



Jacob's Ladder



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Consecration Of OFUMC 2022 Church Leadership

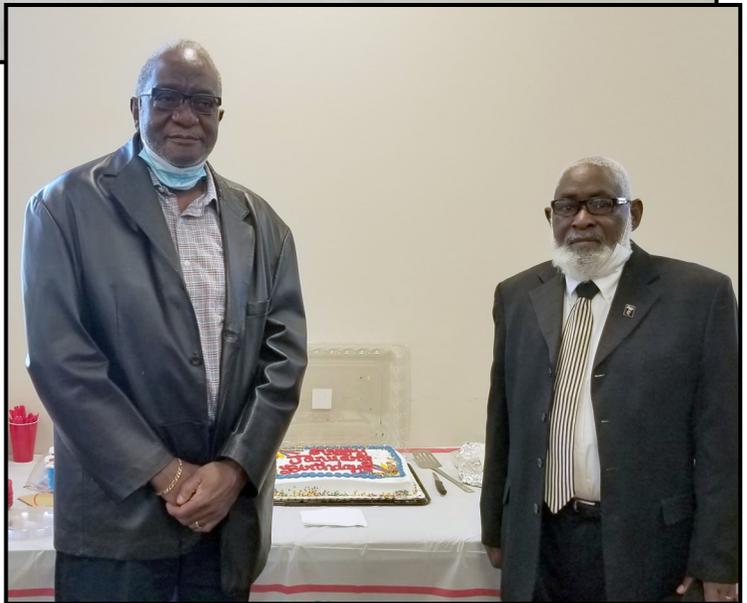
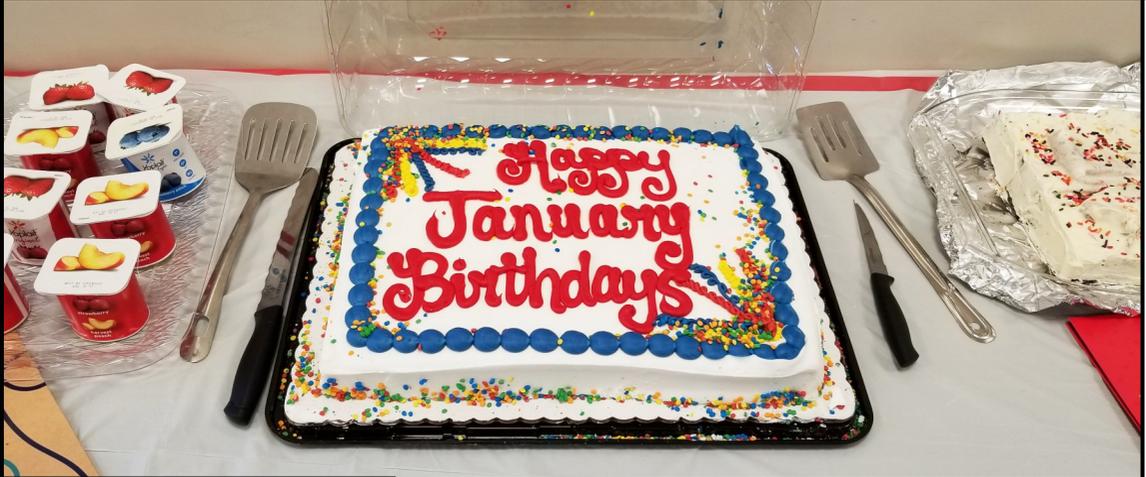


"But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant."
—MATTHEW 20:26

On Sunday, January 9, 2022, Oxford First United Methodist Church held a Consecration Service for its 2022 church leadership. All

leaders present were sworn in for the coming year. Pastor Thomas (center) presided over the service.

January Birthday Celebration



Pastor Thomas (pictured at top) began a Birthday Celebration for the OFUMC family, providing a birthday cake each month on 4th Sunday starting with January 23, 2022. The cake provided is pictured above. Niler Franklin (pictured at the podium) was Worship Leader that day.

Members born in January are: Trudie Mister, Hubert Murray, Jimmy McGlawn, Pamela Flemmons, Sherrita Murray, Kenneth Franklin, Stella Murray, Orlando Calomese, Frank Gipson, and Saniya Hubbard.

Only Jimmy McGlawn and Rev. Frank Gipson (pictured above) were present.

Remembering Dr. Martin Luther King



Clarence H. Franklin was asked to speak on Dr. King in celebration of the King Holiday. He chose to let Dr. King speak for himself through his own words. Presented here are some of his words on different subjects.

America

America is a great nation, *but--*. That *but* is a commentary on 200 and more years of chattel slavery and on twenty million Negro men and women deprived of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That *but* stands for practical materialism that is more interested in things than values.

Brotherhood

We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools.

Evil

Structures of evil do not crumble by passive waiting. If history teaches anything, it is that evil is recalcitrant and determined, and never

voluntarily relinquishes its hold short of an almost fanatical resistance.

Ideals and Idealism

The only way we can really achieve freedom is to somehow conquer the fear of death. For if a man hasn't discovered something he will die for, he isn't fit to live.

Ignorance and Stupidity

Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity.

Justice

Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.

Love

I've decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear.

Nonviolence

Nonviolence is a powerful and just weapon. It is weapon unique in history which cuts without wounding. It is a sword that heals.

Religion

[A]ny religion that professes to be concerned with the souls of men and is not concerned with the slums that damn them, and the social conditions that cripple them, is a dry-as-dust religion.

White People

Whites, it must be frankly said, are not putting in a similar mass effort to re-educate themselves out of their racial ignorance. It is an aspect of their sense of superiority that the white people of America believe that they have so little to learn.



HISTORY MONTH

- Sunday, February 13 – **Black History Program** (during 9:00 am worship). Minister Tressie Johnson is in charge of the program.
- Sundays, February 6, 20, 27 – **Black**

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History Month: A youth or a young adult will do a presentation about a significant Black person in history each Sunday. Coordinator, Minister Tressie Johnson.

- Sunday, February 27 – Transfiguration Sunday



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