



Jacob's Ladder



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The Daraja Children's Choir Experience



Oxford First UMC was blessed with an encounter from the Motherland as the Daraja Children's Choir from Uganda fellowshipped with us on Sunday, May 20, 2018. Each year a unique group of children travel from 410 Bridge communities to America as the Daraja Children's Choir, touring the US to lead worship at churches, schools, and events.

Through a worshipful time of dance, song, and personal stories, the choir encourages us to go and serve others with our God-given gifts. Founded in 2006, The 410 Bridge name comes from the verse 1ST PETER 4:10 "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." The 410

Bridge has a desire to engage the West in the fight to restore dignity, purpose, and freedom to the poor. The 410 Bridge vision is to radically improve the pace and depth of growth in the spiritual and physical health of communities in the developing world by transforming the way that the body of Christ engages in healthy global missions. The 410 Bridge community development model in-

cludes providing discipleship, safe water, quality education, health care, and economic empowerment to 45+ rural communities in Kenya, Haiti, Guatemala, and Uganda.

Our worship experience was truly enhanced by these wonderful children. Some pictures of the event are presented here.



Oxford First Graduates Recognized

by Evelyn Smith

Hats off to Oxford First United Methodist Church 2018 graduates! Whether they're graduating from pre-school, earning a diploma, or a degree, their hard work deserves recognition. Congratulations to our graduates and best wishes for the next part of your journey. Remember that God has a great plan for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.



Jari Draper graduated from Kindergarten and will go to First Grade.



Zoe Ballentine a Head Start graduate will attend Kindergarten this Fall.



Chris Cross earned a Bachelors of Arts in Philosophy Degree with minors in English and Public Policy from the University of Mississippi. Chris will be attending Candler School of Theology at Emory University in the fall, in their Masters of Theological Studies Program.



Chris Spearman, an Oxford High School graduate is currently working at Chick-Fil-A and training at Winchester through an Ability Work program. His future plan is to attend Northwest CC.



Jariant Stokes, a December Oxford High School graduate plans to attend Northwest CC and will study to become a Welder.



Jarius Stokes, an Oxford High School graduate has plans to attend Northwest CC and major in Real Estate and Business.

Soup for Seniors

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

11:00 A.M.



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Pastor Diggs approached Debra McGlawn & Minnie Milliner about creating a ministry for the women of the church. New Horizons Ministry was formed. The object or vision of this ministry is to allow the women to get to know each other through fellowship & help foster relationships outside of church. Our first activity was held on May 5th at the YMCA. We had a line dancing class facilitated by Marsha Brooks. All had an enjoyable time!!!

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