucinda Bellairs [lucindabellairs4@gmail.com] or call the church office [248-628-1289] for more info.



UM Men: Band of Brothers

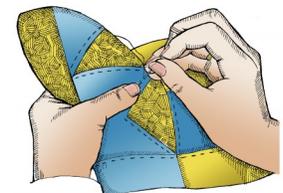
The United Methodist Men focus on Evangelism, Missions, and Spiritual Development.

Questions? Please contact
Fred Nelson, UMM President
(248-628-9826) or
John Warren (248-778-8735).



Piece Makers

You are invited to attend the Piece Makers group and help with our prayer quilts. They usually meet on Tuesday afternoons (1st and 3rd weeks) starting at 1pm.



QUILTING GROUP

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!

Scouting

Boy Scouts:
<https://beascout.scouting.org>
(1-248-338-0035)

Girl Scouts:
<https://www.girlscouts.org>
(1-800-482-6734)



Local Missions & Outreach

Oxford / Orion FISH Food Pantry “Neighbors Helping Neighbors”

We normally collect FISH donations on the first Sunday of each month. HOWEVER, at this time due to the pandemic only cash donations are being accepted. You may make out your 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!”



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

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

Any questions, contact Julie Langley (248-628-9619) or John & Devon Warren (248-778-8735)

Remember, FISH is a 100% volunteer organization and they need your help.
 All donations are tax deductible.

Community Free Meals

The Church has long sponsored the Community Free Meals Program (CFMP) in conjunction with other church organizations and more recently the baton has been carried by the Church and the Free Meals Group (FMG) lead by Connie Miller. This is a very important outreach endeavor which provides meals and many other resources to people hurting during this Covid pandemic. OUMC helps financially, does some of the cooking, serves meals in a box at car-side, and makes use of our facilities, all to improve the lot of the hungry and dispossessed in the Oxford area.

OUMC will work with FMG to continue with these services during these difficult times, and welcomes gifts/donations of all kinds into the CFMP to benefit those in need. Further the Church will provide a tax letter to donors (whether they are individuals, companies, Charitable Foundations or other entities) so that the donor may take an eligible tax deduction for the gift etc. We understand that private businesses, many food supply companies, and many individuals have expressed interest in the program and will contribute when their gift is acknowledged by way of a tax letter.

The Lord is powerfully working
 his way through OUMC!

If you or someone you know would like a
Free! hot meal please invite them
 to visit OUMC on Wednesday’s
 between 5:30 - 6:30pm!



Love In the Name of Christ (INC) - North Oakland Co.



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. If you would like to donate your time or money to help your neighbors in need please contact them:
 Website - www.loveincfnoc.org or
 call 248-693-4357 for more information.

Fellowship, Music & Service Groups



We normally invite you to join us on Fridays at 2pm at the church, however we are currently not meeting due to the upswing of Conid-19. Stay safe!

We are working on lapghans at home which we hope to distribute to nursing homes and/or veterans associations when that becomes safe for all involved.

Questions, contact Mary Garrard (810-797-5840)

Reading for Fun



Do you enjoy reading? We do!!!
Our Book Group is always looking for more readers who like to chat with friends about books. We meet the **second Wednesday** of the month at **1:00pm** in the Memorial Room.

Wednesday, January 13, 2021: *Tara Road* by Maeve Binchy. The author shows her incomparable understanding of the human heart in the tale of two women, one from Ireland, one from America, who switch lives, and in doing so learn much about each other, as well as much about themselves. Ria lived on Tara Road in Dublin with her dashing husband, Danny, and their two children. She fully believed she was happily married, right up until the day Danny told her he was leaving her to be with his young, pregnant girlfriend. By a chance phone call, Ria meets Marilyn, a woman from New England unable to come to terms with her only son's death and now separated from her husband. The two women exchange houses for the summer with extraordinary consequences, each learning that the other has a deep secret that can never be revealed.

Wednesday, February 10, 2021: *The Horse Dancer* by Jojo Moyes. When Sarah's grandfather gives her a beautiful horse named Boo--hoping that one day she'll follow in his footsteps to join an elite French riding school, away from their gritty London neighborhood--she quietly trains in city's parks and alleys. But then her grandfather falls ill, and Sarah must juggle horsemanship with school and hospital visits.



If you have experience with music, please consider joining one of these groups...

Bell Choir

The Excelsior Bell Choir rehearsals are on Wednesdays (6:30-8pm)

If you have any questions please contact Rosemary Rumbold (248-391-0973)

Praise Singers

Join us to practice Sunday's songs and hymns. Rehearsal days and times are midweek.

If you have questions or if you would like to be a part of the Praise Singers please contact Renae Shagen (248-969-2225).

Natasha, a young lawyer, is reeling after her failed marriage: her professional judgment is being questioned, her new boyfriend is a let-down, and she's forced to share her house with her charismatic ex-husband. Yet when the willful fourteen-year-old Sarah lands in her path, Natasha decides to take the girl under her wing. But Sarah is keeping a secret--a secret that will change the lives of everyone involved forever.

Wednesday, March 10, 2021: *The Rent Collector* by Camron Wright. Survival for Ki Lim and Sang Ly is a daily battle at Stung Meanchey, the largest municipal waste dump in all of Cambodia. They make their living scavenging recyclables from the trash. Life would be hard enough without the worry for their chronically ill child, Nisay, and the added expense of medicines that are not working. Just when things seem worst, Sang Ly learns a secret about the bad-tempered rent collector who comes demanding money--a secret that sets in motion a tide that will change the life of everyone it sweeps past. *The Rent Collector* is a story of hope, of one woman's journey to save her son and another woman's chance at redemption.

If you have any questions, please contact Joanne Bogus (248 747-7544).
Hope to see you at Book Discussion!



JANUARY Birthdays

- January 1 - Carolyn Hepp
- January 3 - Kathryn Laidlaw
- January 5 - Adam Bertich
- January 6 - Mac Clancy
- January 11 - Timothy Davidson
- January 20 - Vonda Barclay
- January 25 - Ernest Gruenberg
- January 28 - Kim Pearson | Peyton Richter
- January 29 - Nancy Mudd | Devon Warren



FEBRUARY Birthdays

- February 4 - Emma Taylor | Barry Moser
- February 6 - Ro Van Wagoner | Thomas Riley
- February 9 - Mathew Vincentini | Abigail Mumbrue
- February 13 - David Von Knorring
- February 14 - Jean Davidson
- February 16 - Liam Pearson
- February 19 - Martha Riley | Carolyn Lawrie
- February 22 - Bill Van Wagoner | Brad Jacobsen III

FEBRUARY Anniversaries

- February 8 - Ed & Carolyn Hepp
- February 9 - Bradford & Teri Jacobsen
- February 18 - John & Kim Pearson

Puzzle!

Complete each saying below. Then place the words from those blanks in the correct order to complete Proverbs 23:4.

1. When the going gets tough, the tough _____ going.
2. People who live in glass houses should _____ throw stones.
3. If the shoe fits, _____ it.
4. "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is _____ to enter the kingdom of God."
5. Good things come _____ those who wait.
6. When in Rome, _____ as the Romans do.
7. Don't wear _____ your welcome.
8. If you want something done right, do it _____ .

Write the unscrambled proverb here:

PROVERBS 23:4

Answer: Do not wear yourself out to get rich. Proverbs 23:4



A famous friendship

In the Bible, Ruth and Naomi are known for their loving friendship.

Directions: Using the key, fill in the blanks to see what Ruth says to Naomi.

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J Q U A U B C O S C E

J E A A S C' U N O J Q U A U

B C O N C U B E J E A A

N C U B' B C O B N U C N A U

J E A A C U F O

N U C N A U U N O

B C O B S C O

F O S C O

RUTH 1:16, NIV

W	A	E	T
B	U	H	D
G	R	L	Y
N	S	P	M



Answer: "Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God." Ruth 1:16, NIV

PRAY for



Marcella Frost Linda Brown

Bill Conner

Gertrude Curtis Sue Enekes

Pastor Julius will be making phone calls to everyone to touch base during this pandemic. If he leaves a message, please call back. He really wants to talk and see how you are doing. He is available and he loves you!



Human Relations Sunday

JANUARY 17, 2021

We are all family. When we walk past our neighbor who is hiding in plain sight, we limit the gifts and graces that our sisters and brothers in Christ bring to the table. We limit the experiences, the voices and the beloved community that take place through mutual sharing of gifts. With a special offering celebrating Human Relations Day, we join with United Methodists around the world, remembering that the size of the table of divine love is unlimited.

In recognizing Human Relations Day, we are called to make an impact in communities where people struggle because they don't have the tools or resources to reach their God-given potential.

Your gifts to the Human Relations Day offering support:

- ♦ grants to promote ministries that respond to non-violent youth offenders through education, advocacy, or leadership training and development.
- ♦ organizations and congregations that fight economic, racial, and social injustices.
- ♦ grants to racial, ethnic, and multicultural congregations to hire community developers to empower the underserved.



Epiphany

JANUARY 3 - FEBRUARY 14, 2021

For 40 days, between Christmas and Lent (right before the Baptism of Christ) is the season of Epiphany. The earliest recorded definition of Epiphany refers to the religious observance on January 6th: "A church festival in commemoration of the coming of the Magi as the first manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles or in the Eastern Church in commemoration of the baptism of Christ."

Epiphany and revelation have many similarities in meaning; one sense of epiphany is "a revealing scene or moment," and one sense of revelation is "something that is revealed." However, epiphany may also mean "an appearance or manifestation especially of a divine being," a sense not shared by revelation. Additionally, revelation is more likely to be used in the ecclesiastic

sense of "an act of revealing or communicating divine truth."

No matter how you make things new this Epiphany season, remember the joy and wonder of the birth of Christ and the awe of Jesus' baptism. Start every day remembering that like Jesus you also were baptized [If not please feel free to talk to Pastor Julius about this], and God spoke these blessing words to you also:

“ _____ (your name), you are my son/daughter.
You are my beloved.
With you I am well pleased.”

Matthew 3:17

Eureka! It's an Epiphany!
God loves you
and company is coming!

2021 Church Council

Church Council Chairperson:
Michelle Wood (248)969-2545

Lay Leader: tbd

General Fund Treasurer: Becky Sallans (248)628-1289
oumc.office@sbcglobal.net

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KKater@att.net

Financial Secretary: Larry Bradford (248)628-5759

Finance Chairperson: (Interim)
Bernie Rumbold (248) 391-0973
and AmyBeth Fleischer

Board of Trustees: David Cischke (248)863-8037
Michelle Wood (248)969-2545

SPRC Chairperson: John Warren (248)778-8735

Worship Team is currently being formed:
Pastor Julius E. Del Pino (248)628-1289

Missions & Outreach: John & Devon Warren
(248)778-8735

Adult Bible Study: Sue Rizzo (248)628-1787

Christian Education: Michelle Wood (248)969-2545

Camp Ed. Coordinator - (on hiatus)
Lucinda Bellairs (248)417-0214
lucindabellairs4@gmail.com

UMM President: Fred Nelson (248)628-9826

UMW / Rachel Circle: Carolyn Lawrie (586)925-2687

Lay Member to Annual Conference: John Warren
(248)778-8735

Members at Large - Church Council:
John Warren (2021), tbd (2022)

Church Council meets the last Tuesday of the month at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

If you would like to be considered for an open position please contact the Pastor (248)628-1289

Trustees Update

“Thank you!” to the trustees and volunteers who shovel and clear the church sidewalks in the winter months. Please be careful in driving, parking, and walking around town (and the church parking lot) in the snowy winter months. Trustees also check our plumbing, fire and sewer system regularly, as well as make sure the parsonage is also in good repair.

The trustees were successful in renting out the parsonage and we pray for blessings on that family as they enjoy the hard work of all involved to get it ready. Thank you also to Carla Covert in her professional capacity in finding renters for us. God has been good to us!



Register Now!
East Winds District Training Day
Saturday, February 6, 2021
9:00am-Noon
via Zoom

Please join us on the morning of Saturday, February 6 for a time of learning, sharing, and connecting with your fellow East Winds District members.

We are offering two sessions and limiting each Zoom session to only 20 participants so that you will feel free to share your thoughts and questions.

What a great lineup of sessions and leaders we have, and we encourage you to register now for this free event.

East Winds District Training Day
([LINK to Leadership Training](#))

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Your East Winds District Laity Team



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3  EPIPHANY SUNDAY Holy Communion	4	5 7p (Zoom) Trustees	6 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 1p (M) Reading for Fun	7	8	9
10 BAPTISM OF THE LORD	11	12	13	14	15	16
17  2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY Bell Choir Plays Human Relations Special Offering	18 (Office Closed) 	19	20	21	22	23
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - (January 18-25)						
24 3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY OUMC Speakers: Revived Church (Rev. Del Pino will be here)						

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21 1ST SUNDAY IN LENT	22 7p (U) Church Council	23	24	25	26	27
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10:00 a.m. Worship

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

Nursery available

Coffee & Refreshments after service