



MILESTONES

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FROM THE PASTOR... GREETINGS ALL!

What an amazing time of year this is! We celebrate all of our graduates, Daniel Apperson, McKenna Dunbar, Sydney Johnson, Stephanie Thomson and Grace Lovelace - Townsend!

We celebrate our confirmands, Kristina Apperson, Christina Bright, Ammanuel Bistrat, Gabriel Bistrat, Drew Campbell-Adams, Nevin Campbell- Adams, Nyron Campbell-Adams, Melanie Hanciles and Jacob Higgins. We celebrate our new members Mrs. Eugenia Bounds, Juanita Caldwell, Fe Manuel and Marvin Manuel, and Leon and Patrice Higgins. God has indeed been moving at Oxon Hill UMC!

For most of us, the season before us is a season where the rigor of the school year schedule has given way to the slower pace of summer. But in the life of the church this is the busiest season of the church. This is the season of Pentecost! Pentecost can most certainly be the noun which identifies a holy day in the life of the church. But Pentecost is also a verb. It is the follow through to Christ's invitation extended through the Resurrection. It is our response to the Cross. Pentecost is our focus on Christ in action. Pentecost is the boots hitting the ground, rubber meeting the road of our commitment to Christ. It is the now or never, putting our money where our mouth is, let's be intentional and serious about the disciples making charge Jesus assigned. Go make disciples!

But to make a disciple, we have to be a disciple! Disciples attract disciples. This Pentecost season known as summer you are encouraged to seize every opportunity God provides to be "attractive".

May your radical hospitality, care and concern for others, willingness to serve, and fearless sharing be the magnet which attracts others to the Christ in you.

To all who are celebrating the many joys of this season we praise God with and for you! For all of God's children known as Oxon Hill, have a safe and attractive summer!

-Pastor Pat

DISCIPLE DAYS OF SUMMER!

5th Sunday Mission Collection - June 30th.
Missions will sponsor coffee hour 6/30 as well.

Vacation Bible School - July 8-12th 5:30
dinner; 6:15-8:00 program

Celebration for Joe and Sandy Vlcek - July 21st following worship service. Contact Vivian Sayeh-Weeks if you can help with the planning.

Food Pantry Collection - July 28th, Aug 25th,
Sept 22. We did not receive any items in June. We may take vacations but hunger never does. Please mark your calendar.

VBS - Rolling River Rampage July 8-12, 2019

Classes for children ages 5-14; Adults
Teen classroom helpers ages 15-18
Dinner 5:30-6:05
Program 6:15-8:00
Come join in the adventure!

See Carmen Campbell-Adams for registration
or call the church office

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DID YOU KNOW??

- Per Annual Conference proceedings, Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen has been assigned as our pastor for a 5th year as of July 1.
- Student recognition for the final quarter of the 2018-19 school year will be July 14 during worship. Please turn in your grades to Pastor Pat!
- Pastor Pat will be a part of the Safe Summer program at the the Glassmanor Community Center that will run in the evenings from 9-midnight. She will function as a Pastor without a collar.
- A committee is being established to revive the Walter Hampton Scholarship Fund. The fund was originally established in memory of Walter Hampton, a very active member of OHUMC. More details to come!
- Oxon Hill UMC's 208th Church Anniversary will be Sun., Sept. 22nd. The preacher will be our new District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Johnsie Cogman. Selina Brijbasi is coordinating the reconvening of the Young People's Choir. If you have any contact information for former Youth Choir members, please let her know.

WARM NIGHTS - AN INVITATION

Our Savior Lutheran Church on St. Barnabas Road has stepped up and offered to fill a gap by hosting Warm Nights for the months of July and August. The Council has endorsed our offering 2 evening meals and bag lunches, one in July and one in August to help them out. Dates to be determined. If you are interested in helping, please contact Cindy Cobleigh. We will prepare dinner, clean up and make bag lunches for the following day.

BIBLE STUDIES AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult: Pastor - on vacation until September

Young Adults: Selina Brijbasi - online via church Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/oxonhillumc/>

Sundays 9:30 - 10:15 am

Adults: Tommy Schwartz - Rm 302

Youth: Tim Johnson - Youth Center

Children: on vacation until September

Need to schedule a future event or see what is on the calendar? Check out the calendar on the church website! Go to: <http://oxonhillumc.com/>. Calendar link is in the right-hand column. The Trustees appreciate your continued use of green forms to schedule events!

CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES - June 23rd

Trustees: *Yellow lines will be added to the parking lot to designate fire lanes. Anyone parking in those areas is subject to a possible fine of \$250 issued by the County. Handicapped areas will also be checked for compliance. *Window frames on the stained glass Sanctuary windows will be painted by the 7th Day Adventist Church. The damaged stained glass will also be repaired. *Bulletin boards are being evaluated to be sure that we have adequate space to advertise church and partner events.

Finance: *We are on target to have a \$5000 surplus by year's end. We are running a \$1000 deficit currently that is a function of hall rental fees which should resolve itself shortly. *Payments on the loan were granted a suspension until the scheduled work on the parsonage is complete.

Staff Parish: Pastor Pat will be away Aug 4-19. There will be pulpit substitutes on Aug 11 and 18. Pastor Pat will be in worship on Aug 25th but she will not preach until the following Sunday, Sept 1st.

UMM: Since our Methodist Man, Joe Vlcek, will be moving, various options are being discussed to transition the ministry.

Worship: The Harbor Choir, formerly a part of the OHUMC ministry, has asked the Council to change its status to Community Partner. The Council voted to grant their request.

Communications: Steve will conduct a Facebook campaign to promote VBS.

Missions: *The school supplies drive is under way. *There has been a policy change with Giant Food that has impacted the Bread Ministry. We are working through the process that will hopefully allow us to resume pick-ups.

Pastor: There is a new CEO for the Prince George's County Public Schools. The Pastor will participate in a meeting to explore community relations.

Other Business: The Council considered a proposal presented by the Speight Family to run a Food Pantry at OHUMC. Considering the situation with our own Bread Ministry at the point, the proposal was turned down at this time.

Council minutes are available upon request.

VBS JULY 8-12TH - INVITE SOMEONE TO COME!

Thanks for reading "The Milestones." We are happy to have feedback at any point in order to provide you with the news that you want and need!