

Oakdale Emory United Methodist Men



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PURPOSE

- Mission Support
- Fellowship
- Spiritual Growth
- Community Service

Note:

All men of Oakdale Emory are members of UMM.

All meals are free. We invite donations to support mission programs.

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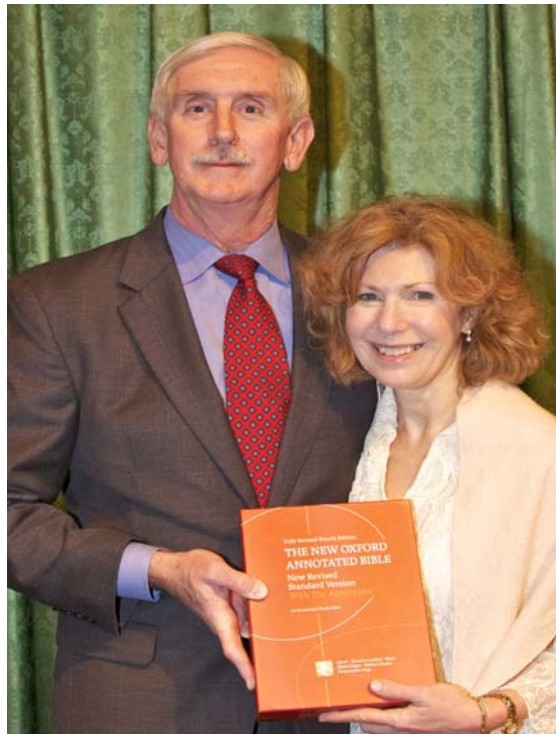
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James Harris - UMM Man-of-the-Year

A highlight of the annual UMM Sweetheart Dinner is the awarding of the Man-of-the-Year. Skip Schoening, a former recipient, presented this year's award with the following citation:

James has served on boards for community and neighborhood associations, and worked on service projects for hospitals and churches here in Olney.

He has worked in health care administration for over 35 years and is currently the Executive Director of Patient Financial Services at Children's National



James and Marsha Harris are expecting their first grandchild in April

At Oakdale, James has served as the church treasurer, participated with the First and Ten group, and cooked for New Member Lunches, Spaghetti Dinners, and the Sweetheart Dinners. He has been married to Marsha for 37 years .

He was presented with a Bible and a gift from the UMM in commemoration of this special honor.

Skip Schoening said that the person receiving this award must be an active participant in UMM programs; provide services to his church, community, and others; a person of excellent character; and must exhibit a Christian witness in his daily life.

Experiences in Faith - Commander Jonathan Stevenson

Dinner Speaker - March 1, 2011

Jonathan, the son of UMM VP, Dick Stevenson, is a retired 20-year Navy fighter pilot. Join us for a wonderful dinner or come to hear the speaker at 7:45 pm and enjoy some dessert. As usual we look forward to fellowship and a time of devotion with our Chaplain, Jim Hitchcock.



Navy Fighter Plane

Free Country Breakfast Saturday, Mar. 5, 2011

All-you-can-eat omelets, eggs, pancakes, waffles, bacon, sausage, etc.

Donations are welcomed to support UMM missions.

Sweetheart Dinner - February 12, 2011

Over 135 people applauded the best Sweetheart dinner yet on Feb. 12, 2011.



Mel Sessa wrote the material and took all of the photos for this Newsletter

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Dick Harris - President

Dick Stevenson - V. President

Ron Hoggard - Treasurer

Ray Johnson - Secretary and
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Jim Hitchcock - Chaplain

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Guests were welcomed by Dick Harris, UMM President



Dick Stevenson, Master of Ceremonies, complimented humorous stories with a variety of "stylish" hats. He also gave the "State of the Valentine" message where he shared stories and quotations regarding the meaning of love, and the central role of our core relationships with spouses, family, and friends.



UMM Chaplain, Jim Hitchcock helped serve and gave the blessing for the dinner



Jerry Mills, Joe Hoover, and Ron Hoggard assisted Chief Chef, James Harris, in preparing the Valentine Dinner



Terri Axtell and Michelle Baker



Pastor Scott Selby



Therese Walden



Ray Brubacker plays romantic songs with a rose on the piano in memory of his wife, Susan



Debbie and David Deans

Michelle and Kevin Baker



Bill and Becky Baber enjoy the dinner



Skip and Jan Schoening



Joan Coker

Elinor Skinner

Faye Worton

I Wish You Enough

Devotional by
Jim Hitchcock February 8, 2011

John 3:1-7 and 3:16

It's not enough to be a biblical scholar. It's not enough to be a bishop or an elder. But it is enough to be **"born from above," "born of water and Spirit," and "whoever believes in him may have eternal life."**

Someone overheard a father and daughter in their last moments together at the airport. The departure had just been called. Standing near the security gate, they hugged and the Father said,

"I love you, and I wish you enough."

The daughter replied, "Dad, our life together has been more than enough. Your love is all I ever needed. I wish you enough too, Dad."

They kissed and the daughter left. The Father walked over to the window. Standing there I could see he wanted and needed to cry. I tried not to intrude on his privacy, but he welcomed me in by asking, "Did you ever say good-bye to someone knowing it would be forever?"

"Yes, I have," I replied. "Forgive me for asking, but why is this a forever good bye?" "I am old, and she lives so far away. I have challenges ahead and the reality is - the next trip back will be for my funeral," he said.

When you were saying good-bye, I heard you say, "I wish you enough." May I ask what that means? He began to smile. That's a wish that has been handed down from other generations. My parents used to say it to everyone.

When we said, "I wish you enough," we were wanting the other person to have a life filled with just enough good things to sustain them.' He shared the following as if he were reciting it from memory:

I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright no matter how gray the day may appear. I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun even more. I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive and everlasting.

I wish you enough pain so that even the smallest of joys in life may appear bigger. I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting. I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess. I wish you enough hellos to get you through the final good-bye.

Let us pray that we get enough in every day to know that He is Lord – Thank you lord for giving us enough in the abundance you offer to us each and every day.
AMEN

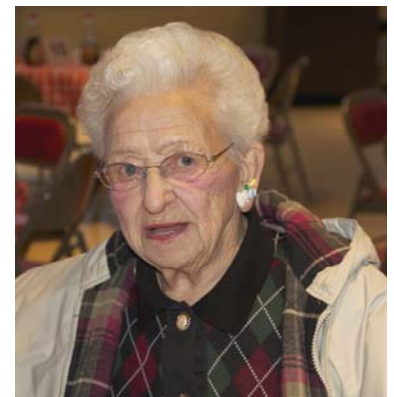
Country Breakfast - February 5, 2011



Jim and Bev Morgan



Dot Bready



Ann Stolt



Ed Hoffman and daughter



Joe Long, Omelet Chef



Sheela and Mark Huff

