



Oxford Presbyterian Church

Seeking God, Serving Others, Sharing Christ's Love With All

FROM OUR PASTORS

Great News! New Christian Educator!

The Christian Educator Search Committee and the Session of Oxford Presbyterian Church are happy to announce that they



have extended a call to Christine Garton to be our next Christian Educator, and she immediately accepted “joyfully and enthusiastically!” Christine has 11 years of experience in two churches, as a Youth Director, and as a Christian Education Director overseeing Christian nurture for all ages.

She has led presbytery-wide retreats for middle school and high school youth; has been a staff member at three different church camps for eight summers (as counselor, recreation director, crafts director, and assistant camp director).

Christine has a B.A. from East Carolina University, and an MDiv. from

Union Presbyterian Seminary in Virginia as well as an M.A. in Christian Education from Presbyterian School of Christian Education. She wanted the additional educational foundation of the MDiv. Degree, but has determined that her call is to focus on the Christian educational ministry of a congregation as a Director of CE.

Christine is married to Mark Garton, who is just retiring from the Air Force after 23 years of service. They have been living for 5 years at McGuire Air Force base in New Jersey, and during that time Christine has focused on caring for their children Sam, 6, and Maggie, 2 ½. She is now excited to be returning to her vocation of Christian educational ministry, while her husband takes some time to be the primary at-home parent.

Christine writes, “I have a passion for working with youth and children. I love to help them experience Christ and watch as they help me and others experience Christ as well.” She is eager to be a partner doing “the work that will continue the mission and vision of the congregation.” She is committed to “building and sustaining meaningful experiences in church and helping fulfill the mission of the church both inside and outside the church walls.” Christine also loves to build relationships with all ages, and her references said she was loved and appreciated by all ages within the church.

She said she loved leading a study group for older adults.

The committee found Christine to be warm and outgoing, with a great sense of humor. She is also organized, creative, full of ideas, and a good listener to the ideas of others. The committee checked seven references for Christine, and all the references were consistent with each other and consistently outstanding.

Christine and her family will move to Oxford in mid-June, and she will begin working for the church on July 1. Stay tuned for many opportunities to welcome the Garton family and to meet them at receptions and cookouts!

This Sunday, May 22, the co-chairs of the search committee, Katie Payne and Greg Hughes, will do a Minute for Mission about Christine and plans for her ministry among us.

Many thanks to the hard-working and dedicated search committee for this wonderful result. We all feel God's grace led us through the whole process!

Mark and Barbara Barnes

DEACONS

Angel Report: Deacons tended their angels with 25 visits, 1 errand, 11 cards and 11 calls.

PRAYER SHAWLS

We have all shapes, sizes and colors of **Prayer Shawls** available. If you have a friend or relative to whom you would like to give a Prayer Shawl, please call **Barbara Mecklenborg**, 524-7447.

Deacons prepared goody bags for our Miami students, to let them know we supported them especially during finals week.

CARES, CONCERNS AND JOYS



IN OUR PRAYERS:

Keep these friends in your prayers:

Adoree Bystrom, Cathy Fey, Lucy Ferris, MaryDodd Hunter, Dave and Louise Griffing, Bob Berry, Will Keebler, Leda Melis and Brian Hitsman.

We give thanks for the life of **George Imhoff** who died Monday May 16th at the Knolls. We keep his wife **Ann** and their extended family in our prayers.

A NOTE OF THANKS TO KENT AND THE CHOIR on Music Appreciation Sunday, May 15.

"Music speaks what cannot be expressed, soothes the mind and gives it rest, heals the heart and makes it whole, flows from heaven to the soul."

The entire congregation extends our thanks to Kent Peterson and every member of the choir. Your talents and your gifts that you share each Sunday enhance the service for us all.





Music is the universal language of mankind. ~Henry Wadsworth Longfellow,

THANK YOU

For many years I have struggled with the door from the portico in to the Ruder Hallway. Now, thanks to the wisdom of the trustees, the door opens without breaking a sweat.

My appreciation of this 'user-friendly' entrance knows no bounds.

Signed,

A 'muscularly-challenged mature woman'



THANK YOU

To **Diane Ziegler** for standing in for Mark



and Barbara on May 22. *You rocked! ☺*

THANK YOU

To all those who gave of their time and donations to help with SHAREFEST.

ShareFest is a service and environmental effort to collect and reuse items donated by Miami University students at the end of the academic year. Collected items benefit residents in need and social service agencies throughout the region. If you didn't get a chance to help this year, don't worry, SHAREFEST will happen again in May 2012.

THANK YOU

To everyone who helped sort, organize and straighten the Family Resource Center



Thrift Store on SUPER SATURDAY. With so many helping hands, the job was done early! And it was fun.

OXFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WOMEN

AFTERNOON CIRCLE

Change of Date for Afternoon Circle in June (Second Tuesday instead of 3rd Tuesday for June Only)

The Afternoon Circle will meet Tuesday June 14 at 1:30 in the Auditorium at the Knolls. The Program will be given by **Billie Maynard** with **Jean Butterfield** doing Mission Yearbook and **Lawretta Clum** conducting the Least Coin. Reservations for the noon lunch are due by **Friday June 10** to **Lawretta Clum**. Visitors and guests are always welcome.

EVENING CIRCLE

The Tuesday Evening Circle will meet on May 31 at 6:30 pm at **Nancy Sturgeon's** home for a picnic and Bible Study. **Janet Holmes** will lead the Devotions and **Billie Maynard** will lead the study of Revelation, Lesson 9.

Visitors are always welcomed!

your participation are:

SESSION COMMITTEES:

- **Stewardship/Finance**
John Curry 523-3598
- **Mission/Outreach**
Jenny Bailer 523-6151
- **Worship/Music**
Karen Shearer 523-5934
- **Christian Education**
Greg Hughes 523-4772
- **Membership/Fellowship/Evangelism**
Diane Young 523-3872

DEACONS:

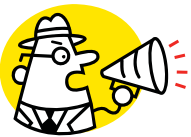
Lynn Cronk 524-8574, needs help with driving, knitting, providing meals, possibly other

GO TEAMS:

- **Communications**
Pat Gifford 523-2777
- **Facilities**
Rich Drewes 664-6919
- **Alternative Worship**
Jenny Bailer 523-6151
- **Super Saturday**
Karen Shearer 523-5934
- **Small Group Faith Sharing**
Barbara Barnes 523-6364

AND MORE:

- **Mustard Seed** an investment group that raises money for mission through investing
Joe Simpson – 523-8363
- **Choir** self explanatory, a fun group
Kent Peterson 523-7097
- **First Friday Niters**
social group, all ages,
Nancy Sturgeon 523-4309
- **Sunday School** all ages



ANNOUNCEMENTS

An Invitation



The Session is making an effort to help members become more cognizant of groups within the church that are open to more help from

the congregation. Some of these groups are relatively new and folks may not be aware of them. **Hopefully, by being more involved, members will realize the impact this church has on each other and the community.** Please read over the opportunities and call either the contact person, or Judy Fisher, for encouragement in participating. Groups, with contacts, that would welcome

Becky Quay 523-5747

- **Women's Circles**
 - Tuesday afternoon group
Lawretta Clum 524-743
 - Tuesday evening group
Evalou Middaugh 523-4759
- **Prayer Line**
Lawretta Clum 524-7437

**Any questions???? Contact Judy
Fisher 523-3489**

June 12 Pentecost Festival at our Church

The word "Pentecost" means "fiftieth day." Pentecost is a time of red.

GENE AND FAYE SANTAVICCA CHRISTIAN MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP

This year the recipient of the \$1,000.00 award is Nikki Cooley who is working on a Master of Divinity Degree at the Louisville Theological Seminary. There were four applicants who most closely met the stated criteria for the award. Each of the applications for the scholarship was reviewed by the scholarship committee. All of the applicants had excellent academic preparation and had completed considerable Christian work. All were in need of financial assistance. Our best wishes to Nikki and her family. Many prayers are with her as she prepares to do God's work.

The Scholarship Committee
Barbara Barnes
Lynn Cronk
Debbie DeGennaro
Dick Nelson, Chair

FIRST FRIDAY NIGHTERS—

From Acadia to Zion National Parks

June 3, 2011

6:30pm Molyneaux Lounge

Everyone has a Story!

Stories from our National Parks

The National Parks of the United States are not only about what you see. The National Parks are about the unexpected, the people met, and what the experience brings to us (poison ivy does not count). On June 3 these stories will be told by, and to, those attending First Friday Nighters. Those planning to attend can e-mail a very special picture to zieglejt@muohio.edu, or let either of the Zieglers know (chat at church, note in church mailbox, etc.) the national park for their story.



The evening of June 3 will include an inventory of the parks that have been visited, your pictures (or one from the internet archives) of your favorite national parks, and a favorite story about that park

(please limit to one minute or less).

Add your story. Bring food to share with others and share in the special experiences and the unexpected.

Fun Facts to Know and Tell-- **Yellowstone National Park**, established by the U.S. Congress and signed into law by President Ulysses S. Grant on March 1, 1872, was the first national park not only in the US, but also in the world.

**UNION SERVICES WITH OXFORD
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WILL
CONTINUE THIS SUMMER!**

Union services begin June 19 in our sanctuary with the traditional Ice Cream social in the courtyard following the 10:00 service. Union services continue at OPC June 26, July, 3 and 10th and will be held at OUMC July 17, 24, 31 and August 7th.



KEEP HOLDING THIS DATE!!!

It's worth holding your breath for too!

September 18, 2011

OPC Welcome Picnic and Open House

You will want to be a part of the "*Seek, Share and Serve it Up!!*" family picnic and open house at Oxford Presbyterian Church. Food, games, music, displays, tours insure fun for all--members, friends, students, newcomers--4 to 6 in the Courtyard.



Lawretta Clum and Marian Nelson are looking into reinstating and updating a Prayer Phone line. Contact either Lawretta or Marian with

your interest .

CHURCH SERVICES AT THE KNOLLS.

Previous Church services recorded on DVD will be shown at The Knolls on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month (that's Tuesday, June 14 and Tuesday June 28) at

2:00 in the Country Kitchen. Come join Becky Quay.

SPECIAL NOTE: AFTER JUNE, SERVICES WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER. THERE WON'T BE DVD CHURCH SERVICES AT THE KNOLLS IN July or August.

HEY, IS ANYBODY OUT THERE!

We STILL need "reporters" from each and every club, group, circle, meeting, gathering, function, whatever, to write up, call up or send in information! Let's share in a big way with each other. Let's make NEWS from the PEWS a big part of the newsletter. Send in what's going on with you and your family. If you participated in an event, let everyone know. Super Saturdays, volunteering, session meetings, youth groups, choir...each and every event and group is IMPORTANT and we need to share what is happening with everyone. Thank you.

Nancy "I guess I'm doing it alone" Moeckel, your newsletter editor.

(moeckenj@muohio.edu or 523-6003)

NEWS FROM THE PEWS



PROUD GRANDMOTHERS

Jan Cromer and JoAnne Hagerman each have a granddaughter who graduated from college this spring. Congratulations....and how did that happen? Weren't you changing diapers and babysitting just a little while ago....

COMMUNITY

DID YOU ATTEND SERVICES AT

HOPEWELL? You might be interested to know that The Hopewell Associate Reformed Church and Cemetery, now known as Historic Hopewell, was founded in 1808 in a log building that was replaced in 1826 with the present building. It was built by the area's first settlers, mainly Scotch-Irish who left Kentucky and South Carolina because of their opposition to slavery. The church encouraged worship by African Americans and played an important role in the Underground Railroad. It became the parent church for four "Daughter" Presbyterian congregations: Fairhaven in 1835, Oxford in 1837, College Corner in 1849, and Morning Sun in 1876. Reverend Alexander Porter, the first pastor, was committed to education and constructed a school near the Hopewell Spring that still produces clear water. "Old Hopewell" was completely refurbished in 1880, but by 1915 the membership declined and regular services discontinued. Today Hopewell holds Sunday services in the summer and is maintained by a generous and devoted group of volunteers.

~ taken from the Ohio Historical Marker
For more information visit

<http://www.historichopewell.com>

OXFORD TRANSPORTATION

(normally we don't place ads for local services, but since many of our congregants need transportation, we are calling your attention to this service—ed.)

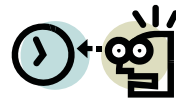
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**Deadline for the
July/August Newsletter
is June 20, 2011**

June Birthdays

Birthdays remind us of God's gift of life.
Your birthday reminds us of your special
place in our Christian family.

*(Notify the office of corrections
or omissions)*

June Birthdays

June 2	Sarah Miller
June 2	Sandy Richardson
June 2	Bill Fisher

June 2	Justin McGoldrick
June 3	Marlene Vaughn
June 3	Sherry Schilling
June 5	Joyce Bolon
June 6	Ellen Bueschel
June 7	Jim Sturgeon
June 8	Bill King
June 8	Joni Marcum
June 10	Rachel Mehl
June 13	Scott Hartman
June 13	Mitch Poetter
June 14	Janet Holmes
June 16	Dave Maxfield
June 17	Maxine Peters
June 17	Joe Wespiser
June 17	Pat Roberts
June 18	Bill Snavelly
June 19	Adele McLaren
Jun 21	Judy Fisher
June 21	Ian Pacey
June 22	Chuck Skipper
June 22	John Baer
June 23	Opal Wespiser
June 23	Andrea Johnson
June 27	Kate Wespiser
June 27	Linda Hesford
June 28	Betty Reinhart
June 28	Jane Hollingsworth
June 28	Cheryl Ferris
June 29	Connie Everhart

June Fun Facts

Named after the Roman goddess Juno. Juno was the Roman goddess for love and marriage, and that is why so many weddings traditionally take place in June,

The full moon in June is called the Strawberry Moon

June 14 is Flag Day

Why red, white and blue? To the original members of the Continental Congress, red stood for hardiness and courage, white for purity and innocence, and blue for vigilance and justice.

If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle; if the horse has one front leg in the air, the person died as a result of wounds received in battle; if the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural cause.

June 16th is National Fudge Day
Father's Day is June 19th

In the Northern Hemisphere, summer solstice begins on Jun 21 2011 at 1:16 P.M. EDT
Summer Solstice results in the longest day and the shortest night of the year.



COMMUNITY MEAL
Wednesday, June 29, 5:30 p.m.
at the Seminary

Please contribute a dish or volunteer to help.

For those who may not always eat well and for anyone who is interested!

Needed: Lasagna, Bread, Fruit, Dessert

Community Meal Volunteer/Donation
June 29 - bring to the Seminary

I can help set up at 4:30 p.m. _____

I can help clean up 6:30-7:30 p.m. _____

I can help serve 5:30-6:30 pm _____

I can bring: (please circle)

Lasagna Bread

Fruit Dessert

Name: _____

Tel. No. _____

Email _____

Contact Person: Paula Foltz, 523-9873 or joefoltz7@aol.com

Dry Pantry (Family Resource Center): Donations of toilet paper, toothpaste, soap, detergent, shampoo, diapers, necessities not covered by food stamps are needed. **A box is set up outside the C. E. office for donations.**



Hey Kids! Are you ready to...

**Grow in Faith,
have Fun, and
CHANGE THE WORLD?**

Get ready for **RENEW: The Green VBS!**

Place: Faith Lutheran Church, 420 S. Campus, Oxford

Dates: July 15th, 16th and 17th
(Fri: 5-8pm, Sat: 9:45am-2:00pm, Sun: 9:30am-11:30am)

Preschool age children (must be at least 3 years old) through entering kindergarten are invited to participate in the preschool VBS program. The elementary school age VBS program is for all children who have just completed Kindergarten through 5th Grade. Come grow in faith as you play, learn, sing, and work to RENEW our congregation and community.

Stop by the Vacation Bible School registration table located in the Molyneaux to sign up. Or contact Jennifer Walter, VBS coordinator for Oxford Presbyterian Church, at (513) 273-8020 or jenniferwalter37@yahoo.com.

See you at RENEW: The Green VBS!

JUNE CALENDAR

Thursday, June 2

6:30 M & O Committee: Molyneaux
No Thursday choir rehearsal until
September

Friday, June 3

6:30 First Friday Niters: Molyneaux

Saturday, June 4

10:00 A.A.: Memorial

Sunday, June 5

9:00 Chancel Choir
10:00 Worship - Commissioning of
Habitat Mission Group
10:20 Church School
11:10 Time of Fellowship

Monday, June 6

Youth Mission Trip participants leave
for St. John's Island

Wednesday, June 8

7:30 Finance Committee: Molyneaux

Saturday, June 11

Habitat Youth Mission participants
return to Oxford
10:00 A.A.: Memorial

Sunday, June 12

9:00 Chancel Choir
10:00 Worship
10:20 Church School
11:10 Time of Fellowship

Tuesday, June 14

6:30 Oxford Piecemakers: Seminary

Wednesday, June 15

6:00 C.E. Committee: Molyneaux
7:30 Deacons: Molyneaux

Saturday, June 18

10:00 A.A.: Memorial church

Sunday, June 19

Father's Day

Union Services begin in our sanctuary

9:00 Combined Choir Rehearsal

10:00 Worship

11:10 Ice Cream Social: Courtyard

Monday, June 20

June/July Combined Newsletter deadline

Tuesday, June 21

1:30 Afternoon Circle: the Knolls
6:30 W & M Committee: Molyneaux
7:30 Session: Molyneaux

Thursday, June 23

5:30 Wright/Murray Wedding
Rehearsal: Sanctuary

Friday, June 24

6:30 Wright/Murray Wedding:
Sanctuary

Saturday, June 25

10:00 A.A.: Memorial

Sunday, June 26

9:00 Combined Choir Rehearsal
10:00 Worship in our sanctuary
11:10 Time of Fellowship: Courtyard

Tuesday, June 28

7:30 Trustees: Molyneaux

Wednesday, June 29

5:30 Community Dinner: Seminary

UNION WORSHIP SERVICES:

June 19 – July 10 at OPC

July 17 – August 7 worship at OUMC