

October 6, 2022

Oregon City United Methodist Church Newsletter

Worship Opportunities

In-person & Live-streamed
Sundays at 10:00 a.m.



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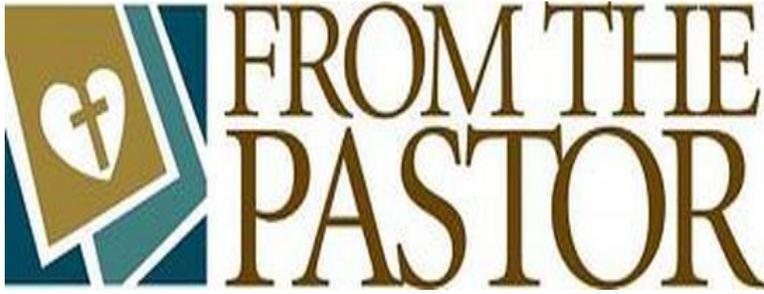
Our Weekly Giving



The Children's Sabbath weekend, sponsored by the [Children's Defense Fund](#), engages places of worship across the United States in focusing prayers, worship, educational programs and action on learning more about the urgent problems facing our nation's children. Some celebrations are community-wide, multi-faith gatherings; others take place in individual places of worship.

Long-term, year-round action might include strengthening an existing program in your place of worship, starting something new or joining with other places of worship or community organizations to make a difference in the lives of children.

After four decades of advocacy, the Children's Defense Fund knows that changing the system to serve children better takes time, and children across America need help now. Programs that change the odds for children empowers young people to excel today and make a difference tomorrow. [CDF Freedom Schools®](#), for example, reach more than 12,000 children annually. Because Freedom Schools are staffed primarily by college students of color, CDF is building two generations of change-makers at the same time.



Pastor Tom's Schedule for October 9-15

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

Sun: In person Worship at 10am
Mon: No office hours
Tue: 10am-2pm
6:30pm: Church Council
Wed: 1pm-6pm
5pm: Worship Design Team
6:30pm: Choir Rehearsal

Thu: 10am-2pm
Fri: 10am-2pm
Sat: Pastor Tom's Birthday!
Enjoy your weekend!

Blessings to you faithful friends!

IT'S OCTOBER!!!

I don't know if you picked up on it... but October is one of my favorite times of year for a few reasons: It's my birthday month! I'll be 34. (That's my story and I'm sticking to it.) The fall colors are gorgeous. All the fall foods... Yes, even a pumpkin spice concoction from time to time. Halloween and every spooky decoration, tale, and family tradition that goes with it!

That last one, the celebration of Halloween, is only topped by Christmas in my holiday ranking. Halloween holds great childhood memories for me. Trick-or-treating with my cousins and friends, chaperoned by Papa Tom, in my Grandparents' neighborhood. Mama Linda, for several years of my childhood, would make my costumes from scratch. Donning those costumes for a night and becoming my favorite spooky, or not so spooky character. All the candy! That one house down the street that went all out with their ghostly, ghoully decorations; we're talking lights and animatronics, draw a nightly crowd level of decorations.

Halloween is also special to me because my journey into ministry started with an invitation to be in a haunted house. I didn't know it when I was invited, but that haunted house was a youth group fund raiser in the basement of a United Methodist Church. A church that I later joined and became very active in through high school, college, and part of seminary.

Though, not everyone feels the warm fuzzies many of us do toward Halloween. The decorations of ghosts and zombies, giant spiders and massive webs, wicked witches that flew their broomsticks into a tree are not fun and innocent decorations. And that's ok. We all have our beliefs and the things we hold dear to keep us on a faithful path. I would encourage us during this time not to dismiss each other but to seek understanding and respect of each other.

I will offer this. In stories of dark and light, even those written by Christian authors, even the Bible, some of the wonderful and beautiful creatures of creation are given a bad rap. Spiders and bats and snakes and rats and all manner of creepy crawlies are associated with evil or darkness. We are taught in some way to be fearful of them. Yet if we look at the whole of creation, these creatures have their place in the circle of life. Every creature, even the ones that give us phobias, have a place in the balance God created. They are part of life, and they are precious.

Likewise, every person we meet, is a part of the balance of life and is precious in the sight of God. In many ways we have been taught to be fearful of each other, based on our social groups, our religious beliefs, our ethnicities, our loving partners. In this season of fall, harvest, pumpkin spice... and spookiness. Let's try a new thing. Let's stop making it about what is to be cherished or feared. Let's make it about what is to be respected. All creation is made by the hand of God and is worthy of our respect. All persons are loved by God and worthy of being treated with respect. For treating everyone with human dignity is the best way to make humanity whole.

In faithful respect and love,

Pastor Tom

Women's Retreat



Hello, Girlfriends!

Wishing you could get away for a mini-vacation? We've got your ticket!

WonderFull World is an unforgettable travel-themed retreat the women of our church are doing together. It includes worship, Bible study, and time for laughter as well as time for quiet reflection.

At WonderFull World we'll "travel" to each of the seven continents. While there, we'll explore wonders of a woman's heart, such as "I wonder if I matter to God" or "I wonder where God is when life is hard." We'll find the answer to each of these questions in the Bible and discover more of God's amazing love for us.

Take time to relax, to make new friends, to worship, and to explore God's wondrous love. We hope you'll join us at WonderFull World!

Register Today!



Women's Retreat 2022
Christian Renewal Center, Silverton OR
November 11-13



Registration Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing address: _____

Email address: _____ Emergency Contact: _____

Dietary Requirements / Allergies / Special Needs: _____

Friend you'd like to room with: _____

Weekend & Day-Only packages available

Option 1: \$140 Full Weekend

Option 2: \$35 Saturday program & luncheon only

Partial scholarships are available, please contact Christa @ 503-656-3433 for more details.

Upcoming

EVENTS

THIS WEEKS EVENTS

Sunday, October 9

10:00am – Worship

10:15am – Sunday Fun Zone

Monday, October 10

8:30am – Preschool

Tuesday, October 11

8:30am – Preschool

6:30pm – Church Council Meeting

6:30pm – Diggity Dogs

Wednesday, October 12

8:30am – Preschool

1:00pm – HOPE Food Pantry

5:00pm – Worship Design Team

6:30pm – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 13

8:30am – Preschool

10:00am – Ladies' Bible Study

7:00pm – WFS practice

Friday, October 14

8:30am – Preschool

Blessing Card

Share with us in two or three sentences a way you have been blessed by Oregon City United Methodist Church for our newsletter during our stewardship drive in November. What is it you appreciate about the ministries here and why this faith family is important to you? You can attach your name or share anonymously.

Willamette Falls Symphony

Ukrainian Concert

Ukrainian National Anthem Lysenko- Taras Bulba Overture Myroslav Skoryk -
Melody for Symphonic Orchestra Myroslav Skoryk - Hutsul Triptych Glière-
Symphony No. 1 Opus 8

Time & Location

Oct 16, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Oregon City United Methodist Church



Celebration of Life

- In Loving Memory -

Harold Black

Sunday, October 16th, 2022 at 11:00am

Willamette View / Auditorium

12705 SE River Rd

Portland OR 97222

Proof of vaccination for Covid-19 is required

Condolences can be sent to:

Becky Mahr

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SCHLOSSER, NANCY	10/05
CRUIKSHANK, THOMAS	10/12
WENINGER, GAIL	10/14
CRUIKSHANK, RUBY	10/15
ORQUIZA-RENARDO, TOM	10/15
HEMPHILL, KARLA	10/16
BUTTOLPH, VERN	10/19
CRUIKSHANK, MICHELLE	10/19
QUEVEDO, SONIA	10/23
BEASLEY, DENISE	10/26



Sunday, December 4th
11:00am

Mark your calendars for this year's OCUMC Charge Conference. This is where we finalize budgets, choose leadership, celebrate and look ahead. More info will be shared as the date gets closer.

Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 11 @ 6:30pm

Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday's at 6:30pm

All who love to sing -- of all ages -- are invited to join the choir!

Sunday Fun Zone "Fruit of the Spirit"

Sunday mornings from 10:15am – 11:00am. For Children 4 years through 5th grade. The Sunday Fun Zone includes a Bible Lesson, Arts & Crafts, Singing, Snacks, and more!



Bottle Drop Fundraiser

You can support OCUMC with your empty bottles and cans! Our Fundraising Team will provide the bags to members and anyone else who wants one. The bags are blue and have an OCUMC sticker on them. You simply collect your bottles and cans in the blue bags, then drop the full bags at the local Bottle Drop location or at OCUMC. It's that easy! For more information contact the church office.

Join our Team

Christian Education Director

We are seeking to hire a Christian Education Director for our FunZone and children's ministries! Starting is \$15 per hour for 10 hours a week.



Church Custodian

Oregon City United Methodist Church seeks custodian to perform routine janitorial services. Flexible working hours but must be able to work on Fridays or Saturdays and meet physical requirements.

The successful candidates must be able to pass a background check, have a demonstrated ability to work on their own, complete tasks as assigned in a timely manner.

Contact Pastor Tom for more information and a job description.

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