



UMM Celebration for Mother's Day by Debra McGlawn



The United Methodist Men (UMM) of Oxford First UMC showed up and showed out on Mother's Day, May 8, 2022, in a very big way!! They provided a breakfast for the women of the church that was amazing!

The food that was prepared would rival any restaurant breakfast buffet. The

Fellowship Hall was decorated, each table had a centerpiece with flowers, and a card. Each lady received a carnation and a ticket for a drawing that was done. The gifts received were very nice and well thought out.

The UMM further added to our day by doing something totally different before

getting in the choir stand. They did a two-step march down the aisle to music, outstanding!!! The church loved it!

A big heart felt thank you to the UMM for providing and adding joy to our Mother's Day.

Pictures from Mother's Day Celebration . . .





United Women In Faith (Formerly known as United Methodist Women) held meeting on Saturday, May 14th at OFUMC. Thanks to Ms. Marilyn Colyer (center), New Albany District UWF Vice-President, for speaking to the group. Oxford First, Beverly UMC, and Buford Chapel UMC came together in unity as women of action.

OFUMC Prepares to Receive New Pastor **by Rev. Mattie Gipson**

As has been the custom in the United Methodist Church since its conception by John Wesley in the early 1700's, Methodist pastors are assigned to churches on a year-to-year basis. The months have changed and the process has changed over the years. Wesley was firm in his belief that a pastor should not tarry too long in one appointment lest he/she become too "comfortable at that location." He also believed that we are on a journey toward perfection and that along that journey we learn lessons that cause us to make changes in our methods of practicing our faith and living out our

traditions.

One of our most recent changes is that instead of the incoming pastor having no contact with the new congregation and the leaving pastor, we have developed a process called ON BOARDING. This is a process in which persons who are trained in the ON BOARDING PROCESS will gather with a small group of leaders from the congregation and the incoming pastor for a few hours to get formally introduced and engage in some informal conversation that allows relationships to begin to form before the pastor arrives to

deliver his/her first message. It also allows each entity to voice their expectations of the other.

To that end, Oxford First UMC will participate in the ON BOARDING process with Rev. Roger Wilson, our incoming pastor, on June 12, 2022, from 3:00-6:00 P.M. We will be led by Rev. Dr. Embra Jackson and Rev. Dr. Stephen Cook. We are blessed to have this opportunity as it is relatively new and is offered mainly to large membership churches. The cost is covered by The Annual Conference-our Mission Shares at work.

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June Birthdays

Amber Mister (2)
Isaiah Mathis (2)
Khadence Thomas (3)
Kenneth Wortham (10)
Rev. Sapada Thomas (17)
Darin Hilliard (18)
Calvin Young (18)
Betty Young (19)
Janice Brown (19)
Chris Spearman (23)
Ariel Booker (28)
Terry Vaughn (29)

Anniversaries:

Erskine & Evelyn Smith (7)
Dwight & Cassandra Johnson (16)