



March 2, 2023

# WORSHIP *with us*

**Join Us In-Person or  
Livestream**

**OCUM Church starting at  
10:00a.m.**

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FAMILY & FRIENDS ALL WELCOME

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GIVE  
BLOOD  
**GIVE LIFE**

# **Blood Drive**

## **Rotary Club of Oregon City @ Oregon City United Methodist Church**

Worship Center  
18955 S South End Road  
Oregon City, OR 97045

**Tuesday, March 7, 2023  
12:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**



**American  
Red Cross**

**URGENT NEED FOR BLOOD!!**

Visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org) to schedule an appointment.

# PASTOR'S SCHEDULE

Afternoons will be in and out.  
Appointments are always  
welcome to be scheduled.

## **Sunday, March 5**

8:30am – Searchers Class  
10:00am – Worship

## **Monday, March 6**

9:00am – 2:00pm  
3:00pm – SPRT Meeting

## **Tuesday, March 7**

9:00am – 2:00pm  
9:30am – Cascadia Clergy Meeting

## **Wednesday, March 8**

10:00am – 6:00pm  
10:00am – Lenten Book Study  
5:00pm – Worship Design Team  
6:30pm – Choir Rehearsal

## **Thursday, March 9**

9:00am – 2:00pm  
6:30pm – Lenten Book Study (Zoom)

## **Friday, March 10**

No Office Hours  
Sermon Prep Day

## **Saturday, March 11**

9:30am – Board of Pensions  
Enjoy your weekend!!!

To the Faithful of Oregon City UMC,

Lenten Greetings my friends. We are one week into our Lenten journey. How's it going? Have you given something up for Lent? Are you doing something new for Lent? Is it challenging you? Or are you being challenged by the reality that Lent is already here, and Holy Week is fast approaching?



If there's one thing that remains consistent throughout time, it's that time does not stop for anyone. Time and life continue on and on, challenges will ever find us, and disciplines will be taxed by temptation's games and taunts. I think one, Madeleine L'Engle felt such challenge during Lent in decades past. I offer you her words of frustration and surrender in this Lenten poem.

### **For Lent, 1966**

It is my Lent to break my Lent,  
To eat when I would fast,  
To know when slender strength is spent,  
Take shelter from the blast  
When I would run with wind and rain,  
To sleep when I would watch.  
It is my Lent to smile at pain  
But not ignore its touch.

It is my Lent to listen well  
When I would be alone,  
To talk when I would rather dwell  
In silence, turn from none  
Who call on me, to try to see  
That what is truly meant  
Is not my choice. If Christ's I'd be  
It's thus I'll keep my Lent.

It is through challenge faith is strengthened, through struggle resolve is hardened, and through persistence in seeking we come to a deeper knowledge of God. Blessings and encouragement on your Lenten journeys. May your eyes ever be on the path Jesus illumines for you.

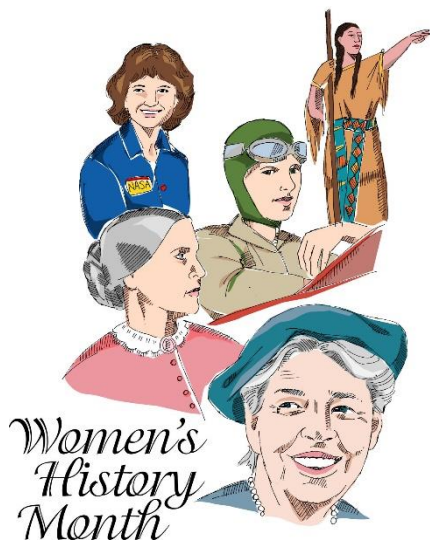
In faithful service,

*Pastor Tom*





FLOREY, SHEILA	03/02
FORNCROOK, CAROL	03/05
SALTENBERGER, ROSE	03/07
SYTSMA, JACOB	03/07
OLSEN, ADDISON	03/14
RENARDO, COLE	03/14
ENZ, DORINE	03/23
OLSEN, KYLA	03/24
RONFELD, JOHN	03/25
ENGEL, MARTY	03/27
MYERS, CHLOE	03/27
DIFRANCO, TONY	03/28
MYERS, CHELSEA	03/29



## Upcoming Events

### SPRT Meeting

Monday, March 6 @ 3:00pm

### Ladies' Lunch (night) Out!!

Tuesday, March 7 @ 11:30am

Singer Hill Café

623 7<sup>th</sup> Street, OC

Please RSVP to Marty at [fmsodie@yahoo.com](mailto:fmsodie@yahoo.com)

or Susan at [jsronfeld@comcast.net](mailto:jsronfeld@comcast.net).

### American Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, March 7 @ 12:45pm – 5:00pm

Register on-line at [redcross.org](http://redcross.org)

### Daylight Saving Time starts

Sunday, March 12

### St. Patrick's Day

Friday, March 17

### Potluck & Bingo!

Saturday, March 18 @ 4:00pm

### Last Suppers

Friday, March 31 @ 6:00pm

### HOPE Food Pantry

OCUMC HOPE Food Pantry will be receiving 3 pallets of Food the morning of March 8<sup>th</sup> and we need volunteers to help unload the truck. If you can help please contact Sharon Thonstad at 503-557-2361.

ADAM HAMILTON  
Author of John, The Walk, and 24 Hours That Changed the World

**POSTPONED  
UNTIL  
Next Week**

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OUTSIDERS, CASTS,  
AND OUTLAWS

Join us for a **Lenten book study**,  
Starting Wednesday, ~~March 1<sup>st</sup>~~  
March 8<sup>th</sup>

**LUKE:**  
**the Outsiders, the Casts, and Outlaws**  
by Adam Hamilton

**Wednesdays at 10:00am**  
Zoom (person only)

**Thursdays at 6:30pm**  
Hybrid (In person & Zoom)

*Limited book copies available for \$8.00*

For more info, or the Zoom link,  
email Pastor Tom at [ocumcpastor@gmail.com](mailto:ocumcpastor@gmail.com).

# HOPE FOOD PANTRY

## Food Levels are critically low!

As food prices continue to climb, we are seeing more and more food-insecure families needing help from the food pantry. We need your help!

### We are in critical need of:

- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit
- Canned Soups
- Canned meats
- Pasta products
- Ramen noodles
- Scalloped/Au gratin potatoes
- Misc. Boxed items



Donations can be dropped off at the HOPE Food Box located in the church lobby.

## Our Weekly Giving Moment



This week, we will celebrate Disability Awareness Sunday. As United Methodists, “we are called to be faithful to the example of Jesus’ ministry to [and with] all persons” (Book of Discipline, ¶140). We are committed to creating spaces that are fully inclusive, open, welcoming and accepting of people from every position in society, every racial background and every kind of ability.

According to the CDC, approximately 26% of adults in the United States have some kind of disability. These vary in type from mobility and cognitive issues, to difficulty with hearing, seeing and providing self-care. You likely know someone who struggles to walk, is hard of hearing or has been diagnosed with dementia.

Our church recognizes each individual’s sacred worth as a creation of God. Through our baptism in Christ Jesus, we are incorporated into *one* body. We are called to minister to and with all, no matter their ability. Everyone brings unique, Spirit-given gifts to the table, and it wouldn’t be full without them.

Our call on Disability Awareness Sunday – and every other day – is to continue building inclusive spaces and opportunities for all to participate fully in worship and in the life of the church. May it be so!

## CHANGE FOR CHANGE



Through the month of March, we are collecting change as an offering at the start of “Kids’ Time.” 100% of this offering will go towards Vacation Bible school!



# BINGO

All-Church

## Potluck & Bingo

Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>  
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

### Entry Fee:

Bring a new or gently used item per person for the BINGO Prize Table.

**Winners choose prizes from the BINGO prize table**



We'll provide drinks, bring a potluck dish to share if you like!



**Oregon City United Methodist Church**