

Welcome, we're glad you're here!

We welcome you to join us on a transformative journey.

Seeking God, we strive to know God and love God.

Serving others, we follow our Servant Savior to help bring fullness of life to others.

Sharing Christ's love with all, we proclaim the unconditional love of Christ filled with joy and hope.

If you are a Miami student, we invite you to make this your church home away from home during your time at Miami.

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Liturgist: Kim Logsdon

(Image on cover: Landscape with Shepherd and Sheep by Anton Mauve 1838-1888)

Guest Conductor: Jack Liles

Guest Pianist: Leonard Lunsford

WE GATHER in GOD'S NAME

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION – Bed and Breakfast Pat Gifford
Initiative of MEF & OPW

PRELUDE

CHORAL INTROIT *"Praise Ye the Lord"*
J. Jefferson Cleveland

*CALL to WORSHIP (Inspired by Psalm 23)

One: As the Lord is our shepherd we need nothing else.

All: **We rest in green pastures and walk by still waters, which renews and refreshes our spirits.**

The Lord guides us along paths of righteousness
And walks with us through shadowed valleys so we are not afraid.
The shepherd's staff comforts us.

The Lord set the banquet table for us in the presence of our enemies.
There, we're anointed with oil and our cup overflows.
Goodness and mercy shall never depart from us as long as we dwell in the house of God.

*HYMN – *"For the Beauty of the Earth"* #14

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we live in a diverse community.

There are people of different colors and abilities.
There people with different sexual orientations.
There are people on the right,
the middle and the left,
young and old, rich and poor.

Yet, our fellowship doesn't reflect fully this diversity.
We would love others as you do, but we can't.

We've erected walls built upon our biases, fears, and insecurities that keep us apart.

Forgive us that we cannot love as unconditionally as you.
Help us to take down those walls so we may welcome the stranger and truly be one body of Christ together.
Amen

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

We know we fall short in our discipleship.
We've confessed our sins before the Lord.
We look to God to repent of our sins and brokenness.
By overflowing love and steadfast mercy of Jesus we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen!

*SHARING THE PEACE

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

(Children in Preschool through Grade 8 are dismissed to class following the children's message.)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Shine upon us, God of glory,
And by your Holy Spirit reveal to us
The grace and truth of Jesus Christ,
Your Word made flesh. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

A reading from Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

This is the good news.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON *"Healing from the Tyranny of Time"* Pastor Lawrence

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*HYMN – *"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"* #803

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER (sins...sin)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *"A Time for All Good Things"*
Scottish Folk Tune setting, Douglas E. Wagner

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN – *"We Are One in the Spirit"* #300

*BLESSING

With wise and well-chosen words,
we witness to the love of God.

Responding in acts of generous compassion,
we witness to the way of Christ.

Encouraging a life-giving freedom and creativity,
we witness to the work of Spirit.
Together, we are sent out to be the people of the Triune God!

*CHORAL RESPONSE *"Go Now in Love and Peace"*
Patrick M. Liebergen

*POSTLUDE

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Large-print bulletins and hearing assistance units are available from the ushers. **Please sign the friendship pads found at the end of the pew and pass them to your neighbors.**

Greeters: Rachel Mehl and Joy Russell

The flowers on the communion table are given by Debbie Davidson to the Glory of God and grateful thanks for being a 32-year stroke survivor, as well as Happy Birthday for her daughter, Renée Davidson.

Mission Partners Prayer List:
Presbytery of the Miami Valley: First Presbyterian, Bradford
Sister Churches: The First Church of Zlatoust, Russia and The Seventh Church of Barranquilla, Colombia

Congregational Concerns: Betty Barnhart, John Curry, Tracy DeGood, Bob Douglass, Nancy Gates, Genee Hesse, Breanna Kinneman, Ruth Miller, Jan Reinhart, Becky Rudolph, Charles Skipper, Sarah Soika, Joan Teckman, Dave Wilson, Stacey Winn, Jean Woodruff

Email prayer requests to Janet Holmes, holmest2@frontier.com, call Pat Roberts, 513-255-0549 or email the church office, office@oxfordpresbychurch.org.

Fellowship hour hosted by Pat Gifford on behalf of the Membership, Evangelism and Fellowship Committee.

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MINISTRY NEWS:

Ripped from the Headlines: The next Ripped from The Headlines current events gathering for youth and adults will be TODAY from 4-6 (note the change in time) at Ellen Buerk's screened picnic structure in the meadow at 4719 Bonham Road. Dinner will follow for those who can stay. Pull in the driveway and park on grass. It gets wonderfully cool in the evening there!

Ellen Buerk will lead a conversation about how to talk to others with respect and appreciation even when you disagree strongly. She says, "I have decided to tackle the most challenging issue for me and that involves language and discourse between people using the concept of the common good and its origins in America. The loss of universal agreement of the common good leads to the chaos in which we now find ourselves." The book used to develop this discussion is, The Common Good, by Robert Reich.

A timely topic indeed! Please join us for a thoughtful discussion and dinner.

You do not need to have read the book, nor do you need to have attended any previous sessions—come as you are if you are able.

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Habitat Update: We have another Presbyterian Work Day Saturday July 28. Needed are 5 volunteers and lunch for 20. Please see Prue Dana if you can do this. We have been a part of 2 Houses! One is completed and moved into by the Johnson family and the second house is in the putting up the drywall stage. The family is working hard to hold up their work requirement. This 10th house completes Carter Court.

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Bed and Breakfast.....for a Cause

*Who? You, we hope!

*Why? Hospitality for Miami students' families and support 4 local OPW Benevolences.

*What? Do you have a bedroom and bathroom to offer?

*When? Any of the following:

- Miami's Family Week-ends: beginning Fri./ Sat., Sept.28-29, 2018; May Graduation Weekends; future Homecoming Week-ends; Future Move-in/ Move-out Week-ends.

*Where do I sign up? Contact Paula Foltz 513-523-9873

**We need 8 host homes by August 15, 2018, in order to publicizethis project to students.

Sponsored by MEF (Mission, Evangelism, and Fellowship in partnership with OPW (Oxford Presbyterian Women).

Deacons Children's Food Drive: Many children depend on school lunches and need extra food at home during the summer. The Deacons respectfully request donations this summer between June 17-July 29th.

Food and Monetary donations may be dropped off at church services or any other time during the summer. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make a check out to the Oxford Presbyterian Church with "Children's Food Drive" in the note field and place it in the donation plate during offering. The money will be used to purchase food for the Oxford Choice Food Pantry.

According to the Oxford Choice Food Pantry, there is a real need for canned fruit right now. Other needs include: cereal, spaghetti sauce, canned meals (such as Chef Boyardee or Kroger meals) and peanut butter.

Toilet paper, child personal care items like body wash, deodorant, shampoo and hair conditioner are also appreciated.

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Mark your calendar – The next Community Meal Sponsored by OPC will be held on Wednesday, August 29.

Grilled meat (hamburgers, sausages and hot dogs) supplied. We will need salads, buns, chips and desserts. Any dry goods for the dry goods pantry are also accepted.

Please call or email Bill Fisher at 524-4504 or fisherwf@miamioh.edu if you can help.

MINISTRY CALENDAR

Sunday, July 22

- 9:00am Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00am Worship
- 10:20am Sunday School
- 11:10am Fellowship in the Molyneaux
- 2:00pm Christian Education Committee Retreat – Hostess: Jenn Walter

Wednesday, July 25

- 6:00pm Personnel (Molyneaux)

Saturday, July 28

- 10:00am A.A. (Molyneaux)

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- 9:00am Choir Rehearsal
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Pastor: Lawrence Bartel Clerk of Session: Julia Fisher

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



Sunday, July 22, 2018



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