



The ANCHOR

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LOVE BOLDLY, SERVE JOYFULLY AND LEAD COURAGEOUSLY

Our Core Values

Since 1887, Oriental United Methodist Church has been and is committed to living out our values of love for God and one another. Guided by John Wesley’s Three Simple Rules: do no harm, do good, and stay in love with God, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously. All are always welcome in our OUMC community.

Ponderous Thoughts

People are illogical, unreasonable, and self-centered. Love them anyway.
If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives. Do good anyway.
The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.
People really need help but may attack you if you do help them. Help people anyway.

— excerpted from Kent M. Keith, [The Silent Revolution: Dynamic Leadership in the Student Council](#)

Do good anyway. Help anyway. Give anyway. Love anyway. While the full original reading above can feel kind of cynical, I think this excerpt speaks to who we are as Christians...the ones who live up to the ideals of our faith, anyway.

The world can be a hard place, and sometimes it feels like the integrity and open-hearted way of living we are called to makes us targets. This week, the church was caught out by a scam email offering items for sale; the high school’s emails were hacked. I received an email yesterday purporting to be from a clergy colleague inviting me to an event—also a scam. Sometimes we really do need to be “as wise as snakes” while at the same time “innocent as doves” (Matthew 10:16 CEB).

The ideal I want to hold up, though, comes from the book of Philippians, and Paul’s wonderful words of challenge and encouragement to that church he loved: “brothers and sisters, if anything is excellent and if anything is admirable, focus your thoughts on these things: all that is true, all that is holy, all that is just, all that is pure, all that is lovely, and all that is worthy of praise. Practice these things: whatever you learned, received, heard, or saw in us. The God of peace will be with you. (Philippians 4:8-9, CEB).

No matter what the world throws at us, let us practice the excellent and admirable and honest and holy things we’ve learned from God, and do those anyway. Love, give, help anyway.

That is what will change the world for the better. Let’s each do our own part to be God’s people, to welcome others in God’s name, and to share the love and grace of God’s kingdom, anyway.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Anne

Events that occur weekly throughout June

Sunday	Riverfront Worship Service at Lou Mac Park	8:30 am
	Worship Service, OUMC Sanctuary	10:30 am
	Drum'in Dragons Practice in the Fellowship Hall	3:00 pm
Tuesdays	Bible Study	10:00 am
	Beginners Ukulele	12:30 pm
	UHOO's Ukulele Practice	2:00 pm
Wednesday	Community Art	2:00 pm
	Praise Band Rehearsal	5:00 pm
Thursday	PrimeTime Breakfast with Friends at Brantley's in the Back Room	8:30 am
	PrimeTime Prayer Shawl Ministries—Fellowship Hall	10:00 am

Calendar of Events

June 1	Worship Music Planning	11:00 am
June 2	Fresh Expressions Team meeting	7:00 pm
June 5	UWF Book Study	10:00 am
June 7	Bring Macaroni & Cheese to church for PCFLO	
June 8	Mission Team meeting	9:30 am
June 10	Prime Time's Game Day	2:00 pm
June 11	Labyrinth Committee meeting	2:00 pm
	The Gathering	6:00 pm
June 12	UWF Book Study	10:00 am
June 13	Methodist Men's Fellowship Breakfast	9:00 am
June 14	Church Council meeting	1:30 pm
	Quaker Silent Worship—all are welcome	2:00 pm
June 15	Trustees meeting	4:00 pm
June 17	Prime Time Board meeting	1:00 pm
June 20	River's Edge-Perry Griffin House	1:00 pm
June 21	Happy Father's Day!	
June 22	The Gathering	6:00 pm
June 24	Prime Time's Game Day	2:00 pm
June 28	Quaker Silent Worship—all are welcome	2:00 pm





Announcements

**The Deadline for the July Newsletter
is June 22!**

Methodist Men's Breakfast

Our monthly Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, **June 13 at 9 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Please text or email Jim Kellenberger by noon on Friday the 12th, if you plan to attend.

919-621-0362/jimkellenberger05@gmail.com

Women's Circle News

Sojourner's Circle: Resume in September

Sara Veal Circle Meeting: June 2 at Laura Patterson's house

Sand Dollar Circle: Resume in August

PCFLO Food of the Month:

**June food of the month is
Mac & Cheese**




Birthdays of the Month

June's Birthdays

Greg Piner	June 1
Elaine Snyder	June 4
Leslie Kellenberger	June 5
Jim Durham	June 8
Lisa Anderson Tucker	June 8
Chaz Coats	June 10
Ashton Stevenson	June 10
James Gray	June 11
Conis Cutler	June 11
Kathy Bruce	June 12
Jenna Forrest McIntosh	June 14
Lynn Stiller	June 17
George Corbett	June 17
Gregory Leonard	June 18
Steven Duttry	June 18
Jill Ensley	June 19
Tina McLamb	June 22
Madison Propst	June 24

If your June birthday is not listed please call the office. Thank you.

Announcements continued...

8:30 at Lou Mac Park & 10:30 in the Sanctuary

Our volunteer greeters and readers for the **8:30 worship service**

DATE	READERS	GREETERS
June 7	Carl Crothers	Carl & Donna Crothers
June 14	Deb Rodenhouser	Joanne Hurley
June 21	Ros Cheetham	Deborah Geschwindner & Samuel Liskowacki
June 28	Jim Kellenberger	Joanne Hurley

Our volunteer greeters and readers for the **10:30 worship service**

June 7	Janet Lind	Janet Lind
June 14	Karen VanGamper	Karen VanGamper
June 21	Janet Lind	Janet Lind
June 28	Karen VanGamper	Karen VanGamper

The North Carolina United Methodist Conference's annual meeting is June 18-20 at the Greenville Convention Center. OUMC will be represented by Pastor Anne as our clergy member, Leslie Kellenberger as our lay member, and Catherine Baxley as a district at-large member. Although parts of the conference are focused on business, each year features special preachers, wonderful music and worship, and inspiring ministry celebrations. Everyone is welcome to attend all or part of Annual Conference. Details can be found at nccumc.org/ac2026 or on the NC Conference of the United Methodist Church app in the Apple and Google App Stores.

Be in prayer for a successful gathering and wisdom for the delegates as they make critical decisions for the year to come. A report on the conference will follow.



Jalyn Dunn graduated Magna Cum Laude from East Carolina University May 8th, 2026, with a degree in Business Administration with a concentration in International Business. He plans to find employment and in a couple of years, apply to NC State's MBA program.



Daisy Sakowski, granddaughter of RK and Priscilla Seals, will be graduating from Laney High School in Wilmington. During high school Daisy participated in track and field, lacrosse, National Honor Society and the Scholars Circle Club as well as working part time as a lifeguard and restaurant host. In the fall, she plans to attend the University of SC where she was awarded the Academic Scholars Distinction Scholarship and admitted into the Capstone Scholars program.



Chip and Janice's twin grandchildren, Max and Ollie Hinds are graduating from Averill Park High School in upstate NY on June 25. Max will be attending Hudson Valley Community College in the Fall studying Business Administration. Ollie will be taking a gap year to work and decide which direction to go. He has taken a lot of Art classes and is in Honors English, so those are two areas of interest.



MISSION ARTICLE – June 2026

Our special **Father's Day offering** will go to Habitat for Humanity this year. Please write your check to OUMC with **Habitat for Humanity on the memo line.**

Our budgeted Mission Team funds for June will go to **PCFLO**. We will provide \$1,500 to help purchase additional food for the summer.

On July 1 st and 29 th , the Mission Team will be distributing food boxes provided by **Backpack Blessings (Summer Blessings)**. This will help **40** families of Pamlico County students with food assistance through the summer months.

OUMC will be offering partial and full scholarships for **swimming lessons** for children again this summer. Katie Rahn will be the instructor and will begin in June. Please call the Village Health & Fitness Center for further information. Also, please pass on the information if you know anyone who would be interested.

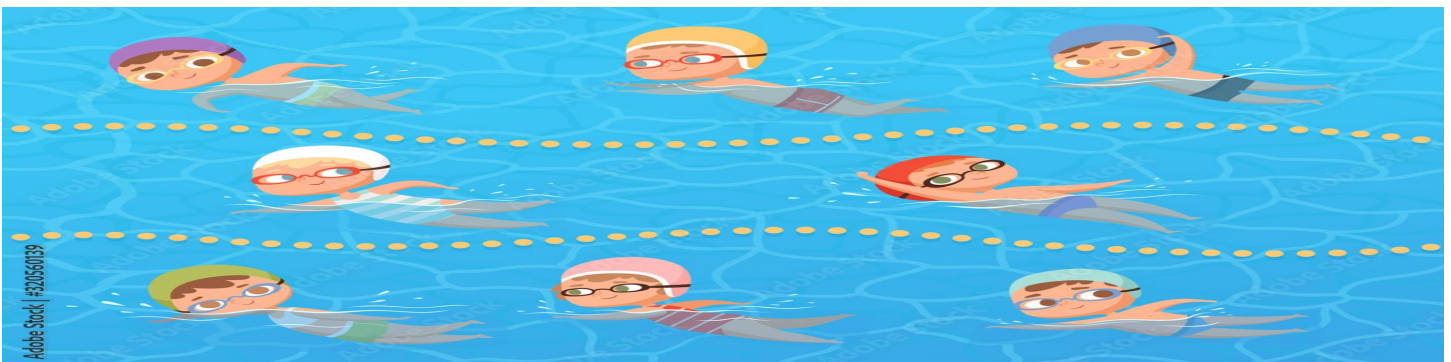


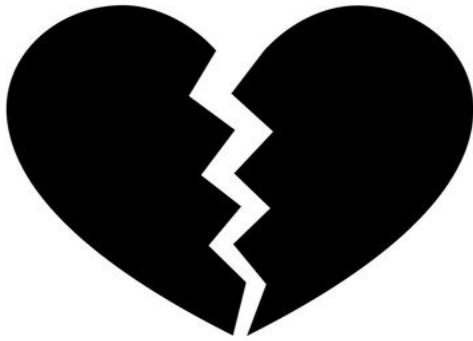
If you would like to participate in filling a **Christmas Box** for the children of Armenia, empty plastic bins will be available in the Conference Room in June. The boxes will contain instructions, a list of items, and rubber bands to secure the lids. Please return boxes to the church office or Conference Room by **July 6th**. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Duttry at nancyjoy14@yahoo.com or text 703-200-5628.

Thank you for being such a generous congregation and supporting our mission outreach programs!

Together in His service,

Your OUMC Mission Team





REWYRE Your LIFE-If you could benefit from a supportive environment that will help you move forward positively after the loss of a relationship (breakup, divorce, death, etc.) you may want to consider Ann Boswell's series of classes based on the book *Rebuilding When Your Relationship Ends*. Classes will be held on Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 23; ending Nov. 18. There will be more information about this offering in the next newsletter. Mark your calendars and save the dates if you are interested.

This Father's Day we will be collecting donations for Habitat for Humanity. The deadline for donating will be June 18. Please make checks out to OUMC with Habitat for Humanity in the memo. There will be an insert in the bulletin on Sunday.



Finance Update

To meet our total expected expenses for 2026, our contributions needed to total about \$260,000, or about \$5,000 per week.

Total Offerings as of May 25, 2026 = \$91,710

Total budget as of May 25, 2026 = \$105,000

Surplus / shortfall = \$13,290



June 2025

To RSVP call 252.675.0909 or email
director@primetimepamlico.org

Breakfast with Friends
Brantley's Restaurant
Thursday's
June 4, 11, 18, 25
8:30 am



ALL ARE WELCOME Please join the group at Brantley's (Center Room) for breakfast. The breakfast will continue every Thursday at 8:30. (Except for when they are closed). Come as you are able. Breakfast is on your own.

Prayer Shawl
Thursday's
June 4, 11, 18, 25
10:00 am
Oriental United Methodist
Church – Fellowship Hall

Share Comfort Through Knitting & Crocheting

Crochet or knit shawls and lap robes to share warmth, hope, and prayer with those facing illness, grief, or loneliness. Your handmade gift becomes a tangible reminder that someone cares—and prays—for them. For questions or to arrange delivery, please call 252-675-0909. Let's wrap our community in love, hope, and prayer—one stitch at a time.



Game Day (2nd & 4th Wed)
Wednesday—June 10
Wednesday—June 24
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Oriental United Methodist
Church – Fellowship Hall



Join us for an afternoon of fun-filled board games, cards, and fellowship! All skill levels are welcome! We've been playing Rummikub, but it's always exciting to introduce new games and learn from others. If you have a favorite game, this could be an opportunity to share it with others and maybe even inspire new enthusiasts.

On the Road Again

Join Prime Time for the NC Maritime Museums Program on
Trying Women: A History of Women in the Whaling Industry
Thursday, June 25 Noon—1pm

North Carolina Maritime Museum in Beaufort 315 Front St., Beaufort, NC, United States

Using information gathered from whaling communities around the North Atlantic, Associate Curator of Education Christine Brin will discuss the history of women in the whaling industry. These roles included net mending, running stores, processing whale meat, and occasionally even joining their husbands at sea.

Carpooling available. Registration Required. Call 252.675.0909 Lunch on your own following program.



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Prayer List:: HELEN BLAND, MARY BOUDREULT, JENNIFER BURKE, MARTHA JO CAMPBELL, ALDO CRISTIANI, NANCY & DENISE DiNUNZIO, PETER DRIPCHEK, BRANSON DUNN, JILL ENSLEY, JUDY FERGUSON, DAVID FILIPIAK, MARVIN FRIEL, JODIE GEIGER, JOHN HALLINAN, KELLY HITCHCOCK, PATTI HIGGINBOTTOM, JOAN HORICK, JOAN JOHNEN, CAROL JOHNSON, WARREN JOHNSON, MARTHA KEEFE, SUSAN KLEMM, GRACIE KNOWLES, KAYLA KRELIE, PEGGY LAURICELLA, JENNIFER LAWRENCE, GREG, GARY & PAT LEONARD, MATT MCINTYRE, DIANA MIDYETTE, SUSAN PANDICH, LILLY PEARSON, DIANNE PILAND, CLAIRE PITTMAN, DEBBIE PRICE, SALLY CROTHERS RAMIREZ, LINN RAYE, ANTOINETTE RIZZI, WYATT ROHRMAN, KATHY SCIORRA, DEBBIE SEVELIO, BEN & ANNE SIMS, CAROL SMALL, ERNIE SMITH, JOAN ULVOG, JEANNE URBAN, KAREN VANGAMPER, HAROLD & ARLENE WALTER, HATTIE WERNER, EDNA WHORTON, GLEN WIBLE, MISSIONARIES, OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL

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