



Jacob's Ladder



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A Prayer for Our New Sanctuary



Our Father in Heaven, we thank you that our new sanctuary is coming together. May this be a place where sinners find their Savior and the prodigal is welcomed by you, a generous and compassionate Father. May this be a place your saints, young and old, are encouraged in the gospel, equipped for service, sanctified in the truth, and joyously assured of the eternal redemption Jesus has

earned for us. Where the wounded receive comfort for their souls, the weary are revived, the despairing are filled with hope, the depressed filled with joy, and the sick are healed. Where the thirsty find satisfaction and the hungry are filled up. May this be a place where friendships are established and deepened and many sins are covered by love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

UMW Clothing Give-Away

On Sept. 14, 2019 the United Methodist Women of Oxford First UMC held a community clothing give away on the grounds of Hammit Hill location. Many from the Oxford Lafayette County community were Blessed with slightly used or new clothing, shoes, purses, and other household items. Almost every member of Oxford First UMC contributed to the give away. Thank you Oxford First for your generosity.

—Sis. Terry Vaughn



Oxford First UMC Food Bag Drive

"Doing All The Good We Can, While We Can".

On September 28, 2019 our Oxford First UMC family joined together as one and delivered over 50 bags of groceries door to door to over 50 elderly and disabled families. Bags included everything from fresh milk, eggs, cheese, bread, fruits, paper towels etc. Being the hands and feet of Jesus brought us

real joy and tears as the recipients greeted us with tears and Gratefulness. Jesus said when you do it unto the least of these you do it unto me! Let us keep reaching out to our community and follow the vision God have given our Pastor for the Church.

—Minister Gracie Spearman



Prayer Ministry and Biblical Enrichment

Please prepare to take advantage of the God centered opportunities available to you on Wednesday nights at Oxford First UMC. At 6:00 P.M. we have our weekly **Prayer Ministry**, led by Minister Gracie Spearman. That is followed by a **Biblical Enrichment Bible Study** at 6:30 P.M., led by Pastor Sepada Thomas. We will begin a study on Jesus' Sermon on the mount. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Remember, an opportunity means nothing unless it is acted on and embraced.

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Laity Sunday Service



Sunday, October 20, 2019

Our guest speaker will be Sis. Latoya Redd-Thompson (pictured above with husband, Marcus), the MS Annual Conference Lay Leader, and former member of Burns UMC. The program will take place during our 11:00 A.M. worship service at our Hammitt Hill location at 10 CR 181. Please contact Sis. Niler P. Franklin for more information.

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