

# Pentecost

the “birthday of the Church”

## Oregon City United Methodist Church

# Newsletter

June 3, 2022

### Worship Opportunities

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



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### Our Weekly Giving

When Mark Harrison joined the staff of the General Board of Church and Society in 1991, he never dreamed he would have relationships with members of Congress, attend meetings at the White House and the United Nations and have the opportunity to represent The United Methodist Church with many government agencies.

The Rev. Susan-Henry Crowe, general secretary of the Board of Church and Society, said Harrison, who retired in November 2021, is a “trusted and authentic colleague” both with the staff and with many people who work on Capitol Hill.

“Mark has connected with congressional members and their staffs, promoting the United Methodist Social Principles on a variety of issues, including voting rights, civil and human rights, peace with justice, health care and now COVID-19 relief—as well as opening doors for United Methodists in many countries in Africa and Asia and Europe,” she added.

Your generous gifts on Peace with Justice Sunday continue Harris’s legacy, nurturing United Methodist witness around the world. Thank you!

*Adapted from “Harrison Leaves Legacy of Work in Peace and Justice,” Kathy Gilbert, Dec. 1, 2021. Used by permission.*



# IT'S PENTECOST!!!

## Happy Birthday Church!

To the Faithful of Oregon City UMC,

God's blessings and grace be with you for this Pentecost weekend.

One of my early church memories was being in worship one Sunday morning, thinking it was just another Spring Sunday, and hearing the phrase, "Happy Birthday Church!" I wasn't quite sure what to make of that. The church has a birthday? But being a young man with a massive sweet tooth I didn't worry about it too much, because where there's a birthday celebration... there's cake!

It wasn't until much later I came to understand what Pentecost was and is. Pentecost, for us in the Christian Church, is the day the Holy Spirit was received by the disciples on the Jewish day of Pentecost, (Acts 2:1) as they waited in Jerusalem, per Jesus' instructions. For us this week, it's the celebration of Jesus' promise being fulfilled; that promise Jesus would send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, to his disciples after his Ascension.

One of the ways we understand the idea of the Holy Spirit, or a way to translate it can be taken from our Greek and Hebrew forebearers in the faith. In these cultures and languages, the root words used to speak of Spirit is translated as breath. When we read of the Pentecost account in chapter two of Acts, it says "there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind." Much like God did with Adam and Eve, God was breathing life into the fellowship of Christ followers. The Church was taking its first breath.

As we step into Pentecost, remember this truth. Take a deep breath. Breathe in the Holy Spirit. Know that by God's grace, you are Spirit imbued. God is in the very breath that gives you life. Spirit is in the very air. You are empowered by that Spirit to show God's compassionate unconditional love in all places at every time. Remember we are born of the Spirit and Spirit will lead us into a future illuminated by the light of Christ.

Pentecost blessings to you and yours,

*Pastor Tom*

Pastor Tom



### 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.*

## THIS WEEKS EVENTS

Sunday, June 5

8:30am – Searchers (Bible Study Class)

10:00am – Worship

10:15am – Sunday Fun Zone

1:00pm – Beth's Retirement Party

Monday, June 6

8:30am – Preschool

Tuesday, June 7

8:30am – Preschool

6:00pm – Ladies' Night Out

Wednesday, June 8

8:30am – Preschool

1:00pm – HOPE Food Pantry

5:00pm – Worship Design Team

6:30pm – Bell Choir

Thursday, June 9

8:30am – Preschool

10:00am – Ladies' Bible Study

7:00pm – WFS Practice

Friday, June 10

8:30am – Preschool

### Pastor Tom's Schedule

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

Sunday, June 5

10am - In person Worship

Monday, June 6

Day off, no office hours

Tuesday, June 7

9am – 2pm

District Pastor Colloquy at 9:30am

Wednesday, June 8

1pm – 6:00pm

5pm – Worship Design Team

Thursday, June 9

10am – 2pm

Friday, June 10

10am – 2pm

Saturday, June 11

Enjoy the weekend!



## SUNDAY FUN ZONE

### “Heroes and Heroines of the Bible”

Starting June 5<sup>th</sup>

Families, join us for worship service at 10:00am!  
Children 4 years through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be  
welcomed to their classroom from  
10:15am – 11:00am.

The Sunday Fun Zone includes a Bible Lesson,  
Arts & Crafts, Singing, Snacks, and more!



# Retirement Parties

Join us  
to celebrate

## BETH WERBER

*Over twenty years of Teaching*

CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

SUN JUNE 5  NEW UPDATE  1:00-3:00PM

\* Due to the weather, we are changing the location to the \*  
Oregon City United Methodist Church  
18955 S South End Road, OC





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



### Ladies' Night Out

Tuesday | June 7 | 6:00pm | Gustav's Restaurant

Hope you can join us at our next Ladies' Night Out! We'll meet at Gustav's Restaurant at 12605 SE 97th Ave, Clackamas. Please RSVP to Marty at [fmsodie@yahoo.com](mailto:fmsodie@yahoo.com) or Susan at [jsronfeld@comcast.net](mailto:jsronfeld@comcast.net).

### 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.