

# TOWER TIDINGS

April 2017

*The mission of the Oxford United Methodist Church is to love God, love people, and faithfully minister to human and spiritual needs in our community and beyond.*



April holds much in the way of celebrations for us this year! Easter is April 16 and leading up to Easter is Holy Week. See inside this edition of the *Tower Tidings* for information about Palm/Passion Sunday and the Easter Egg Hunt (April 9). All the information about Holy Thursday, the Cantata, and Easter is inside on pages 2 and 3. The Sunday after Easter, April 23, we will celebrate the Consecration of our newly renovated Lyon Building and our new Fellowship Hall.

Mark your calendars and bring a friend. Plan to be a part of God's continued

## How We Worship/The Light of Christ

Have you ever wondered what the colored cloths on the pulpit are about? They are called Paraments.

Paraments are linens and cloth hangings used on communion tables, altars, pulpits and lecterns. The colors of the Paraments reflect the traditional colors of the seasons of the Christian year. The Paraments are changed as the seasons of the Christian year change. Often the Paraments are embellished with specific symbols representing various aspects of the Christian faith. As such, they are powerful devotional and educational tools, and they have been used since the sixth century A.D.

The four basic colors and their meaning:

WHITE and GOLD are joyous and festive colors, used during the Christmas and Easter Seasons, and on high days during the season after Epiphany and Pentecost. White and gold are also the colors of victory and resurrection. So, even the colors we use in a service of death and resurrection speak of life eternal with God.

PURPLE or blue is the color of penitence and royalty, used during Advent and Lent.

RED is the color of fire, symbolizing the Holy Spirit and used on the Day of Pentecost. A deep hue of red symbolizes the blood of Christ.

GREEN is the color of growth and is used in the seasons after Epiphany and Pentecost.



# Easter at OUMC



**Holy Week—April 9-15**

**April 9: Palm/Passion Sunday**

Palm/Passion Sunday is so named when the celebration of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem with palms waving is followed by the scripture of Jesus' arrest, crucifixion and death. our children will lead celebration portion of share in experiencing last week on Earth.



With music and scripture, us in the palm waving our worship. Then we will the scriptures of Jesus'

This will lead us into Holy Week. Please plan to be present in worship and share in this special time in the life of the church - Sunday, April 9th at 9:00 am and 11:00 am.

**Easter Egg Hunt—following the 11:00am service on April 9th.**



**April 13: Holy Thursday—The Cantata and Holy Communion at 7:00pm**

**April 16: Easter Services**

Join in worship and fellowship on this most celebrative day of the Christian Year! Here's what's happening:

**9:00 am** Fusion Worship with Holy Communion

**10:00 am** Fellowship Breakfast (light breakfast) followed by the Flowered Cross Service - a tradition at OUMC! Some may choose to eat and go to Sunday School while others eat and stay in the Fellowship Hall to sing and decorate the Cross with flowers. This meal and Flowered Cross Service are part of the Opening Activities for the new space!



**11:00 am** Worship with Holy Communion

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# Consecration Service

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The Building Committee and Church Council announce...

## *Consecration Service*

Join in the celebration of the newly renovated Lyon Building and  
the new Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10 o'clock  
Breakfast will be served

*The Lord has done great things for us and we rejoiced. Psalm 126:3*

We will celebrate all that the Lord has done in worship at 9:00 am and 11:00 am. In between both services, we will consecrate these wonderful new spaces to the work and ministry of the Lord and share a fellowship breakfast. We hope you will be present for this special day of thanksgiving!

Monday, April 10 – we will have a Blood Drive. This regular and on-going mission of our church is also part of the Opening Activities for the new space!



From 1:30 pm to 5:30pm. Register online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 919-693-7647 or 919-691-1345 and Ruth Carraway will get you signed up!

### **"Adopt-a-Room"**

It is with great excitement that a new project has started. We thank the Deborah Circle for this and for being the first ones to adopt a room.

What this means is that they have taken on not one, but two rooms upstairs in the Lyon Building, and will clean-up, maintain and/or improve those rooms. However, this does not mean that these spaces are designated only for those who adopt it... all church spaces are shared, community spaces.

If you are part of any circle, group, or Sunday School class, who would like to adopt a room, please let the Trustees know. Individuals are also welcome to adopt a room! We also ask that if you wish to do anything permanent or paint, please see a Trustee, as we are charged with the care of all church buildings and grounds.

Thank you, Trustees

# #oumc youth

Youth are taking the lead on the Easter Egg Hunt for our children. They are stuffing the eggs and hiding them. They are continuing special Bible studies on Sunday Evenings.

Confirmation has begun with those participating from OUMC being joined by youth from Salem UMC. Three youth from OUMC and two from Salem UMC make up our Confirmation Class.

Several youth are set to participate in mission trips over the summer. Also for the summer Mission Mondays are being planned. Any youth – 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up are invited to Sunday School at 10:00am and Youth on Sunday evenings at 5:30pm.

Thank you to these people for providing Sunday Night Supper for our youth recently: Lisa Cook, Wendy Owens, Karen Brown and the Tates. Groups or individuals who would like to fix a simple meal for our youth on Sunday night, please contact Pastor Jenny.

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## Notes from the Music Department

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the Granville County Cantata! We will be presenting "Sanctuary" by Joseph Martin at OUMC for the Holy Thursday service on April 13th at 7 pm! For those out of town, you can also hear it at a public dress rehearsal on Wednesday, April 5th at 7 pm.

A big thank you to our choir and praise team members for all of their extra work and dedication during this busy time leading up to Easter!



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## JOY Group

The JOY "Just Older Youth" had a meeting on Wednesday, March 15th at House of Ribeyes at noon. We all ate well with soup, salad, baked & sweet potatoes, and hamburgers. We had twelve people in attendance on a very cold and windy day. Please note Wednesday, April 19th will be our next meeting in the new Fellowship Hall. It will be a covered dish meal with a program. If you have any question call Al or Ruth Carraway at 919-693-7647 or email [carrawayrt@gmail.com](mailto:carrawayrt@gmail.com). JOY group is for all that are young at heart and wish to join us on the third Wednesday of each month. We take a break in June, July, and August.

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# OUMW

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## Deborah Circle News

The Deborah Circle has had a busy March! We participated in SPELLabration and lasted until round three! We are happy and blessed to support our Granville County Schools!



We met on March 12th at the church for our regular meeting and painted the new bell choir room and the yard sale room upstairs in the Lyon Building. The bell choir room is the room formerly used for worship props, which has been moved across the hall. We think that the upstairs space in the Lyon Building has the potential to be a useful resource as we serve the community, and we would like to make the space more usable. If your group would like to assist, let us know!



The Deborah Circle yard sale is fast approaching, and it's time for Spring cleaning! Place your items that you'd like to donate in the yard sale room upstairs in the Lyon Building and we will turn that donation into a blessing for someone! All proceeds go to missions! (Sorry, we cannot accept televisions!)

Our next meeting will be on April 2 at the church at 5:50. We will be doing yard sale preparation and planning and planning for future projects. Join us! For more information, contact chair, Kate Brady at 919-690-5706.

## The Lydia Circle

The Operation Christmas Child shoebox drive for the second quarter is focusing on toiletries (i.e. bar soap, toothbrushes, combs, brushes, hair styling accessories, washcloths). Please place your items in the box located in the education building.



The Lydia Circle is collecting new or gently used pocketbooks for a mission project this fall. These items may be placed in the OCC collection box or given to any Lydia Circle member.

***Attention UMW:*** It's not too late for Reading Program 5, 10, 15 Books by July 25th. New books just added to the library are: "Silent No More", "Fully Awake truly Alive", "The Bible and Human Sexuality", "Wherever the River Runs", "Slowing Time", and many others on order. Also Childrens/Youth Books.

*The Library is currently located in the education building.*



Joy is prayer. Joy is strength. Joy is love. Joy is what you can catch souls. God loves a cheerful giver. God gives with joy. The best way to show our gratitude is to accept everything with joy.

A joyful heart is the inevitable result of a heart full of love. Never let anything so fill you with sorrow as to forget the joy of the Christ risen.

**Save The Dates:**

**Deborah Circle Yard Sale May 6, 2017**

**Durham Bulls Outing June 4, 2017**



**Ticket Order Forms Available Soon!**



Worship Bulletins and Tower Tidings are now available online. Click the link on our home page. [www.oxfordmethodist.com](http://www.oxfordmethodist.com)

**2**

8:30a Praise Team Rehearsal  
9:00a Fusion Worship/Communion  
10:00a Sunday School  
10:30a Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
11:00a Worship/Communion  
4:30-5:30p Confirmation Class  
5:30p Youth  
5:30p Children's Palm Sunday Rehearsal  
5:50p Deborah Circle



**3**

8:30a Learning Tree Preschool  
2:30p Mustard Seed Academy  
5:00p SPRC (Conference Room)  
7:00p Carrie Fuller Circle  
7:00p Praise Team Rehearsal  
7:00p Scouts

**4**

8:30a Learning Tree Preschool  
10:00a The Way Bible Study  
10:30a LTP Music  
11:00a Conference Room Reserved  
2:30p Mustard Seed Academy

**5**

8:30a Learning Tree Preschool  
10:00a Dorothy  
2:30p Mustard Seed Academy  
6:00p The Way Bible Study  
5:30-9:00p Rehearsal  
7:00p Chancel Choir

**9 Palm/Passion**

8:30a Praise Team Rehearsal  
9:00a Fusion Worship/Communion  
10:00a Sunday School  
10:30a Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
11:00a Worship  
12:00p Easter Egg Hunt  
4:30-5:30p Confirmation Class  
5:30p Youth



**10**

1:30p-5:30p Blood Drive @ OUMC  
7:00p Praise Team Rehearsal  
7:00p Scouts  
7:00-9:00p Girl Scouts (Carr Classroom)

**11**

10:00a The Way Bible Study  
10:30a LTP Music  
5:30p Trustees Meeting

**12**

6:00p The Way Bible Study

— The Learning Tree Preschool and The Mustard Seed Academy —

**16 Easter**

8:30a Praise Team Rehearsal  
9:00a Fusion Worship/Communion  
10:00a Fellowship Breakfast with Flowered Cross Service  
10:00a Sunday School  
10:30a Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
11:00a Worship  
5:30p Youth



**17**

7:00p Scouts  
  
—No Learning Tree Preschool or Mustard Seed Academy —

**Church Office Closed**

**18**

8:30a Learning Tree Preschool  
10:30a LTP Music  
2:30p Mustard Seed Academy

**19**

8:30a Learning Tree Preschool  
12:00p JOY Gospel  
1:00p Penn Avenue  
2:30p Mustard Seed Academy

**23/30**

8:30a Praise Team Rehearsal  
9:00a Fusion Worship/Communion  
10:00a Sunday School  
10:00a Consecration Service (April 23 only)  
10:30a Chancel Choir Re (April 30 only)  
11:00a Worship  
4:30-5:30p Confirmation Class (April 23 only)  
5:30p Youth



**24**

8:30a Learning Tree Preschool  
2:30p Mustard Seed Academy  
7:00p Praise Team Rehearsal  
7:00p Scouts

**25**

8:30a Learning Tree Preschool  
10:30a LTP Music  
2:30p Mustard Seed Academy

**26**

8:30a Learning Tree Preschool  
1:00p Penn Avenue  
2:30p Mustard Seed Academy  
7:00p Chancel Choir

|  | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday                                  |
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| by which<br>ost who<br>nd people<br><br>h love.<br>rget the<br><br>her Teresa  | <p>Please contact the church office with your schedule of events and to reserve any necessary space. The preschool and afterschool programs may be using various rooms</p> <p><i>Make sure to check out OUMC's Facebook page and stay up to the minute informed on happenings around the church! Like the page and you will</i></p> |   |   |
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| <p><b>Scholarship Applications for eligible HS and College students are available outside the church office. <u>Deadline April 18th.</u></b></p> |   |   |   |
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| dress rehearsal  | <p><b>6</b><br/>8:30a Learning Tree Preschool<br/>10:30a LTP Activity (Carr Classroom)<br/>2:30p Mustard Seed Academy</p>   | <p><b>7</b><br/>8:30a Learning Tree Preschool<br/>11:30a - 3:00p Mustard Seed Academy (ERS)</p> | 8   |
|  | <p><b>13 Holy Thursday</b><br/>7:00p Holy Thursday service and Cantata</p>  | 14  | 15  |
| <p>Academy are on Spring Break April 10th - 17th</p>   |   |   | <p><b>Tower Tidings Deadline</b></p>      |
|  | <p><b>20</b><br/>8:30a Learning Tree Preschool<br/>10:30a LTP Activity (Carr Classroom)<br/>2:30p Mustard Seed Academy<br/>6:00p Finance Committee Meeting<br/>6:45p Church Council Meeting</p>   | <p><b>21</b><br/>8:30a Learning Tree Preschool<br/>2:30p Mustard Seed Academy</p>               | 22  |
|  | <p><b>27</b><br/>8:30a Learning Tree Preschool<br/>10:30a LTP Activity (Carr Classroom)<br/>2:30p Mustard Seed Academy</p>  | <p><b>28</b><br/>8:30a Learning Tree Preschool<br/>2:30p Mustard Seed Academy</p>               | <p><b>29</b><br/>Confirmation Retreat</p> |

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## OUMW Cont...

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The Carrie Fuller Circle is collecting used children's books up to 4th grade for distribution to our local schools. Please donate in the Lyon Building and Narthex. Monetary donations can be made to Carrie Fuller Circle c/o OUMC. CCM (Church & Community Ministry) near Revlon has books - \$7 for a large grocery bag full!

We pray that these books will go home with children to keep for themselves and their younger siblings to enjoy.

The Dorothy Circle will meet Wednesday, April 5th  
in the new conference room @ 10am.

### The Deborah Circle Yard Sale

Saturday, May 6

From 7 am until 11 am

at

Oxford United Methodist Church

*Books are free! We always have many toys, household items,  
clothes and much, much more!*



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## Opportunity To Help

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Church Family,

My sister and her family are in need of some help. They live in California and have been affected by mudslides. They were displaced for 3 weeks because their house was not safe. They have incurred a lot of expenses and there are more to come. They are back in their house under a "yellow tag" which means their house is still not completely out of danger. On top of all of this, her husband has been looking for a job for about 2 months with no success. Any donation would be greatly appreciated. If you are led to help out my sister and her family, please call me (919) 603-1018. Donations may be made to OUMC.

Thank you,  
Beth Dean.



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# Special Messages

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ACIM is grateful for ALL the support received from OUMC!

Church members and friends unloaded 300 bags of donated sweet potatoes at ACIM!



Pictured are Steve McNally, and Teri Harris (left) and Harold Hilton and Dee Woodlief (right).

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I want to thank my church friends for their prayers, cards, flowers, food, calls, and visits. It really meant a lot to me. I am feeling better and hope to be able to return to church soon.

Love,  
Carolyn Morton

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Dear Church Family,

We were overwhelmed with all the food provided for our family during our time of loss. Also, we so appreciate the beautiful tulip arrangement that was sent to the funeral home.

Thank you for all that you have given, as well as all the cards, thoughts and prayers. Your kindness and generosity means a lot.

Sincerely,

Family of Cecil Howard

*Thank You*

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OUMC Family,

Thank you for the many prayers, cards, calls, and beautiful tulips sent to me since my accident and surgery on my hand. The support given to Mary and me meant so much to us.

Thanks to all of you,

Ray Allen

|                                  | 4/2/2017   | 4/9/2017  | 4/16/2017  | 4/23/2017   | 4/30/2017   |
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| <b>Those Who Serve</b>           |  |   |  |   |   |
| <b>9 AM Fusion Service</b>       |  |   |  |   |   |
| <b>Lay Liturgist</b>             | John Hammett   | Lois Dinterman  | Sylvia Harrison  | Laura Miller  | Sonya Carver  |
| <b>Server</b>                    | Taylor Hammett   | Laura Miller  | Mark Harrison  | Michele Allen   | Frances Baker   |
| <b>Acolyte</b>                   | TBA  | TBA   | TBA  | TBA   | TBA   |
| <b>Children's Chapel</b>         | Wendy Owens/<br>Becky Goins  | Wendy Owens/<br>Becky Goins                                       | Wendy Owens/<br>Becky Goins  | Wendy Owens/<br>Becky Goins                                       | Wendy Owens/Becky<br>Goins  |
| <b>Nursery</b>                   | Kathrine Noel  | Donna Bowling-<br>Critchler                                       | Elaine McKelly   | Donna Bowling-<br>Critchler                                       | Kathryn Mincher<br>Donna Bowling-<br>Critchler                    |
| <b>Sound</b>                     | Ruth Carraway  | Lindsey Williford   | Ruth Carraway  | Ruth Carraway   | Adam Mincher  |
| <b>Greeter</b>                   | Becky Goins  | Frances Baker   | Michele Allen  | Frances Baker   | Al Carraway   |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>               | Frances Baker  | Frances Baker   | Frances Baker  | Frances Baker   | Frances Baker   |
| <b>Ushers</b>                    | Michael Hanks<br>Bill Goins<br>Al Carraway   | Michael Hanks<br>Bill Goins<br>Al Carraway                        | Michael Hanks<br>Bill Goins<br>Al Carraway                                     | Michael Hanks<br>Bill Goins<br>Al Carraway                        | Michael Hanks<br>Bill Goins<br>Al Carraway                        |
| <b>11 AM Traditional Service</b> |  |   |  |   |   |
| <b>Lay Liturgist</b>             | Ellen Jenkins  | Cindy Cash  | Rob Rivers   | Earl Dulaney  | Susan Rackley   |
| <b>Server</b>                    | Ellen and Don<br>Jenkins, Louise<br>and David Currin,<br>Carolyn Jones, &<br>Harold Hilton | N/A   | Elaine and Tim<br>McKelly, Kathy<br>and Tommy May,<br>Natale and Rob<br>Rivers | N/A   | N/A   |
| <b>Acolyte</b>                   | TBA  | TBA   | TBA  | TBA   |   |
| <b>Children's Message</b>        | Earl Dulaney   | Rev. Jenny<br>Wilson  | Rev. Jenny<br>Wilson   | Rev. Jenny<br>Wilson  | Susan Bowman  |
| <b>Children's Chapel</b>         | Jennifer Hall  | Ashley Salazar  | Beth Dean  | Ashley Salazar  | Jennifer Hall   |
| <b>Nursery</b>                   | Helen Brummitt<br>Kristine Williford   | Susan Bowman  | Donna Bowling-<br>Critchler  | Teresa Jackson  | Donna Bowling-<br>Critchler                                       |
| <b>Sound</b>                     | Donna Bowling-<br>Critchler  | Leslie Egerton  | Charles Dean   | Doug Roberson   | Bill Mitchell   |
| <b>Greeters</b>                  | Bob May  | Dee Woodlief  | Doan Laursen   | George Summers  | Ginny McLaurin  |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>               | Nancy Brooks<br>Rivers Family<br>Ashley Salazar<br>Angela Parrott                          | Nancy Brooks<br>Rivers Family<br>Ashley Salazar<br>Angela Parrott | Nancy Brooks<br>Rivers Family<br>Ashley Salazar<br>Angela Parrott              | Nancy Brooks<br>Rivers Family<br>Ashley Salazar<br>Angela Parrott | Nancy Brooks<br>Rivers Family<br>Ashley Salazar<br>Angela Parrott |
| <b>Ushers</b>                    | Can you serve?   | Can you serve?  | Can you serve?   | Can you serve?  | Can you serve?  |
| <b>Counters</b>                  | David Currin<br>Donna Bowling -<br>Critchler   | Leslie Egerton<br>Angela Parrott                                  | Steve McNally<br>Sandra Pruitt   | Tara Roberson<br>Stan Hulsey                                      | Ruth Carraway<br>Helen Brummitt                                   |



Carolyn Morton  
 Ted Morton  
 Buddy and Christine Baker  
 Kate Brady  
 Cindy Bryan  
 Marion Dean  
 Florine and William Dement

Henry and Judy Hagwood  
 Eunice May  
 Ray Allen  
 Warren Hicks  
 Rev. Jenny Wilson and Paul  
 James Daniels  
 John Wolford  
 Cheryl Hawkins  
 Lyna and Francis Wilson  
 Linda Wilson  
 Judy Yates  
 OUMC Members  
 OUMC Shut-Ins  
 OUMC Staff

Bill Howard at United Healthcare  
 Lucille Dixon at Brantwood Room 210  
 Elaine Sievert at the Senior Citizens Home  
 (Henderson)

Anne Berry (Marshall and Martha Tanner's daughter)  
 Mary Cowles (Elaine & William Lytton's daughter)  
 Annette Baker Morgan (Christine & Buddy Baker's daughter)  
 Stacey Lundy (Christine Floyd's granddaughter)  
 Linda Hagwood (Henry Hagwood's sister)  
 Kevin Rumsey's Dad  
 Virginia (Pastor Jenny's mother)  
 Susan Melton Gentry (friend of Sonya Carver)  
 Emily Blackwell

**Our Troops**

Jordan Blanchard Fletcher and her husband  
 George "Fletch" Fletcher, US Army

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Please keep those who have lost loved ones in your prayers.  
 Russ Allen in the loss of his father, James  
 The family of Walter Crews, Jr.  
 The family of Francis Dean

The Oxford Methodist Church Prayer Chain is ready at any time to give support for any prayer need. To activate the chain, call Becky Goins, 919-529-4902 or email [beckyanne@nc.rr.com](mailto:beckyanne@nc.rr.com)

Prayer cards are available in the pew pockets in our sanctuary. Persons with prayer requests may complete the card and give it to the pastor after worship. We will use what you place on the card to alert the Prayer Team for prayers or for just the pastor to be in prayer. This new Prayer Card will enable us to continue to be persons who pray for each other and those we love.

**OUMC Financials**

**Month Ending February 28, 2017**

|                              |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Total Income                 | \$ 27,504       |
| Total Expenses               | \$ 30,114       |
| Surplus/(Deficit)            | \$ (2,610)      |
| Prior period brought forward | <u>\$ 9,251</u> |
| MTD Surplus/(Deficit)        | \$ 6,641        |

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