



# Oregon City United Methodist Church

# Newsletter

March 24, 2022



## Worship Opportunities

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



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### Love that welcomes all

Actor Tom Hanks once said, “There’s no substitute for a great love who says, ‘No matter what’s wrong with you, you’re welcome at this table.’” Although I don’t know that quote’s context, those words could well describe Jesus and Holy Communion, as well as God’s unconditional love.

For when Jesus first invited his followers, “Take and eat; this is my body. Take and drink; this is my blood,” he didn’t exclude Judas, who would betray him, or Peter, who would deny him, or any of the others, who would abandon him as he was arrested and executed.

Indeed, no matter what’s wrong with us — what sins we’ve committed, what flaws we try to hide — Jesus welcomes us to the communion table. And he’ll welcome us to the great heavenly banquet at the end of time. For the great love of God declares, “You’re all welcome at my table.”

—Heidi Hyland Mann

### Please Join the Prayer Chain!

Our Prayer Chain... is a list of people ready to pray when called for emergencies or concerns. If you are interested in joining the prayer chain please contact Jodi Wilson at 503.654.1855.



# Holy Week

## Beloved of Oregon City UMC,

This past week in worship, during the “Kid’s Time” we talked about being invited. Being invited can feel good. We are known, seen, wanted, and remembered.

Well, with Holy Week just around the corner I want to let you all know...

**You are invited** to be a part of the full story of salvation we receive through Jesus Christ. Join us during Holy Week for *Palm & Passion Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Resurrection Sunday!* Each of these special days during Holy Week takes us through a different part of the salvation story, the passion of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. Each day has its own importance and significance, each worship its own meaning. Come and journey with us from the Triumphal Entry to the Crucifixion to the Resurrection, that we might better remember and experience the story together as a people of faith.



### Palm & Passion Sunday

Sunday, April 10  
10:00am

### Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 14  
6:30pm

### Joint Good Friday Service

Friday, April 15  
7:00pm

In-person & Live-streamed  
Held at St. Stephen Lutheran Church  
290 W Gloucester St., Gladstone, OR

### Easter Resurrection Sunday

Sunday, April 17  
10:00am

## THIS WEEKS EVENTS

Sunday, March 27

- 8:30am – Searchers (Bible Study Class)
- 10:00am – Worship
- 11:00am – Staff Appreciation Ice Cream Social

Monday, March 28

- 8:30am – Preschool

Tuesday, March 29

- 8:30am – Preschool
- 1:00pm – American Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, March 30

- 8:30am – Preschool
- 10:00am – Witness at the Cross
- 1:00pm – HOPE Food Pantry
- 5:00pm – Worship Design Team
- 6:30pm – Bell Choir
- 6:30pm – Witness at the Cross (hybrid)

Thursday, March 31

- 8:30am – Preschool
- 10:00am – Witness at the Cross

Friday, April 1

- 8:30am – Preschool



Angela Saltenberger	4/04
Josh Finck	4/12
Marvin Fourier	4/13
Zach Rick	4/19
Riley Palmer	4/20
Cole Finck	4/21
Vivian Sutton	4/25
Jana Fogle	4/29

## Our Weekly Giving

*"So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God." 2 Corinthians 5:20, NRSV*

As we celebrate UMCOR Sunday, an opportunity to share the goodness of life with God's children at home and internationally.

When a disaster strikes outside the [United States, the United Methodist Committee on Relief](#) serves as the primary channel for United Methodist assistance. In the short term, UMCOR provides funds to partners to distribute food, hygiene supplies, shelter and other basic items. In the long term, the agency works with local partners toward recovery and reconstruction.

Roland Fernandes, the general secretary of Global Ministries and UMCOR, has had long experience with UMCOR's international disaster grants and programs. "UMCOR has a wide reach internationally because we have a large network of trusted partners experienced in humanitarian relief that we can confidently support," he said. "Many are United Methodist-related, but others are ecumenical in nature, and a few are non-religious nonprofit humanitarian agencies. So even in places such as China or Afghanistan, we work with partners who can safely reach the affected populations."

Both 2020 and 2021 saw catastrophic disasters, while the COVID-19 pandemic hampered relief and recovery work. Today, response inevitably includes personal protection equipment, soap and sanitizers, guidance on social distancing and other pandemic-related precautions – an extra layer of concern for people affected by disaster.

As ambassadors for Christ, we share hope and healing with people near and far. Together, God's church is a beacon to navigate crises around the world.

Your gifts on UMCOR Sunday make a huge difference.

Adapted from "UMCOR's international humanitarian relief in 2021," [UMCOR's international humanitarian relief in 2021 - Global Ministries \(umcmission.org\)](#), Christie R. House, Oct. 1, 2021. Used by permission.

## Church Camps!

[www.gocamping.org](http://www.gocamping.org)

*What is camp?*

- Beautiful outdoor settings
- Being part of a small group with a caring counselor
- Building friendships
- Openly acknowledging the importance of God in our lives



### Need camp retreat ideas for the summer?

Check out the announcement table located in the church lobby for the 2022 *Go Camping* brochure. Wonderful camp retreats for adults, families & kids.

Please join us for an open house

Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

1 - 3 pm

To celebrate the life of

Rick Florey

(April 9, 1944 – November 24, 2021)

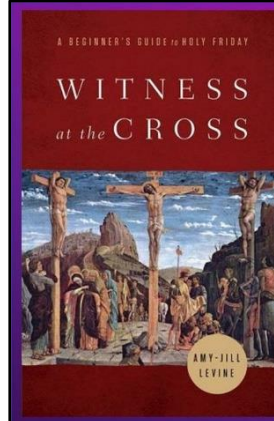
On his 78<sup>th</sup> birthday

16060 SW Willow Dr

Sherwood, OR 97140

RSVP appreciated

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Join us for a Lenten book study

## WITNESS at the CROSS

by Amy-Jill Levine

Wednesdays at 10:00am  
In person only

Wednesdays at 6:30pm  
Thursdays at 10:00am  
Hybrid (In person & Zoom)

For more info or the Zoom link ask Pastor Tom.

## CHILDREN'S Sunday School



We are gearing up to start  
Sunday School classes again!

Do you enjoy stoking the imaginations of our kids  
with the stories of God's people and Jesus' love?  
If so, being a Sunday School teacher might just  
be your calling.



## Ice Cream Social

We have wonderful amazing  
staff here at OCUMC!!!  
And we want to show them  
Our appreciation...  
...WITH ICE CREAM!!!

Join us after worship on Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> for  
a Staff Appreciation Ice Cream Social so we  
can all say thank you for their hard work.

## NURSERY MINISTRY

We are looking for volunteers who love kids to help out in the  
nursery. If interested, talk to Pastor Tom or Carrie Myers.

## Join Today!

OCUMC Bell choir, is a joyful group whose name reflects the light-hearted "Rejoice!" of our spirit. The beauty of the bronze bells and the ethereal tone of chimes remind us that the beauty of God is very much with us in this world, and we offer our music as our prayer and as an effort to lift the hearts of our fellow worshippers.

We meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:15 p.m.

If interested, please email or call Rick Wilson  
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