



# MILESTONES

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## FROM THE PASTOR... GREETINGS ALL!

The end of the year is only a few weeks away. We give God praise for all that God has allowed us to experience in the year 2019. As we celebrate all God has done, we look and move forward in anticipation of what God will do in 2020. We are committed to living our best Godly life - NOW!

In 2020 you will try new things, create new pathways, and develop new friendships. Our theme in 2020 is "What Are You Willing to ...?" Each quarter will fill in that blank with a different focus. We will reach out to our sister churches and brothers and sisters in the community as we become better neighbors and friends. Our faith will grow feet and take us to places we've never been. I pray you are excitedly anticipating how God will lead us in 2020.

As we prepare to close out this year, it is my prayer for you that God grant you his everlasting peace, that God's favor envelopes you and God's love wraps you in his forever embrace. Happy Holidays and here's looking to a prosperous, fruitful, and faith- fueled 2020!

**Warm Nights: Jan. 26-Feb. 2, 2020**

**Training and information session  
December 2019 - watch for date!!**

Lots of ways to help: set up, meals, make ahead projects, etc. Have ideas to add to our hospitality and service? We welcome your input! See Cindy Cobleigh

## JOYFUL HOLIDAY SEASON!

**December 7<sup>th</sup>:** United Methodist Women's *Christmas luncheon* at Topolino's - 11:00-1:00  
- see Earlene Anders

**December 8<sup>th</sup>:** *Messiah choral presentation* - 4 pm. Bring non-perishable food item for Ft. Washington Pantry. *Report cards* due to Pastor

**December 14<sup>th</sup>:** *Donna's Dancers* performance 4pm, Fellowship Hall. Bring non-perishable food item; *Caroling and Chili* - see Patty Schnirel

**December 15<sup>th</sup>:** First quarter *student recognition*

**December 24<sup>th</sup>:** *Christmas Eve* service 6 pm

**January 12<sup>th</sup>:** *Worship Design Team Meeting* following worship - all welcome!!

**January 19<sup>th</sup>:** *Church Council* following worship - all welcome!!

## Vacation Bible School 2020

Oxon Hill is stepping out in 2020! We will co-host with St. Paul United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School 2020!! We will come together to provide vacation bible school for our collective community! Anyone interested in being a part of this joint venture should contact Pastor Pat. Your name and contact information will then be shared with the person arranging the first planning meeting.

We are better together!

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**DID YOU KNOW??**

- First quarter student recognition will be Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> during worship. Please turn in your grades to Pastor by 12/8!
- Pastor Pat is becoming a formal volunteer for the PG County schools, focusing on Flintstone Elementary.
- Flintstone initiatives: Jingle offering of \$418 was collected for the school lunch fund used to feed students who are without lunch. Children's coat drive generated 6 large bags of coats!
- Missions Ministry is sponsoring a Reverse Advent Calendar food drive – one non-perishable food item per day. Donations will go to OHUMC Bread Ministry and OH Food Pantry at a critical time of year. See Bulletin.
- Hispanic Seventh Day Adventist church will paint the Sanctuary on an upcoming Sunday (worship will be in the Fellowship Hall for one Sunday.) Can you help with prep work? See George. Can you help with a "thank meal"? See Patty.

**BIBLE STUDIES AND SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Adult: Pastor - Advent Studies: Tues. 6:30 pm via ZOOM; Thurs. 11 am - Social Hall

Donna Schaeffer's home - Fri. 10-noon - contact Adrienne or Carmen for info

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

**Theme for 2020****What are you willing to...****Let Go of for Jesus (Sacrifice): January – March**

Matthew 6:19-21

Pre Lenten Study/Who We Are; Lenten Study;  
Couples Enrichment Workshop; Renewal of Vows;  
Health Summit; Connect Leadership Summit

**Learn for Jesus (Study): April - June****Pick Up for Jesus (Service): July - September****Plant for Jesus (Sow): October - December**

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 - November 17th**

**Trustees:** \*Elevator repairs in progress; water source which caused problem being investigated. \*Walk-through of parsonage completed; repair list generated. \*7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist Church has painted exterior windows and will paint Sanctuary soon. \*Repairs (funding not currently available): HVAC in office, heat convector east stairwell, replace kitchen vent system.

**Finance:** \* End of year finances: a small surplus is expected, not the surplus of \$5,000 budgeted. \*Loan payments continuing. \*Approximately \$30K has been received for the elevator repair. \*2020 budget was approved with projected \$5000 deficit due to decreases in giving, hall rentals and fundraising. *Still needed: Finance Chair and Church Treasurer.* If a person is not found for the Treasurer's position, the Church may need to pay for those services.

**UMM:** Looking for ways to be involved in community. Attended UMM Conference.

**UMW:** Several interactions with Conference UMW. Christmas luncheon Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Worship:** The Worship Commission will now be the Worship Design Team. Anyone is welcome to be a part. Team will meet quarterly; next meeting, Sun., Jan. 12, 2020 following worship.

**Communications:** Steve will conduct a Facebook campaign to promote the *Messiah*. A note will be added to the webpage to advertise that we have space available for parties, functions, etc.

**Missions:** \*The school supplies will be delivered with the Thanksgiving baskets on Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>. \*Reverse Advent food drive will begin December 1<sup>st</sup> to supplement Oxon Hill Pantry and the Bread Ministry.

**Pastor:** \*A team will be formed to re-establish a youth ministry program at Oxon Hill (motion and approval). \*VBS will be a collaborative project with St. Paul's.

**Other Business:** \*Guidelines for the Walter Hampton Scholarship fund were discussed and approved. \*Past members of the fundraising committee will be approached by Finance to determine their status. Council minutes are available upon request.

**INVITE SOMEONE TO JOIN YOU FOR WORSHIP, BIBLE STUDY OR A SPECIAL EVENT!**

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!