

JUNE

Oregon City United Methodist Church Newsletter

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Worship Opportunities

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



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Our Weekly Giving

Now, perhaps more than ever, we are called to extend healing and hope that move us to becoming a new creation in Christ. Through our Peace with Justice Sunday gifts, we partner with God and God's people to nurture Christ's loving presence in a hurting world.

Peace with Justice Sunday is a faithful expression of shalom in the Bible. It calls the church to enhance its capacity to advocate publicly in communities and nations throughout the world. The offering, administered by the United Methodist General Board of Church and Society, benefits peace with justice ministries at home and globally.

United Methodist Special Sunday celebrations invest in transforming communities, empowering leaders and strengthening ministries of peace with justice. Concentrating our resources to support shared ministries equips us to step, with faithful determination, into a grace-filled new beginning.

Half of our gifts stay with local ministries in this conference and half support the work of Church and Society worldwide. Please give generously.



THIS WEEK IS

TRINITY SUNDAY

Peace to you, Beloved of Oregon City UMC!

Probably one of the most confusing doctrines of the Christian Church is the doctrine of the Trinity. The theological conception (or idea, belief, perception) that God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are all one in the same... only not that simple. The doctrine says that not only are these three the same entity, but are also completely separate from each other.

Wait... What? You lost me.

Yep. If you look into our church history and read some of the statements that came out from the official gatherings of the ancient Church, we get the teachings of the Trinity and the nature of Jesus Christ from the Nicene Creed (C.E. 325) and from the Chalcedonian Creed (C.E. 451). The Nicene Creed defines the Trinity for us, teaching us who the Trinity is and how they are in relationship with each other. The Chalcedonian Creed teaches about Jesus' nature specifically, saying Jesus is 100% divine, while at the same time being 100% human, without any division or separation of the two natures, and no mixing of the two natures.

Again... What? How does that make sense? Divine physics?

Yet, in scripture, there is evidence of the Trinity. In Genesis 1:26 and 11:7 God speaks saying, "Let us..." We sometimes think of God as a lone entity, yet here God is addressing companions who appear to be in partnership with God. In Genesis 18, God appears to Abraham in the form of three persons who tell Abraham he will soon have a son with Sarah. Jesus, in the John 10, is speaking about himself as the Good Shepherd and about how he and the Father work together. Then he makes the proclamation, "I and the Father are one."

That whole "Holy Three-in-One" thing is still confusing though. What if we didn't worry so much about the theology of it? What if wrapping our heads around the idea of strange divine physics of transubstantiation and consubstantiation isn't the point of the Trinity? What if it's about the example we receive from the Trinity? That example is one of *unity*. God, the Creator, Jesus, the Redeemer, and Spirit, the Sustainer are all unified in their relationship to each other. They're all heading the same direction and are of the same mind, with the same goal of gathering the world into a redeemed and healed relationship built on compassion.

It's this unity we celebrate this Sunday. It's this unity we are called to live in as a people of God. Amazing things happen when we are unified. When Jesus sent out 70 witnesses, they were unified in their devotion to Jesus' teachings and they were able to heal the sick and cast out evil spirits. When the disciples were unified and received the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, thousands came to believe in Jesus. When people unified under the Spirit-filled leadership of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a country was changed as unjust segregation was brought to an end.

So, the next time someone asks you how God and Jesus and Spirit can be the same, you can tell them, "Because they're unified in love." That's what it's all about; being of one mind, showing compassion to all. And to the Church, the Holy Three-in-One says, "Be unified as we are unified."

In Trinitarian Love,

Pastor Tom



You are invited to a community
SERVICE OF LAMENT

Let us lift our prayers and sorrows as
one community seeking change.

Monday, June 13th at 7:00pm

Unitarian Universalist Congregation
At Willamette Falls
710 Sixth Street
Oregon City, OR

HAPPY
PRIDE
MONTH

THIS WEEKS EVENTS

Sunday, June 12

10:00am – Worship

10:15am – Sunday Fun Zone

3:00pm – Willamette Falls Symphony

Monday, June 13

8:30am – Preschool

6:00pm – Men's Night Out

Tuesday, June 14

8:30am – Preschool

6:30pm – Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 15

8:30am – Preschool

1:00pm – HOPE Food Pantry

5:00pm – Worship Design Team

6:30pm – Bell Choir

Thursday, June 16

8:30am – Preschool

10:00am – Ladies' Bible Study

7:00pm – WFS Practice

Friday, June 17

8:30am – Preschool



Men's Night Out

Monday | June 13 | 6:00pm | Backstop Bar and Grill

Hope you can join us at our next Men's Night Out!

Backstop Bar and Grill

211 N. Grant St., Canby

Meet there at 6:00 or the church at 5:30 to carpool.

For more information contact John Ronfeld.

Church Council Meeting

Tuesday | June 14 | 6:30pm | Heritage Room

Covid Update

Clackamas County is at a Medium Community Risk Level, while caution is still advised, masks are optional in public spaces. At Oregon City UMC, we recommend the wearing of masks, but we are not requiring them currently.

Pastor Tom's Schedule

June 12-18

Afternoons will be in and out.

Appointments are always welcome to be scheduled

Sunday: In person Worship at 10am

Monday: No office hours
Finance Team meeting, 11am
Service of Lament at UUC, 7pm

Tuesday: 10am-2pm
District Pastor Colloquy at 9:30am

Wednesday: 1pm-6:00pm
Worship Design, 5pm
Legislative Assembly, 6pm

Thursday: 10am-2pm
Local Pastors meeting, 10:45am

Friday: 10am-2pm

Saturday: Enjoy the weekend!

HAPPY
*Birth*day

MALLEN, JOE	06/01
PERSON, RACHEL	06/04
EVANS, KATHERINE	06/06
FRICHTL, JULIA	06/08
CRUIKSHANK, ADDIE	06/09
PALMER, TODD	06/09
FOURIER, ANDREW	06/17
EMMERSON, HUNNTER	06/20
MALLEN, RACHEL	06/24
OSTRICK-CRONRATH, JENNIFER	06/26
DIFRANCO, ADEN	06/28
DURST, RICK	06/28
DUVALL, SHERRY	06/29
THONSTAD, SHARON	06/29
SHUMAKER, JIM	06/30



Thank you to everyone who attended my retirement party on June 5th. The years have flown by; especially this last year. The preschool board went over and above in planning this party! Loved it! Love the "Retired" tiara and sash. Not to mention all the balloons and the cake and the class pictures. Since I still have one week of school, I plan on wearing the tiara everyday. The kids think it is a great idea! And best of all was seeing quite a few of my old students; most of them taller than me.

Beth Werber

Oregon City High School

PIONEERS

Senior Recognition Sunday June 12th

Congratulations to the class of 2022! This is our opportunity as a parish family to celebrate the accomplishments of our graduating seniors and send them into the future with our support and encouragement.



Alena Olsen



Sidney Palmer



Gracie Finck



Christian Benischek

