



Lent: a Season of Prayer

Oregon City United Methodist Church Newsletter

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Worship Opportunities

Live Stream

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Resuming in-person worship on Ash Wednesday

Faith * Hope * Love

Pastor Tom's Schedule for Feb 27-March 5

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

Sun: Out of town for family funeral

Mon: Out of town for family funeral

Tue: Returning from Chicago
Afternoon office hours

Wed: 6:30am-8:00am
Curbside Imposition of Ashes
3:30pm-6:30pm
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Ash Wednesday Prayer Service

Thu: 10am-2pm

Fri: 10am-2pm, Sermon planning

Lay Leadership Training

Saturday, February 26th

Laity serving on local church committees, especially those who chair administrative committees, are encouraged to save the date for a Greater Northwest Area-wide training on Saturday, February 26, 2022 thru Zoom.

The two-hour training will be offered online starting at 9 a.m. AKT (10 a.m. PT, 11 a.m. MT) by district superintendents and staff of the Alaska, Oregon-Idaho and Pacific Northwest Conferences.

Those new to their roles or to leadership of committees are strongly encouraged to attend. Translation will be offered in Spanish and Korean.

[Register Here](#)

COVID Update

All numbers updated via "COVID Act Now" as of February 24

Looking at the reported information below, the trend for new cases is still going down overall for the state of Oregon and the state risk level remains at "very high". Numbers in Clackamas County also continue to go down, and we have been lowered to the "high" risk level. *At this point, because numbers have continued to go down, and because we have remained below 50 daily new cases per a population of 100,000, we will be resuming in-person worship on Ash Wednesday.*

<i>Clackamas County (population 420,000)</i>	<i>Last Week</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Today</i>
Daily new cases per population of 100K:	33.9	25.1	20.1
Infection Rate:	0.65	~0.58	0.60
Positive Test Rate:	10.5%	7.4%	7.4%

<i>Oregon State (population 4,200,000)</i>	<i>Last Week</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Today</i>
Daily new cases per population of 100K:	42.3	33.8	26.8
Infection Rate:	0.64	~0.58	0.59
Positive Test Rate:	11.1%	7.8%	7.8%



ASH WEDNESDAY

DRIVE THRU ASHES

March 2

6:30am-8:00am and 3:30pm-6:30pm



We are offering “Drive-Thru Imposition of “Ashes” on the church portico. You can drive-up to the curb and receive ashes and a blessing or you can park for a few moments and take advantage of the two prayer stations that will be available.

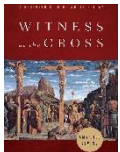
PRAYER SERVICE

March 2

6:30pm / Hybrid Service



You can choose to be in-person with us, or you can join us from home and worship with us virtually. Whichever your choice, we invite you to begin the journey of Lent with us in prayer, reflection, meditation, and song.



LENTEN BOOK STUDY

Starting March 9

10:00am and 6:30pm

During Lent, we will be reading Witness at the Cross by Amy-Jill Levine. This is a book looking at the distinct roles every character at the cross played on that day. Each role has its own distinct perception of the death of Jesus. This six-week study is being offered at two times on Wednesday’s during Lent starting March 9. If you are one that likes to be in-person and talk about faith and holy revelation face-to-face, you can join us at 10:00am or 6:30pm on Wednesdays in the Heritage Room at the church. If you are more comfortable with joining us online via Zoom, the 6:30pm meeting is a hybrid meeting, and a link will be provided for you so you can log into the conversation with us.

A limited number of books (3 copies currently) will be available in the church office for the purchase price of \$10. Copies of the book may also be purchased from Amazon for \$16.19, or through your local bookstore.



FLOREY, SHEILA	03/02
FORNCROOK, CAROL	03/05
HECKERT, STEVE	03/05
LAWSON, SANDRA	03/06
SALTENBERGER, ROSE	03/07
SYTSMA, JACOB	03/07
ARNOLD, ERIK	03/12
RENARDO, COLE	03/14
ARNOLD, EMMA	03/18
MACE, STEPHANIE	03/19
ENZ, DORINE	03/23
RONFELD, JOHN	03/25
ENGEL, MARTY	03/27
MYERS, CHLOE	03/27
DIFRANCO, TONY	03/28
MYERS, CHELSEA	03/29

Church Council Meeting Dates

Board meetings are scheduled every other month on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. beginning in April.

- April 12
- June 14
- August 9
- October 11
- December 13



Upper Room

March/April issue of the Upper Room Devotional is now available. If you are not able to pick up a copy at the church, you may request to have a copy mailed to you.

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.

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Our Weekly Giving

Disability Awareness is vital to the ministries of the Central Reform Congregation in St. Louis, especially as people return to in-person worship.

Autumn Dennis, director of advocacy and online community, explained: “We decided to invest a lot into turning our livestream into a consistent online community space. For example, when we go back in person to our congregation, we plan to make all of our small groups and events hybrid, with Zoom or stream options.

“This is critical for many folks with physical disabilities and chronic pain,” Dennis continued. “When they are unable to leave home that day, they are still able to engage meaningfully in all our programs.”

One of five special Sundays for annual conference observance, Disability Awareness calls the church and society to celebrate the gifts and graces of people with disabilities and to include them fully in the community. Each conference determines the observance date and the offering purpose.

Please give generously. Thank you!