First United Methodist Church

Oxford, Alabama

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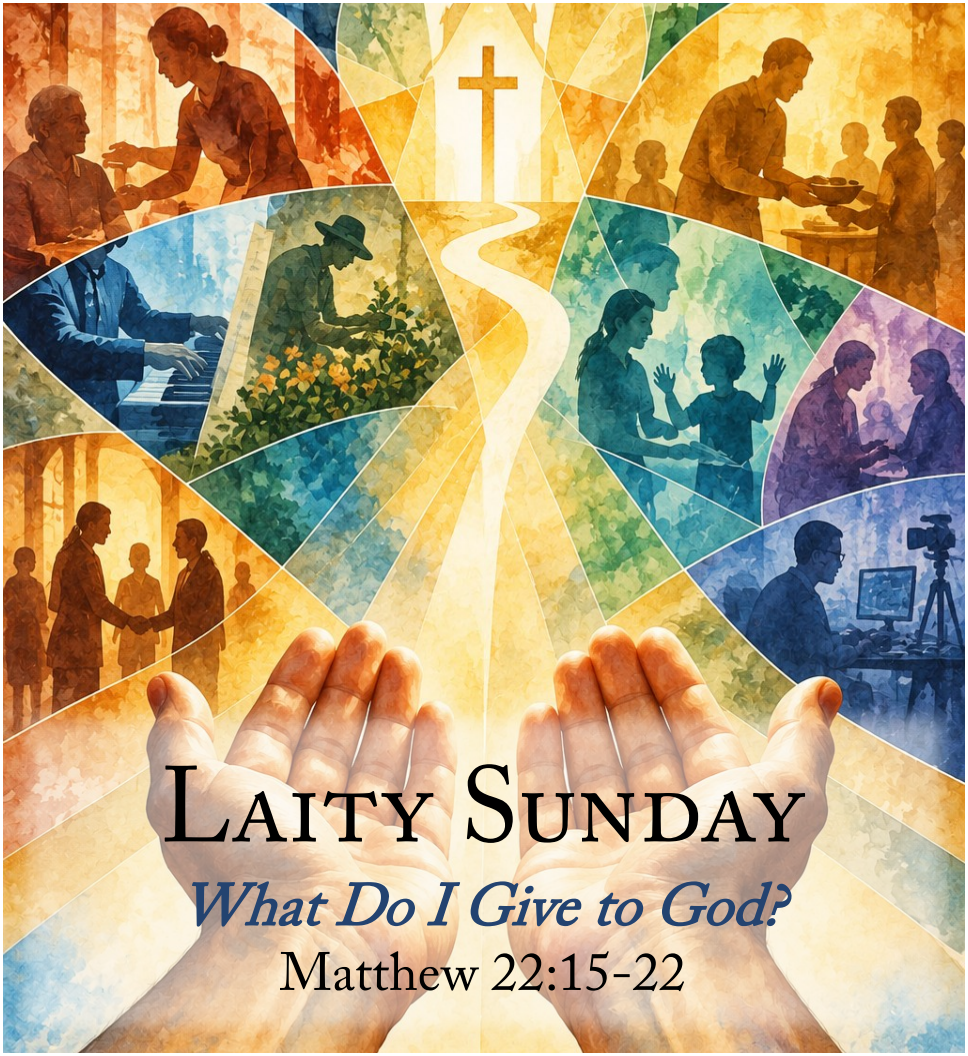


Laity Sunday

What Do I Give to God?

Matthew 22:15-22

October 4, 2026

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Prelude. . . . . **"For the Beauty of the Earth"**

Lighting of Candles

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

*Hymn. . . . . .UMH No. 170 (all vs.)

"O How I Love Jesus"

*Hymn. . . . . *comp.* Robin Mark

"Days of Elijah"

*Apostles' Creed. . . . . UMH No. 881

Offertory. . . . . **"Prayer"**

*Doxology. . . . . .UMH No. 95

Anthem. . . . . *.comp. Mary MacDonald*

"Lift Your Light"

Intercessory Prayer

Scripture. . . . . **Matthew 22:15-22** NRSVue

Lay Speakers *(Martha Lenard, Mike Dishman, Macie Griffo, Steve Moseley)*

"How Do I Give to God as a Non Clergy Person in This Congregation?"

*Sending Song. . . . . UMH No. 398 (vs. 1,4&5)

"Jesus Calls Us"

*Benediction & Blessing

Postlude. . . . . **"The Church's One Foundation"**

**Please stand as you are able.*

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. ~ 1 Peter 4:10

Take Note

Pastor Amelia will be on vacation beginning Friday, October 2nd, through Friday, October 9th. Pastor Jeff Ponder-Twardy of St. Mark UMC will be available for emergencies. He may be reached at 256-649-0053.

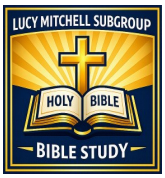
We will observe Holy Communion for October on October 11th.

Also, Pastor Amelia's Facebook Live Devotion will be on break Tuesday, October 6th & Thursday, October 8th.

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, October 12th, for the Columbus Day Holiday.

Laurie will be on vacation starting at 12:00 pm on Tuesday, October 13th - Friday, October 16th. The office will be closed during that time.*

*Pr. Amelia will have office hours Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, October 13th, 14th, and 15th, by appointment only.



Monday, October 5th

1:00 pm (Parlor)

United Women in Faith

Monday, October 5th

2:00 pm (Parlor)

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Thursday, October 8th

5:30 pm (Spring Street Station)

Calendar October 5th—17th

Monday, October 5th
1:00 pm Lucy Mitchell Bible Study (Parlor)
2:00 pm UWiF Quarterly Meeting (Parlor)
5:00 pm Young Adults

Tuesday, October 6th
Pr. Amelia FB Live Devotion on Break

Wednesday, October 7th
5:30 pm Fellowship Meal
(Chicken Marinara w/ Angel Hair Pasta, Green Beans, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert)
6:15 pm Youth (Youth Rm.)
7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, October 8th
Pr. Amelia FB Live Devotion on Break
10:00 am "All In Stitches" Craft Group (Parlor)
5:30 pm United Methodist Men (Spring Street Station)

Sunday, October 11th
Regular Sunday School Schedule
10:30 am Worship with **Holy Communion**

Monday, October 12th
Columbus Day—SPRC Holiday Office Closed
5:00 pm Young Adults

Tuesday, October 13th
9:30 am Visitation Ministry (Parlor)
10:00 am Pr. Amelia's FB Live Devotion

Wednesday, October 14th
5:30 pm Fellowship Meal
(Pork Chops Yellow Rice, Lima Beans, Rolls, Dessert)
6:00 pm "You Can't Take It With You" (Parlor)
6:15 pm Youth (Youth Rm.)
7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, October 15th
10:00 am Pr. Amelia's FB Live Devotion
10:00 am "All In Stitches" Craft Group (Parlor)

✝ *We received word this week that Sara Culberson passed away on August 12, 2026. Sara passed away two months before her 100th birthday. She has been residing in Panama City, FL where her daughters lived. She has been in a memory care unit for this past year. Pleaser remember Rhonda Culberson, Senkbeil & Marilyn Culberson Whatley and their families.*

PUBLIC SAFETY NIGHT OUT

Thursday, October 22nd | 6 to 8 pm | Oxford Exchange

Oxford FUMC will be sponsoring a booth this year at the Public Safety Night Out and the hospitality committee is asking for donations of Halloween candy; which will be handed out at the event.

There will be a box in the TMMC for candy donations.
Please have all donations in by Sunday, October 18th.

Change Of Date: Pastor Appreciation Sunday, October 18th

We would like to honor Pastor Amelia with a love offering on this date. If you would like to participate in this offering, please ensure you annotate this special giving for Pastor Appreciation. All contributions should be turned into the church office no later than Sunday, October 11, 2026.

You can't take it with you…but you can be prepared!

Pastor Amelia will lead a three week seminar from 6-7 on Wednesday nights on end of life issues such as communicating your healthcare wishes and planning your own funeral. The seminar is free but it will be helpful to know who is participating. Each individual will receive a handout with helpful information and personal worksheets. **Wednesday Nights: October 14th, 21st & 28th, 6-7 pm**

2026 Charge Conference

Tuesday, October 20, at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary

Sundays At Oxford First United Methodist Church

9:15 am - 65+ Class (Q.T. Walker Room)
9:30 am - New Disciples' Class (Parlor)
9:30 am - Youth Class (Youth Rm)
10:30 am—Worship

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