The ANCHOR



November 2026

Oriental United Methodist Church
404 Freemason Street
Oriental NC 28571
252-249-0213
orientalumc@orientalumc.org
www.orientalumc.org

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.

Gratitude "simply reminds us that on the hardest days, love and life still leave breadcrumbs." —Kate Bowler

It's no secret I've loved the cooler weather we've enjoyed over the last couple of weeks. I have not enjoyed the weekend nor'easters off shore that have kept the weather blustery and forced the river service indoors for 3 of the 4 river services of the month…but we were able to enjoy a chilly last service on the 25th before coming back together for the winter.

We will start our November Sundays together at 10am with the observance of All Saints Day on November 1, a day when we remember all those Christians who have gone before us. At OUMC, we will name the loved ones who have been lost in the past year and light a candle in their memory. We'll also begin our annual stewardship campaign, as we think about sustaining the legacy they've left us and the call on our lives to love boldly.

In the next few weeks, we'll continue our preaching series on the new UMC vision statement, thinking about what it means to be disciples who are empowered by the Holy Spirit to love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously, everywhere, and especially right here at OUMC.

On the 15th, we'll collect pledge cards.

On the 22nd, we'll celebrate our community Thanksgiving service at St Peter the Fisherman, and then enjoy Thanksgiving on the 26th.

On the 29th, we will begin the season of Advent and share in a 5th Sunday Community Hymn Sing at Holts Chapel AMEZ Church.

And then it will be December, and only a few weeks until Christmas.

I hope we can stay anchored in the present in these weeks ahead, and especially to think about what we are thankful for. This year, amid all the challenges and changes we face, let's consider the small and large things that we're grateful for, because they are the breadcrumbs of love in our lives that can keep us from feeling lost and alone.

Your kind words, in cards and in person, during October's Pastor and Staff Appreciation Month, are "breadcrumbs" for me to follow if I get lost in all the busyness, to remember the joy of serving this incredible congregation. Thank you! I'm so grateful for you!

Grace and peace,
Anne

Grace and peace,
Anne

Events that occur weekly throughout NOVEMBER

Sunday	Worship service in Sanctuary, OUMC	10:00 am
	Drum'in Dragons Practice in the Fellowship Hall	3:00 pm
Tuesday	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 Pamlico Breakfast with Friends at Brantley's in the Back Room	8:30 am
	PrimeTime Pamlico Prayer Shawl Ministries—Fellowship Hall	10:00 am

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 1	Bring Thanksgiving side dishes for PCFLO	
	SPRC meeting	1:30 pm
November 2	Music Planning for December	1:00 pm
November 5	Worship Team meeting	1:00 pm
November 7	Wing & A Prayer Chicken dinner	4:00 pm
	D&D/role playing game night-Fellowship Hall	4:00 pm
November 8	Quaker Silent Worship-all are welcome	2:00 pm
	Charge Conference	3:30 pm
November 9	Mission Team meeting	9:30 am
	Sojourners Circle meeting	11:30 am
November 10	Sara Veal Circle meeting	9:15 am
November 11	Prime Time Game Day	2:00 pm
November 12	Church Office closed observing Veteran's Day	
	Sand Dollar Circle meeting	3:00 pm
	The Gathering at The Bean	6:00 pm
November 14	Methodist Men's Fellowship breakfast	9:00 am
November 16	United Women of Faith meeting	9:00 am
	Prime Time Pamlico-ECU Digital Workshop	10:00 am
November 17	Prime Time Cooking-appetizers	10:00 am
November 18	Finance committee meeting	9:30 am
	Prime Time Pamlico Board meeting	12:00 noon
November 19	Thanksgiving Dinner distribution	9:00 am
November 20	Prime Time Cooking-holiday side dishes	10:00 am
November 22	Community Thanksgiving Service at St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church - Hospice is the non-profit	5:30 pm
November 23	The Gathering at The Bean	6:00 pm
November 25	Prime Time Game Day	2:00 pm
November 29	Fifth Sunday hymn sing-Holt's Chapel AME Zion Church	6:00 pm



Announcements

The Deadline for the December Newsletter is November 24!

****

Methodist Men's Breakfast

Our monthly Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, November 14 at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please text or email Jim Kellenberger by noon on Friday the 13th, if you plan to attend.

919-621-0362/jimkellenberger05@gmail.com

****

Women's Circle News

Sojourner's Circle: November 9 @ 11:30 am
at M&Ms Restaurant

Sara Veal Circle: November 10 @ 9:15 am
at home of Sharon Stephenson

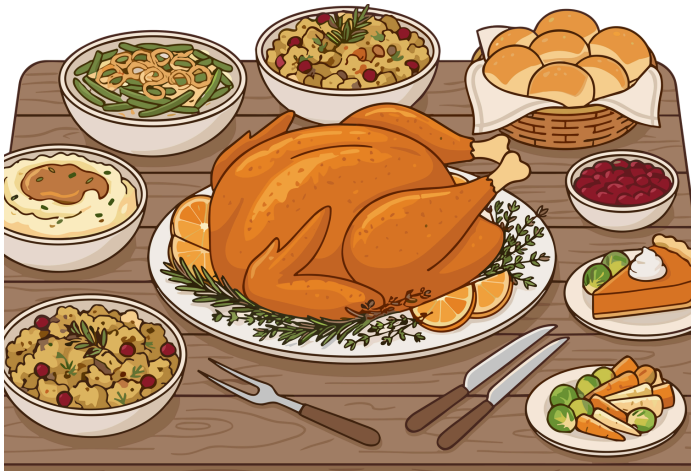
Sand Dollar Circle: November 12 @ 3:00 pm
in the fellowship hall

****

PCFLO Food of the Month:

Sides for Thanksgiving

Canned yams, green beans, mashed potatoes, stuffing, cranberry sauce





November Birthdays

John Barlow	11/01
Kayla Hale Cox	11/02
Faye Mason	11/03
Alice Petree	11/03
James Yeagle	11/04
Jim Kellenberger	11/05
Ben Sims	11/10
Lida Widdecombe	11/11
Elizabeth Tooley	11/13
Lynda Godal	11/18
Teri Reid	11/23
Sharon Morgan	11/24
Jennifer Goss (Delamar)	11/25
Joann Caskey	11/27
Fred Read	11/27
Glen Wible	11/27
James Durham	11/29
Charles Forrest Jr.	11/30

If you have a November birthday that is not listed please call the office and let us know. 249-0213

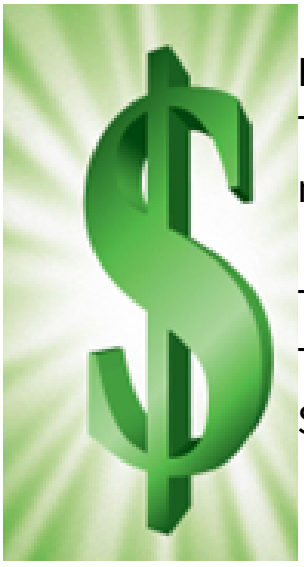
Announcements continued…

This month we return to the Sanctuary for combined service at 10:00 am

Our volunteer readers and greeters

DATE	READERS	GREETERS
November 1	Donna Creech	Steve & Nancy Duttry
November 8	Deb Rodenhouser	Shirley Mauney & Karen VanGampen
November 15	Karen VanGampen	Gail Hargett-Lilly
November 22	Dennis Balsly	Janet Lind
November 29	Olga Roesch	Joanne Hurley

The **Community Thanksgiving Worship Service** will be held on Sunday, November 22 at 5:30 pm at St Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church



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 Oct. 26, 2026 = $190,388
Total budget as of Oct. 26, 2026 = $215,000
Surplus / shortfall = $24.612

To Our Church Family,

The Board of Trustees is pleased to share an important update regarding our church facilities. The reroofing of the Sanctuary is scheduled to begin on November 5, 2026.

The OUMC Roofing Project has been on our radar for several years. Following Hurricanes Irene and Florence, our facilities have had to endure repeated roof repairs and significant water damage, particularly within the Sanctuary. Over time, it has become clear that the existing sanctuary sheathing is simply unable to securely hold an asphalt roof during high winds. Recognizing this vulnerability, the Trustees have been researching durable, non-asphalt roofing alternatives. Our search was recently accelerated with the addition of new members to the Board of Trustees and the receipt of essential new funding.

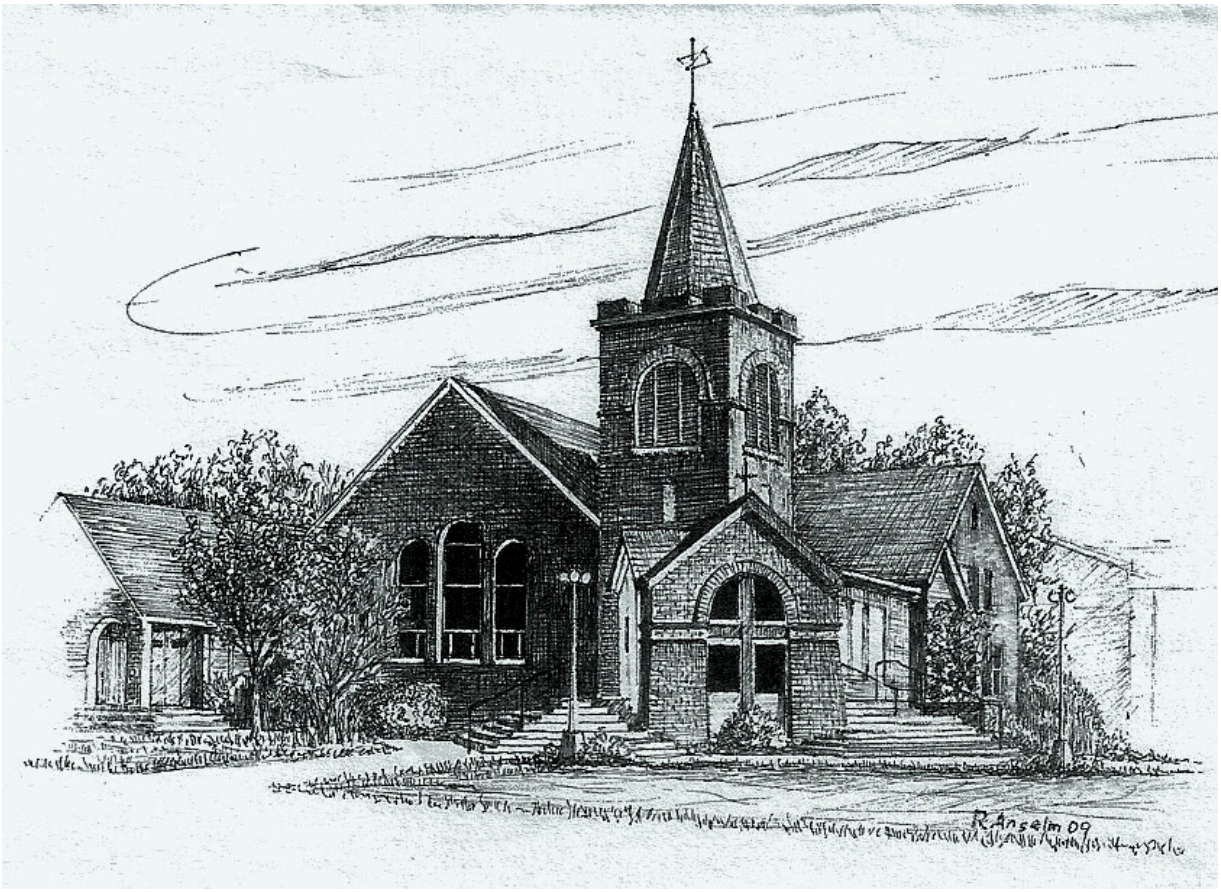
This past summer, we obtained an initial quote of $46,250 to replace approximately half of the total roof—focusing specifically on the sanctuary, which remains our primary area of concern. This estimate was presented to the Finance Committee, and the funding was formally approved and designated. This past Sunday Church Council approved the project.

To ensure we made the best long-term investment for the church, we subsequently gathered two additional quotes and have settled on the middle option, totaling $50,990. While slightly higher, this quote includes an advanced underlayment system designed to guarantee that there will be no water intrusion even if a roof panel were to be lost during severe high winds. The Trustees feel strongly that this additional cost of $2,760 is well worth the extra protection for our building.

We are deeply grateful for your continued support, prayers, and generosity as we work to protect and maintain our church home for the future. We will keep you updated as the project progresses.

Blessings,

The Board of Trustees



OUMC Stewardship Campaign for 2027

By Donna Crothers

November traditionally rings in the Stewardship Campaign at OUMC, but this year's campaign will look a little different than the past few years. OUMC is going back to focusing on the financial side of stewardship -- congregants' tithes and offerings during 2027.

For the past several years, the brochure that congregants received asked not only for monetary gifts, but also gifts of service, attendance and prayer. This year, the Finance Committee decided the November effort will center solely on financial contributions to the church. Pastor Anne Sims noted, "Annual stewardship campaigns tend to focus more on the financial side of things, and we've decided to return to that focus this year."

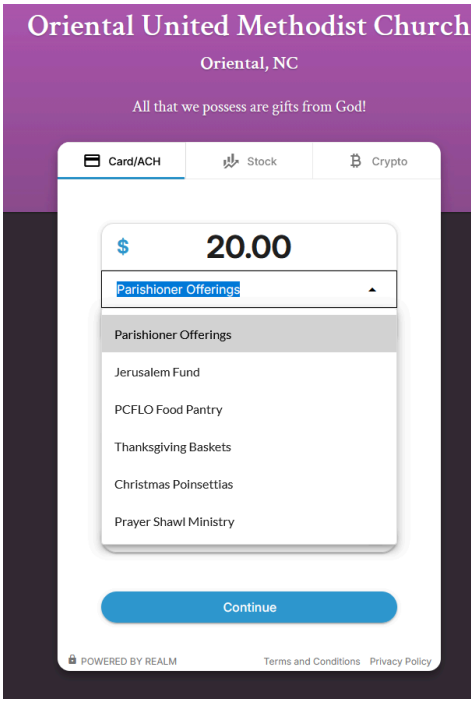
During the first three Sundays in November, members such as Treasurer Marjorie Dufek and Finance Chairman Jim Kellenberger will speak to the congregation about the need to pledge. Jim noted, "On the third Sunday, I will do what I call 'the ask.' I get up there, and I say, 'Please, make your pledge!'"

Jim noted that an annual pledge gives the Finance Committee a better idea of what income to expect during the year and what the church can and cannot afford. Members will fill out their pledge letter with the amount of money they plan to give OUMC in 2027 – not the other methods of supporting our church. (It's worth noting that pledges can be changed during the year if your circumstances change.)

However, OUMC members will have a chance to make other commitments in January during the Baptismal Vow Renewal. January is typically the month of fresh starts and new commitments, and both Pastor Anne and Jim felt it is a good time for members to think about their service and discipleship. "The baptismal renewal gives us an opportunity to consider anew our baptismal vows, and especially the commitment we make when we join the local church: As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness?" said Pastor Anne.

Actual baptisms are not necessarily a part of the Baptismal Vow Renewal, although Pastor Anne said if that is appropriate for any members, it can be done. "If we have any candidates for baptism, we certainly could have an actual baptism in that service, but I'm not aware of any at the moment," she said. The Baptismal Vow Renewal will take place in early January 2027. "Renewing our baptismal vows gives us an opportunity to remember that commitment, to celebrate it, and to rededicate ourselves to it," said Pastor Anne.

Give to OUMC Special Causes Online



We've all had it happen – we wanted to donate to an OUMC project such as the Thanksgiving Baskets and forgot to bring our checkbook on Sunday. Well, you don't have to wait till the following Sunday to give! The OUMC website donations page includes not only the General Fund but allows you to designate your gift for many different projects including PCFLO, the Jerusalem Fund, the Prayer Shaw Ministry, Thanksgiving Baskets and Christmas Poinsettias. And Realm securely keeps record of your credit or debit card information, which makes the process even easier. So as we approach the season of giving, use the website for a fast, convenient way to support OUMC and its many missions.

MISSIONS



THANKSGIVING DINNER DONATIONS

Thank you to all who have already sent in donations for Thanksgiving Dinners for those less fortunate in our community! To those who would like to contribute, please make your check payable to OUMC with “Thanksgiving Dinner” on the memo line. You may mail your contribution to OUMC, P.O. Box 70, Oriental, drop it in the offering plate, or bring it to the office at your convenience.

Your donation of **$65** will cover the cost of a meal with a turkey and all the trimmings for one family. A donation of **any amount** would be appreciated by **November 23rd.** Thank you!!

PRESENTS FOR PAMLICO KIDS

Can you believe that Christmas is just around the corner? Coming soon...information on our collection of Christmas toys for the children of Pamlico County!
THANK YOU for your generous donations and prayers!

Your OUMC Mission Team







Oriental
United Methodist Church

3rd Annual Wing & A Prayer BBQ Chicken Dinner & Bake Sale

Saturday, November 7
Church parking lot next to Church St
4:00 PM

Pick up your "To Go" Plates

BBQ Chicken Dinner
(includesbakedsweetpotato,greenbeans,slaw,& rolls)

150 Walk up sales until they are all gone
$15 each
extra donations are gladly accepted
Hosted by the OUMC Men

BakeSale
Hosted by the UnitedWomen in Faith



PCFLO Fall Food Drive
Sunday, Nov. 15

HELP FEED THE HUNGRY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

PAMLICO COUNTY FISHES AND LOAVES OUTREACH (PCFLO) IS SPONSORING A MULTI-CHURCH FOOD DRIVE TO HELP MEET THE PARTICULARLY HIGH DEMAND FOR FOOD DURING THE HOLIDAYS. WITH THE CUTS IN THE FEDERAL ASSISTANCE TO FOOD BANKS, PCFLO HAS A GREATER NEED THAN EVER AND IS LOOKING TO ITS SPONSORING CHURCHES FOR HELP.

PLEASE BRING YOUR NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DONATIONS (SUCH AS PEANUT BUTTER, CANNED MEAT AND VEGETABLES, NON-SUGARY CEREALS, CANNED PASTA SAUCE, PASTA, JIFFY BAKING MIXES, INSTANT POTATO MIXES, AND CANNED SOUP) TO THE BASKET IN THE OUMC NARTHEX ON OR BEFORE NOV. 15. YOU CAN ALSO BRING HOLIDAY MEAL ITEMS SUCH AS STUFFING MIX, TURKEY GRAVY. OR CANNED CRANBERRY SAUCE, YAMS OR GREEN BEANS. ALL FOOD WILL BE DELIVERED TO PCFLO FOLLOWING THE NOV. 15 SERVICE.

PRIME TIME PAMLICO

NOVEMBER 2026 EVENTS

PrimeTimePamlico
Live Well • Stay Connected • Keep Growing
ORIENTAL • PAMLICO COUNTY

GAME DAY



Wednesday, November 11
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Oriental United Methodist Church — Fellowship Hall

Play Rummikub and Domino's Mexican Train or bring a game you would like to share or teach.

COOK, CARE & CONNECT:
GETTING READY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

APPETIZERS	SIDES
Tuesday, November 17, 2026	Friday, November 20, 2026

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM for both sessions
Oriental United Methodist Church — Fellowship Hall



Professional Chef Bob Locarro leads two hands-on cooking sessions perfect for Thanksgiving dinner preparation.

Learn & Create • Share & Enjoy • Give Back

Prepare wholesome dishes, enjoy a meal together, and help provide extra meals to community members who could use extra care.

RSVP needed by November 13th.
Email director@primetimepamlico.org or call 252.675.0909

www.primetimepamlico.org | 252-675-0909 | Connect with us on Facebook

PrimeTimePamlico
Live Well • Stay Connected • Keep Growing
ORIENTAL • PAMLICO COUNTY

PRIME TIME PAMLICO

NOVEMBER 2026 EVENTS

Breakfast WITH FRIENDS



Brantley's Restaurant
Thursdays, November 5, 12, and 19
8:30 AM

Please join the group in Brantley's Center Room for breakfast. Come as you are able. Breakfast is on your own.

Prayer Shawl



Thursdays, November 5, 12, and 19
10:00 AM
Oriental United Methodist Church — Fellowship Hall

Share comfort through knitting and crocheting. Crochet or knit shawls and lap robes to share warmth, hope and prayer with those facing illness, grief or loneliness.

Digital Series

Monday, November 16
10:00 AM – Noon
Oriental United Methodist Church — Fellowship Hall

Basic Computer Skills

Navigate the computer, learn how to create, format and share documents.



RSVP by November 12th. Call 252.675.0909.

www.primetimepamlico.org | 252-675-0909 | Connect with us on Facebook

Oriental United Methodist Church
P.O. Box 70
Oriental, NC 28571
Forwarding Service Requested



Prayer List: Helen Bland, Mary Boudreault, Jennifer Burke, Martha Jo Campbell, Aldo Cristiani, Nancy & Denise DiNunzio, Peter Dripchek, Branson Dunn, Jill Ensley, Marvin Friel, Jodie Geiger, John Hallinan, Nancy Hart, Kelly Hitchcock, Patti Higginbottom,Linda Hoff, Joan Horick, Joan Johnen, Carol Johnson, Warren Johnson, Martha Keefe, Susan Klemm, Kayla Krelie, Peggy Lauricella, Gary & Pat Leonard, Matt McIntyre, Diana Midyette, Susan Pandich, Lilly Pearson, Dianne Piland, Claire Pittman, Debbie Price, Sally Crothers Ramirez, Linn Raye, Antoinette Rizzi, Kathy Sciorra, Debbie Sevelio, Ben & Anne Sims, Ken Small, Ernie Smith, Jeanne Urban, Karen VanGamper, Worth Wallin & Family, Harold & Arlene Walter, Bill White, Edna Whorton, Glen Wible, Missionaries, Our Military Personnel

Our Church Staff
Dr. Anne Sims: Pastor
Catherine Baxley: Lay Leader
Tracy Peterson: Office Staff

Prime Time Staff
Debora Steenson: Director
Prime Time Number: 252-675-0909
director@primetimepamlico.org

Office Hours
9 am to 3 pm Monday through Thursday
(Except Holidays)

Phone Numbers
Office: (252) 249-0213
Fax: (252) 249-0411
Church Email: orientalumc@orientalumc.org
Find us on Facebook:
facebook.com/www.orientalumc.org
Web Site: www.OrientalUMC.org