



memorial ★ DAY

Oregon City United Methodist Church Newsletter

May 26, 2022

Worship Opportunities

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



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We remember



More than 150 years ago, Memorial Day took shape amid the backdrop of the U.S. Civil War. Before it ended, women began decorating the graves of fallen soldiers. In 1868, when May 30 was designated as Decoration Day, loved ones placed flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers alike.

By 1882, Decoration Day became known as Memorial Day, and soldiers who died in other wars were honored too. Over time, it became a day to remember all loved ones who have died — in war and otherwise. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be observed on the last Monday in May. On Memorial Day, we pause to remember people who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and for our freedom. We also pray for those who continue serving, especially those in harm's way.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD



TODAY, Thursday, May 26th, is *Ascension of the Lord!* This is the day we remember Jesus ascending to God in heaven, and his promise to send the Holy Spirit to the disciples. Join us this Sunday as we celebrate all that Jesus' Ascension means for us as Christ followers.

Pastor Tom's Schedule

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

Sunday, May 29
10am - In person Worship

Monday, May 30
Memorial Day, Office Closed

Tuesday, May 31
10am – 3pm
Annual Conf: Clergy Session

Wednesday, June 1
1pm – 6:30pm
5pm – Worship Design Team

Thursday, June 2
10am – 2pm

Friday, June 3
10am – 2pm

Saturday, June 4
Enjoy the weekend!

Beloved of Oregon City United Methodist Church,

This past Tuesday, devastation struck at our hearts once again. Nineteen children and two teachers lost their lives at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, when an 18-year-old gunman intent on committing a heinous act of violence. Now the families of these children and teachers, the community of Uvalde, and the nation are left grieving in the wake of yet another school shooting; the 27th school shooting this year. It's difficult to make sense of it all and I find myself echoing the words of Psalm 13; asking the question, "How long, Lord?... How long... How long...?" It's a valid question; a valid lament. So I offer Psalm 13 again as a prayer of lament adapted for Uvalde and the tragic reality of this day.

How long, Oh Lord? Will you forget the innocent children forever?
How long will you hide your face from them?
How long must the nation wrestle with this senseless violence,
and shooting after shooting,
massacre after massacre,
have our hearts broken?
How long will young life be worth so little?

Look on us, look on the children and answer, Lord my God!
Give light to our eyes.

Why must so many innocents be condemned
to sleep in death before their time?

And those with the power to change it say,
"Let them be appeased with thoughts and prayers
that lead to naught,"

and the love of guns outweighs the value of countless heartbeats.

But we trust, as difficult as it is in these times,
we trust in your unfailing love.

Our hearts rejoice in your salvation;

our hearts rejoice knowing that you grieve with us and know our pain.

We will sing the Lord's praise;

we will praise the Lord in the work of the Spirit
to make change when others refuse.

For God has been good to us,
and we are called to be a blessing
in the face of a curse.

As we go forward with hearts grieving, holding Uvalde and all the victims of gun violence in prayer, let us also look within. Let us ask ourselves: What can we do? How can we help? How can we effect real change and step forward with compassionate action in our communities and nation? We are not alone in asking ourselves these questions. The United Methodist Church has resources available. Check out this "UM News" page for a list of resources for responding.

May God guide us in ways that lead to healing and transformation.

Pastor Tom

THIS WEEKS EVENTS

Sunday, May 29

8:30am – Searchers (Bible Study Class)

10:00am – Worship

Monday, May 30

Office closed – Memorial Day

8:30am – No Preschool

Tuesday, May 31

8:30am – Preschool

Wednesday, June 1

Office Closed

8:30am – Preschool

1:00pm – HOPE Food Pantry

5:00pm – Worship Design Team

6:30pm – Bell Choir

Thursday, June 2

Office Closed

8:30am – Preschool

10:00am – Ladies' Bible Study

7:00pm – WFS Practice

Friday, June 3

8:30am – Preschool



Wear Red on Pentecost Sunday

On Sunday, June 5 we encourage everyone to wear red. The color red symbolizes joy and the fire of the Holy Spirit. *Let's fill the Sanctuary with the color red.*

Our Weekly Giving

The Central Conference Theological Education Fund was established by the 2012 United Methodist General Conference. United Methodists continue to live out Charles Wesley's vision: to "unite the pair so long disjointed—knowledge and vital piety." The fund's goal is to strengthen theological education and pastoral formation in the central conferences in Africa, Europe and the Philippines. Money plays a crucial role in such efforts, and in 2016, delegates to General Conference approved \$10 million for the fund from the World Service Fund.

Gifts are to be used for developing theological schools, courses of study and libraries and contextual resources. Funds also assist scholarships and faculty enrichment and support associations and networks of faculty and schools, as well as new and innovative approaches to theological education.

The Commission on Central Conference Theological Education gives priority to requests that build capacity and sustainability and that develop contextual education, resources and new/innovative initiatives.

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Happy Birthday!

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



Change for Change offering

Through the month of May we are collecting change as a noisy (or foldy) offering at the start of "Kids' Time." 100% of this offering will go toward children's activities.

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.

Church Council Meeting

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



Retirement
Parties

Join us
to celebrate

BETH WERBER

Over twenty years of Teaching

CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

SUN	JUNE	5	RIVERCREST PARK (General Shelter) 131 PARK DRIVE OREGON CITY, OR 97045	1:00-3:00PM
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JOIN US FOR CAKE AND LOT'S OF FUN AS WE CELBRATE BETH'S RETIREMENT
PLEASE NO GIFTS / CARDS ARE MOST WELCOME