

Opioid crisis here? Yes, here!

We have been hearing about the opioid crisis in Butler County – Middletown, Hamilton, Fairfield, and yes, Oxford, too.

What do we know about opioids?

Opioids are among the world's oldest known drugs and act on the nervous system to relieve pain. They include the illegal drug heroin, synthetic opioids such as fentanyl, and pain relievers available legally by prescription.

Continued use and abuse can lead to physical dependence and withdrawal symptoms. Nearly 80% of heroin users misuse prescription opioids prior to using heroin.

In 2016 there were 116 people dying every day in the United States from opioid related drug overdoses.

What do we know about opioids in our own backyard?

In 2017 there were 190 people in Butler County who died due to opioids !!!

Please join us for a program and panel on **Opioids in Butler County on Wednesday, March 28, at Oxford United Methodist Church.** Included on the panel will be:

Jenny Bailer – Butler County Health Commissioner

Lt. Lara Fening – Oxford Police Department

Amy Macechko – Coalition for a Healthy Community, Oxford Area

Natasha Marcum – The Next Right Thing Addiction Treatment

Umona Sharp – Opiate Recovery Outreach Coordinator, Butler Behavioral Health

Co-sponsored by **Oxford United Methodist Women** and the **League of Women Voters of Oxford**, all interested persons in the community are welcome and encouraged to attend this timely and informative program.

There will be a BYO brown bag lunch and social time at 11:30 in Fellowship Hall with beverages and cookies provided.

The program will begin at approximately 12:00 noon and last for one hour. Later arrivals should feel free to bring lunch with them also.

Oxford United Methodist Church is located at 14 N. Poplar. Enter through the double green doors or the handicapped ramp to the glass doors. McCullough-Hyde Hospital has approved parking for this program in the lot across from the hospital on the east side of Poplar.

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