



MILESTONES

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PASTOR'S CORNER

Grace and peace be with you!

First of all, thank you for your warm welcome and hospitality. Our new journey has begun in this unusual time. We walk this new journey together – to be transformed and to transform lives. As we travel together, working to extend God's kingdom here at Oxon Hill UMC, let us give thanks to God for our new journey and ask God's guidance and direction with our prayers. There may be sunny days, rainy days and stormy days but we remember that Jesus walks with us. What can separate us from the love of Christ? Jesus promises in Romans 8:37-39, "there is nothing in this world that can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus." Nothing can stop us from loving. Nothing can stop us from serving. Nothing can stop us from making disciples of Jesus Christ. Nothing can stop us from being the church. Neither death, nor life, neither COVID-19, nor systematic injustice and racism, neither things present, nor things to come, or neither climate catastrophe, nor cancer, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. God is for us – calling our names as the children of God to share Christ's love together at Oxon Hill UMC. So, let us commit ourselves to make a deeper relationship with God and each other, to connect, to inspire, to equip, to serve, to transform lives for the glory of God. Peace and blessings, Rev. Mija Cho

July 26th Parking Lot Worship – 9:30 am

More details on page 3!

The service will also be on Zoom.

MEETINGS/ ACTIVITIES

Re-Entry Task Force – Monday, July 27th

UMM – Sunday, August 9th after worship via Zoom

Church Council – Sunday, August 16th after worship via Zoom

Bread Ministry volunteers needed each Monday (10 am bag packing) and Tuesday (9 am distribution). Contact Valorie Harrison, vharrison1@cox.net

Mission Sunday – Aug 30th. Monetary donations for School Supplies and Bread Ministry gratefully accepted.

Congratulations to our Grads!

Nevin Campbell-Adams graduated from Suitland HS and will attend Bowie State University (business administration). **Zion "ZJ" Fortaleza** graduated from North Point HS and will attend College of Southern Maryland (criminal justice). **Ashley Marcelo** graduated from Science and Tech program at Oxon Hill HS and will attend University of Maryland (pre-med). **Manuel Joseph "JoJo" Orallo** graduated from Oxon Hill HS and will attend PG Community College (business mgt and tech). **Mikel Reyes** graduated from North Point HS and will attend College of Southern Maryland (computer science). **Cameron Thompson** graduated from Oxon Hill HS and attend West Virginia University (advertising/public relations). He will be commissioned into the US Air Force after college.



Church parking lot grad celebration! Yah! (Repsher/Snyder)

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DID YOU KNOW??

- **Student recognition** for the end of the school year was celebrated on Sun., June 28th! Congrats to all for completing a most unusual and challenging year.
- SPRC is accepting applications for the following positions: **Music Director** and **Administrative Assistant**. If you wish further information on either, please contact Don Apperson, SPRC chair.
- We joyfully welcome **Odette Isadora Urena** to the Body of Christ, as she was baptized on the front steps of Oxon Hill UMC on Friday, June 26, 2020. We give God praise for Odette and her entire family.
- The Walter Hampton Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that scholarship funds were awarded to **Cameron Thompson, Nevin Campbell-Adams** and **Joanna Orallo**. For info on Cameron and Nevin see "Grads" page 1. Joanna Orallo is returning to Catholic University to complete her studies in the Fall. We wish them the best in their educational endeavors.

BIBLE STUDIES AND BOOK STUDY

Young Adults: Selina Brijbasi - online:

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

Canoeing the Mountains Book Study 6:30pm

Unless otherwise indicated, leader is Pastor Cho

7/29: Ch 13 "Et Tu, Church"

8/5: Ch 14 "How a Nursing Mother Saved America"
- Vivian Sayeh-Weeks

8/12: Ch 15 "The End of Our Exploring" - Neville Campbell-Adams

8/19: Ch 16 "Epilogue: Taking Hill w/ Grandma"

Next study will begin 8/26: *The Power of Real* by Rev. Dr. Joseph W. Daniels, Jr. Order now!

Many Thanks to ...

Rev. Dr. Johnsie Cogman and her husband Billy and Ministers Gregory and Delila Parham for being with us while we awaited Pastor Cho's arrival. They have brought us through with a new vision of ministry and a new purpose to follow Christ's calling for OHUMC. May we continue to remember to Open our Eyes and see all the people; Open our Ears and hear all the people and truly Open our Hearts and love all the people. We are blessed to have had you with us.

**INVITE SOMEONE TO JOIN YOU FOR WORSHIP,
BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM!**

CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES - June 7, 2020

Council Chair Vivian Sayeh-Weeks opened the 3rd meeting of the Church Council for 2020 with brief remarks and an introduction of our new pastor, Mija Cho. **Trustees:** Completing work at parsonage with Pastor Cho scheduled to move in on June 17th. 7th Day Adventist Church zooming. Reading program cancelled. HVAC needed for office area **Staff Parish:** Clergy apportionment not paid because we did not have a pastor. Will resume with Pastor Cho. Position of Administrative Assistant (office) has been re-established. **Finance:** Vito has moved to the Treasurer position; Julie Fernandez continues as Financial Secretary. As it is not required by the *Discipline* there will currently be no Finance Chair for now. **VBS:** not at this time; all conference camps have been cancelled. **Missions:** Will reach out to Warm Nights to see if we can support in some way. Warm Nights is currently using a motel facility. **Bread Ministry:** Currently distributing 100 bags each Tuesday. Some food has been purchased; rest coming from grocery stores, donations and other food ministries (sharing when there is surplus). Volunteers welcome. See page 1 **UMM:** Volunteer at the OH library, Tuesdays 4-6 pm, offering homework help and reading practice for grades 1-6. Also support the English Convention Club for non-English speaking parents. **Communications:** YouTube channel up and running. Different people handling different social media. Trying to do as much as possible. One Call Now: call, text, Zoom. Free Conference Call needed a license to upload to YouTube. Additional equipment will be needed if we continue to stream once we are back in the building. **Fundraising:** Will need to refund \$1900 because Lancaster trip March 27th was cancelled. **Next meeting:** Sun., Aug 16th after worship. A copy of the minutes is available upon request.

Prayer Vine Group Meetings

Beginning July 23rd and meeting every other Thursday at 6:30 pm via Zoom. If you want to be a part of this Prayer Ministry, contact Pastor Cho or Patty Schnirel. Prayer request should be submitted to both Pastor Cho (oxonhillumcmd@gmail.com) and Patty (schnirel@aol.com).

What a Blessing! Thank you!

With grateful hearts we acknowledge the \$25,000 gift to the church from Anna Louise Stephens. It will be used as follows: 1) \$4,000 to Missions/Food Ministry; 2) \$4,000 for deep cleaning, supplies and upkeep for church re-opening; 3) \$8,500 toward repaying the Reynolds loan; and 4) \$8,500 for parsonage renovation, repairs and maintenance. Hope all is well in Oklahoma. We miss you!

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!

Outdoor Worship Services Guidelines

Sunday, July 26, 2020, 9:30 AM

The service will be held outside of the entrance to the Fellowship Hall, in the large parking lot. We will be using both a public address system and broadcasting via FM 90.5 radio. The service will also be broadcast on Zoom and on the church's Facebook page.

For those coming in person, there are two options for attending the service:

Drive-ins will be asked to park in designed areas and remain in their vehicles. You will be able to use your vehicle's radio to listen to the service, via your FM radio.

Those sitting outside their vehicle are asked to bring a lawn chair and sit in the designated area. Family members from the same household can sit together. For your safety, we ask that you maintain social distancing- six feet and wear a mask.

Access to the church will be restricted to using the restrooms located on the ground level. Enter via the elevator foyer and take the elevator to the Fellowship Hall level. We ask that you do not enter the Social Hall or any other area of the church.

Hand sanitizer stations will be available at the church entrances and at designated locations in the church.

If possible, **please bring a contribution for the Bread Ministry**: box of pasta or box of cereal, jar of peanut butter or 2 cans of vegetables. There will be a grocery cart by back door to church. Please wear a mask and observe social distancing when placing in cart.

Breaking News!! - God's blessings!!

We received the following from the Capital Area Food Bank on Thurs., July 23rd:

"At the CAFB, we are extremely grateful that you and your volunteers are working so diligently and caring so deeply to ensure that needy and hungry families comprised of children, women and seniors get much needed food assistance. Our hope is that these funds we are providing you will help your organization purchase needed food filled with nutrients and vitamins needed to strengthen families for a brighter future. Our intention is for the funds to be utilized quickly by you so your organization can assist those who may need food, whether due to supply chain interruptions, inability to leave the home due to illness, inadequate funds to purchase food for multiple weeks, or other factors.

Your organization has been awarded a total amount of **\$3,000.00** which will be added to your account. These funds will be available on your account beginning on **July 23rd, 2020** and will expire on **October 14th, 2020.**"

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!