



Jacob's Ladder



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK Rev. Quennel Anderson



My Heart is Filled with Gratefulness, Appreciation, and Love

Dear Oxford First United Methodist Church Family, Grace and peace to you all in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

I write to you with a full heart, grateful for each of you and for the beautiful work God continues to do within this congregation. It is both an honor and a weighty responsibility to serve as your pastor. Scripture reminds us in HEBREWS 13:17 that those who watch over your souls do so *“as those who must give an account.”* I do not take this calling lightly, and I thank God daily for entrusting me with such a faithful and loving church family.

As we continue on this journey together, I encourage you to remain steadfast in your growth in the Lord Jesus Christ. Spiritual maturity is not a destination but a daily pursuit. As 2 PETER 3:18 declares, *“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”* Let us continue to seek Him, trust Him, and walk boldly in His Word.

It is with great joy that we celebrate the professed faith of our dear brother, Carl Goolsby, who will be baptized on the fourth Sunday. What a powerful reminder of the transforming grace of God! Jesus tells us in MATTHEW 28:19 to *“go therefore and make disciples... baptizing them,”* and *heaven itself rejoices when one comes into right relationship with Him* (LUKE 15:7). As a church family, let us celebrate wholeheartedly all who make that personal connection with Jesus Christ and take this sacred step of faith. Let us journey with him together as his walk with God grows closer!

Please know how eager I am to return and be with you all on the second Sunday. There is something special about gathering together in unity, lifting up the name of Jesus, and experiencing His presence as one body.

I would also like to offer a special word of appreciation and love to all mothers rather by

birth or by love. Your nurturing spirit reflects the very heart of God. PROVERBS 31:28 reminds us, “Her children rise up and call her blessed,” and ISAIAH 66:13 declares, “As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you.” Thank you for your sacrifices, your prayers, and your unwavering love.

As we rejoice, we also remain mindful of those among us who are grieving. Let us continue to lift up our bereaved families in prayer. The Word assures us in PSALM 34:18

that “The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.” We walk this journey together, bearing one another’s burdens, trusting that God will sustain us through every season.

Church, let us continue to press forward in faith, united in love, and anchored in Christ. The best is yet to come because God is not finished with us yet.

With love, gratitude, and continued prayers.



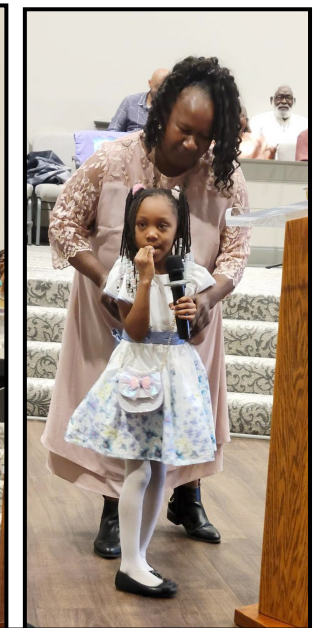
The banner features the Oxford First logo on the left, which consists of a stylized cross and the text "Oxford First". To the right, the text "Children and Youth" is written in a purple, sans-serif font. Below this, the words "EASTER PROGRAM" are written in large, bold, yellow letters with a thick purple outline and a slight 3D effect.

The Children and Youth of OFUMC participated in the Annual Easter Program on Sunday, April 5, 2026. The program was coordinated by Youth Minister Tressie

Johnson. It included the littlest ones doing a praise and the rest had Easter speeches.

A pictorial review follows here.





Happy Mother's Day!



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in Celebration of
Mother's Day

will provide a delicious meal as well as other wonderful gifts for the Mothers of the church immediately following 9:00 AM worship service on Sunday, May 10, 2026.
Come out for Good Food, Fellowship, and Fun.