



The Grapevine - Update

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*"We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts
United by Christ, the Lord of all. A single great commission
Compels us from above to plan and work together
That all may know Christ's love." (R. Edwards, 1986)*

Dear Friends,

It is a joy to be part of Oxford UMC, a committed United Methodist Church that is active in missions and service to our local community and to different countries in the world, through our UMC connection.

Every fall season (at Church Conference Oct. 11) we have the opportunity to reflect on our church's missions, discipleship, and outreach efforts this past year, and celebrate the "fruits" of God's love and care in action. This year we have a special mission focus on FISH Food Pantry locally, Haiti mission projects, and "Imagine No Malaria" in the world. God has a big vision for missions and outreach and helping the hungry and the poor in our communities and in the world. Please join us in missions and service as we reach out with God's love. What a joy!



Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jennifer

October 4th – 19th Sunday after Pentecost / Holy Communion / World Communion Sunday

"Welcome the Stranger and Immigrant" Esther 7:1-10, 9:20-22

The World Communion Sunday special UMC offering supports scholarships to prepare college students to lead and serve in the US and the world.

**Reminder: Our 1st Sunday FISH Food Pantry collection will take place today!*

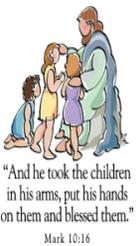
October 11th – 20th Sunday after Pentecost / Children's Sabbath "Welcome the Children" Mark 10:2-16



October 18th – 21st Sunday after Pentecost / Bells & Brunch

"Welcome the Rich and the Poor" Mark 10:17-31

October 25th – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost "Welcome the Physically Challenged" Mark 10:46-52



OXFORD UMC CHURCH CONFERENCE: October 11th (2pm)

[SPRC Meeting with the District Superintendent at 1:30pm]

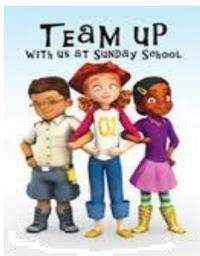
Please join us for our annual Church Conference! We will be reviewing the highlights and challenges of the past year 2015 and voting on leadership positions for 2016, along with membership gains and losses, the pastoral compensation figure, and other important matters of the church. Please be a part of this important annual meeting. All members and friends are encouraged to attend. Come out and meet our new District Superintendent, Rev. Elizabeth Hill.



RACHEL CIRCLE



The Rachel Circle ladies invite all women to join them for brunch and a book discussion "A Shepherd's Look at Psalm 23" (Philip Keller) at the home of Nadine Lychuk [2762 Lochmoor Blvd. Lake Orion] on Monday, October 12th at 10:30am. See Nadine Lychuk (248-393-1448) for questions.



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School for kindergarten through 5th grade children has started. "Deep Blue" introduces Bible stories and God's truths through video stories, music, activity pages, discussion and more. Bring your children and invite new children to Sunday School.

CHILDREN'S CHIMES STARTING: Wednesday, October 14 (5pm)

Children's Chimes will be starting on Wednesday, October 14th at 5pm in the Sanctuary. This group is open to all children grades 4 through 12. If your child or youth would like to be in the chime group and learn to ring music together, please come to this first meeting! See Rosemary Rumbold (248-391-0973).

HAITI MISSION TRIP

Pastor Jennifer Jue is teaching the New Testament to local pastors in Haiti from November 11-17. Pray for her and Heather (her daughter) as they prepare for this mission trip. Our Piece Maker Quilters are sewing little dresses and flannel baby blankets to benefit the children in Haiti. If you would like to help with this mission project please contact Linda McIntyre [248-245-7898] or Lucinda Bellairs [248-417-0214].

CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX MISSION PROJECT

We are collecting items for this mission project for children around the world. See the brochure for the list of items and packing instructions. For questions and the deadline, Cindy Vincentini [248-252-2157] and Jan Smith [248-628-6218].

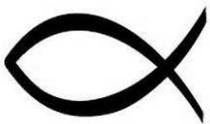


READING FOR FUN: Wednesday, October 13 (3pm)

Title: "Two Old Women: An Alaska Legend of Betrayal, Courage and Survival" by Velma Wallis
For questions, see Mary Garrard (810-797-5840).

OXFORD / ORION FISH FOOD PANTRY

Oxford / Orion FISH



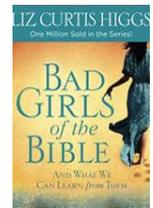
"Neighbors Helping Neighbors"

For the month of October, we encourage you to donate canned gravy, canned pineapple, canned tomatoes, canned beans (not green), canned chili, canned mandarin oranges, mustard, boxed potatoes, chicken and/or beef broth, any creamed soups, and any monetary donations that are used to purchase fresh foods. We would also like you to start watching for Thanksgiving items which we will be collecting in November for the special Thanksgiving baskets for FISH clients.

Remember – someone will be greeting you the FIRST Sunday of each month with a red FISH bag ready for you to fill. Thank you for all your enthusiasm and generosity in showing God's Love to our local community. If you'd like to volunteer at the FISH Food Pantry, or have questions, please contact Mary Garrard (810-797-5840) or Julie Langley (248-628-9619).

FALL BIBLE STUDY: Wednesdays (10am - noon)

Title: "Bad Girls of the Bible, and What We Can Learn from Them" by Liz Curtis Higgs
For questions, see Sue Rizzo (248-628-1787) or Mary Garrard (810-797-5840).



THANK YOU!

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank all of you who participated in Pat's memorial service. Our family was very appreciative and the service was beautiful.

Jane Stoll