

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: Arly Allen

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING MUSIC

Scripture Chant

"My God is So Big"

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

"Jesus Loves Me"

"Awesome God"

***CALL to WORSHIP** (Inspired by Psalm 150)

Pastor Lawrence Bartel

**All: Your church gathers, Lord,
here and to the ends of the earth.
Your church gathers, Lord,
in city and country, in suburbs and slums,
in sanctuaries and buildings,
under trees and by streams of water.**

**Your people gather to praise you, Lord,
in every language,
with organ and guitar and drum,
with voices of young and old,
with song and with silence,
with dance and with prayer.**

**Your people praise you, Lord,
for hope in the midst of despair,
for strength in times of weakness,
for justice in situations of oppression,
for courage in the face of fear,
for life in the midst of death.
We are the people who call you Lord.
Let everything that breathes, praise you Lord!**

***MUSIC AND PRAISE**

"Blessed Assurance"

#839

"Sanctuary"

#701

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Inspired by Psalm 33)

This is a moment given by the Lord to confess our sins against each other, all that God has created, and God.

Let us take this moment to account for the ways in which we have not embodied what it means to be created in the image of God.

(a time of silence is held for personal prayer)

Christ, we confess that too often we have not been open to the rhythms of life you offer to us.

We let ourselves be put off your pace and allow ourselves to wander off into our own songs.

Too often the melodies of the world confuse us.

We have led ourselves and others to paths that are not according to your loving pace and direction.

Help us pay attention with all of our senses.

Make our dancing faithful;

help us take the risks that are part of letting you lead.

Pull us back into your rhythms.

Clean our hearts, purify our hands and steady our feet that we might know and share your blessings.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** (Inspired by Psalm 33)

The Lord of Hosts assures us that if we trust God's Word, we will be led back to the songs that the Lord would have us sing.

God is eager to show us the path home.

Accept the offer of the new song we have been given through Jesus the Christ.

So we will not be silent, but will sing praises to You.

God, you are our God, and we will give you thanks forever.

***SHARING THE PEACE**

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Amitava Dutta

(VBS students may join their morning groups following the children's message.)

SCRIPTURE

A reading from Palm 100: 1-5

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON – "A Call to Worship God"

Pastor Arun Paul, OUMC

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***HYMN** – "He Has Made Me Glad" (Sing the Faith)

#2270

"You Are My Strength When I Am Weak"

#519

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN** – "In My Life"

#468

***BLESSING** (Inspired by Psalm 40)

We have waited patiently for God, and he has heard our cry. He has set our feet on solid ground, and kept us steady as we journey together.

We are the people of God, shaped and molded by the work of Jesus Christ, empowered to be world changers by the Holy Spirit.

God calls us to be his servants, and he will guide us and keep us as we go into the world to serve him.

God, you have put a new song into our mouths, a song of praise to you. May the world know that you have sent us by the song of your love in our lives.

SENDING MUSIC

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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: Matt, Molly, Owen and Aiden Todd

The flowers on the communion table are from the garden of Tom and Janet Holmes in honor of John and Nancy Sturgeon's upcoming 64th Wedding Anniversary.

Mission Partners Prayer List:

Presbytery of the Miami Valley: Immanuel Korean **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 call Pat Roberts, 513-255-0549 or email the church office, office@oxfordpresbychurch.org.

Fellowship hour hosted by Janet Ziegler on behalf of the Membership, Evangelism and Fellowship Committee.

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MINISTRY NEWS:

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 publicize this project to students.

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

Noon hour Concerts at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church: A series of Wednesday noon hour concerts will be hosted by Holy Trinity Episcopal Church on July 11, 18, and 25. The concerts, which will feature chamber music in solo and small ensemble performance, have been organized by Dr. Bruce Murray, former chair of Miami's Department of Music, and will feature a variety of artists from SW Ohio and other places. The concerts will take place at 12:15PM and are free, with voluntary offerings gladly accepted.

Ripped from the Headlines: There will be no gathering July 8th. The next meeting Ripped from The Headlines meeting will be July 15th. We plan to discuss the idea of standing up, standing for, and upholding one's own beliefs and morals in these difficult times. How does a Christian stand by their beliefs when so many things are going on to challenge keeping one's composure, how to discern what is most significant? The meeting will be led by and held at Nancy Moeckel's home, 3900 Kehr Rd., 3:00-5:00 p.m.

For reading in advance the following is suggested, but is completely optional:

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/local/wp/2018/06/23/why-a-small-town-restaurant-owner-asked-sarah-huckabee-sanders-to-leave-and-would-do-it-again/?utm_term=.dbd9abcfdf9

All are welcome whether or not you have attended any meetings in the past. Please consider joining this discussion in a supportive atmosphere where all views are encouraged and accepted.

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.

Handicap Ramp Construction: The Facilities Planning Committee has been working on a ramp for the main entrance to the sanctuary. After a year-long process that included study of every conceivable configuration of a ramp, the Facilities Planning Committee has found a design that is ADA compliant and will integrate with the architecture of the building. The Facilities Planning Committee is pleased to have the planning steps in this process completed. The Session voted unanimously on 6.18.18 to turn this project over to the Trustees for execution. We hope to start construction this summer. We look forward to supporting all our members and guests in attending church despite having a physical limitation by including a building structure that will allow every person to enter the sanctuary easily and safely, using a common entrance. An architectural rendering and features of the construction can be found the Molyneaux lounge.

Altar Flowers: Flowers are needed for July 22 and July 29. Please sign up on the Flower Calendar next to the Molyneaux Lounge or call Marge Smith (523-3895).

Newsletter Deadline: Turn in your articles Early! Don't miss the August deadline. All newsletter submissions due by Friday, July 20. Please submit to Nancy Moeckel: moeckenj@miamioh.edu.

MINISTRY CALENDAR

Sunday, July 8

9:45am-Noon VBS (OPC)
10:00 Worship Service (VBS Presentation)
11:10 Fellowship in the Molyneaux
**Lunch following worship
(OUMC – Fellowship Hall, 14 N. Poplar St.)**

Tuesday, July 10

6:30 Trustees (Molyneaux)

Saturday, July 14

10:00 A.A. (Molyneaux)

Sunday, July 15

9:00 Choir Rehearsal
10:00 Worship
10:20 Sunday School
11:10 Fellowship in the Molyneaux

Pastor: Lawrence Bartel Clerk of Session: Julia Fisher

Vacation Bible School



Sunday, July 8, 2018



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