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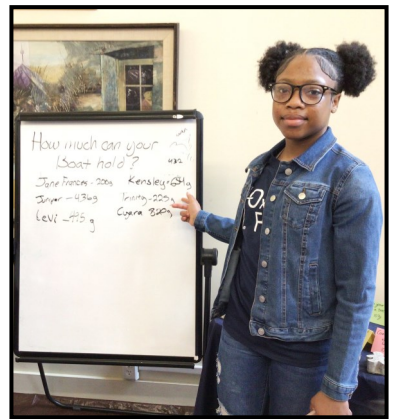
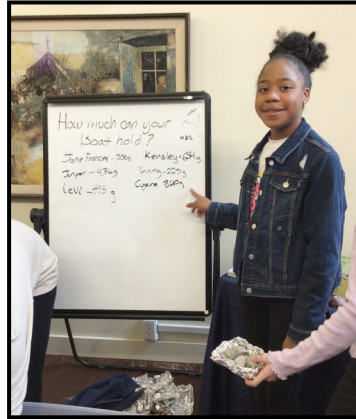


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OFUMC Future Scientists



Several of our Oxford First UMC youth attended a hands-on engineering session at the Public Library in February. Two experiments that caught their attention were the Lego blocks and the aluminum foil boats. In both of these experiments they had to design their own "prototype" to prove a theory. Could they design a Lego that could withstand a burst of air flowing

through a tunnel where their product was placed, and remain intact and could they design an aluminum foil boat that could withstand the weight of small rocks and still stay afloat? How would the shape, the distribution of the rocks and sizes affect the boat's ability to stay afloat?. Ask our future scientists about the challenges.

Carlee Manning, Queen

The Mary Cathey Head Start Center, operated by the Institute Community Center (ICS), recently held its 2025 Glow Ball King and Queen Celebration on Friday, February 28, 2025. Our very own little Miss Carlee

Manning was named 2025 Glow Ball Queen. Congratulations Carlee from your OFUMC family. The following pictures are from the event.



“Name That Contributor”



On 4th Sunday, February 23, 2025, OFUMC youth put on a Black History Month program. Spearheaded by Dr. Elle Moore, they performed a skit called “Name That Contributor: I am Black History.” These pictures are from their day.



Burns Belfry Black History Program

The Friends of Burns Belfry hosted its annual African American History Program on February 22. The Theme of the program was “**This Train.**” The program celebrated contributions of African Americans in Labor with a focus on A. Philip Randolph. Randolph established the first black labor union for railroad works in 1935. He was also instrumental in organizing the March on Washington. The program featured a praise dance to Kirk Franklins arrangement of “Lift Every Voice and Sing by The Young Believers in Christ from West Springhill MB Church. Ms. Effie Burt wowed the audience with an original song about A. Philip Randolph. The audience was also

treated to reflections about the life of railroad workers. The speakers and entertainers emphasized how the system tried to dehumanize these workers by calling them all by the name “George.” Mr. Orlando Parham led us in singing “Get Right George and Let’s Go Home.” Dr. Voncille Davidson Smith discussed the book “A Long Hard Journey,” and Barbara Wortham served as “Conductor” for the program. Ms. Joy Madkins ended the program by dancing to “Take the A-Train.” After the program. Chef Tim Woodard served the audience delectable soul food bits.



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