



Jacob's Ladder



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK Rev. Quennel Anderson



Resting in the Goodness, Mercy, and Faithfulness of God

Dear Oxford First United Methodist Church Family, Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I pray this letter finds each of you resting in the goodness, mercy, and faithfulness of God. As your pastor, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for the privilege of serving such a loving and faithful congregation. It is truly a blessing to walk alongside you in ministry as we seek to glorify God, grow in faith, and serve our community together.

I would also like to extend a special word of thanks to the congregation for affording me the opportunity to attend the United Methodist Church Annual Conference. It was a meaningful time of worship, learning, fellowship, and renewal. I am grateful for your support and encouragement, and I look forward to sharing the insights and inspiration gained as we continue the work God has called us to do together. During my time I had

the honor of hearing Rev. Mattie Gipson deliver a powerful Word at the BMCR/Gammon dinner. She gave us a powerful word reminding us that we can and will soar above any challenge that comes our way! She was also honored for her work in the ministry throughout the years! This was followed by an awesome prayer by Rev. Frank Gipson! We have Jewels in our midst church family!





As a church family, we rejoice in the recent baptism of Brother Carl Goolsby. What a wonderful testimony of God's grace and transforming love! The Scriptures remind us, *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"* (2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV). Let us continue to pray for brother Carl Goolsby and his family, asking God to strengthen them daily as they grow in the knowledge and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. As the Apostle Peter encourages us, *"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ"* (2 Peter 3:18, NIV). I also want to thank Brother Clarence Franklin for the opportunity to teach Sunday School. We had a great time. Sunday School is a vital part of growing in the faith. Let us continue to show up and support that ministry as well.

I also ask that we continue to remember our sick and shut-in members. Though they may not always be present with us physically, they remain an important part of our church family. Let us uphold them in prayer, visit when possible, and encourage them with words of hope and love. God's Word reminds us that *"The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective"* (James 5:16, NIV). We are on the move for Christ's glory, and it is showing! Thanks be to God!

Additionally, let us lift our grieving and bereaved families. Some among us continue to carry heavy burdens of loss and sorrow. During these difficult seasons, may we be faithful in offering comfort, compassion, and prayer. The Lord promises, *"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted"* (Matthew 5:4, NIV), and we trust that God remains near to the brokenhearted (Psalm 34:18).

Church family, I encourage each of you to continue gathering faithfully for worship, prayer, and fellowship. As we seek to make disciples for Jesus Christ, I invite you to bring a family member, friend, neighbor, or coworker to worship with us. There are many people who need the hope, peace, and salvation found in Christ. Jesus reminds us, *"Go and make disciples of all nations"* (Matthew 28:19, NIV), and one of the simplest ways to share His love is by extending an invitation.

As we continue this journey of faith together, may we *"not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another"* (Hebrews 10:25, NIV). Let us remain steadfast in prayer, faithful in service, generous in love, and united in Christ.

Thank you again for your kindness, support, and faithfulness. It is an honor to serve as your pastor. May God's grace sustain you, His peace guard you, and His love surround you each day.

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." (Ephesians 3:20-21, NIV)



CELEBRATING MOTHER'S DAY!

On Sunday, May 10, 2026, the United Methodist Men of OFUMC provided a delicious meal, roses and entertainment in

celebration of Mother's Day for the Mothers of Oxford First.. A pictorial review of the event follows:





*She opens her mouth in wisdom,
And the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.*

Prov. 31:26

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FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

JUNE 21

Join us at Oxford First UMC on June 21, 2026 after regular 9:00 AM Worship Service as the women of the church show their appreciation to the Fathers. There will be food fellowship and Fun.

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