



Oregon City United Methodist Church Newsletter

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Our Weekly Giving

During 2021, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, the denomination's humanitarian relief and recovery organization, responded to hurricanes, tornadoes, typhoons, catastrophic flooding, earthquakes, political unrest, wildfires and volcanoes. UMCOR, under the direction of the denomination's international mission agency, the General Board of Global Ministries, also worked between major disaster events to help communities prepare for disasters, assisting annual conferences as they developed resilient ways of facing disasters, working to lessen the impact as much as possible.

"Connecting with local governments and other relief agencies and identifying existing assets within an affected conference is important in developing a coordinated plan of action," said Lara S. Martin, director of UMCOR's U.S. Disaster Response.

Disasters – natural and humanmade – have increased the world over, which means UMCOR's work has increased as well. UMCOR staff work diligently to resource and assist partners nationally and internationally to reach people who await help, wherever they may be and whatever the cause of their distress.



Please give generously on UMCOR Sunday! Thank you.



To the Beloved of God at Oregon City UMC,

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Growing up, St. Patrick's Day for me wasn't a big holiday. More just an excuse to wear green and believe in leprechauns and the power of a four-leaf clover. (Has anyone found a four-leaf clover, by the way? What did you wish for?) That pot of gold at the end of the rainbow wouldn't have been a bad deal either.

Then, as I got older and realized St. Patrick was an actual person, I started to understand something about this man is important enough to commemorate. Originally, what I found with a quick, not too in-depth dig, was how he used a three-leaf clover (not the wish-granting four-leaf variety) to teach about the Trinity; that doctrine of the Church known as the Nicene Creed that states "God, the Father," "Jesus Christ, the only Son of God," and the Holy Spirit are all one in each other. If you have a copy of [The United Methodist Hymnal](#) handy, turn to 880 and you can read the full text. That's right, we United Methodists are Trinitarian in our faith.

More recently, I was looking for the story of St. Patrick again. I was kind amazed with what I learned. St. Patrick was born in Britain to wealthy parents near the end of the fourth century. He was kidnapped by Irish raiders at the age of 16 and spent more than six years in captivity as a shepherd. The boy eventually escaped briefly being detained again until escaping again and returning to Britain. During this time it's attested he experienced visions of an angel telling him it was time to return home, and then another (after escaping) telling him he would return to Ireland as a missionary. After 15 years of religious course of study, return to Ireland he did as an ordained priest.

On that return to Ireland, the place of his captivity so many years prior, St. Patrick began the work of ministering to the Christians already present and the conversion of those not yet of the faith.



This is the part I find most interesting. St. Patrick took spiritual understandings the Celtic tradition already understood, to convince them of the truth of God and Jesus Christ. Much like Jesus used parables; stories about things the people already understood, and Paul used the existing altar to "an unknown god" in Athens (Acts 17:16-34). St. Patrick celebrated Easter with bonfires, a normal practice to honor divinities. We get the Celtic cross from St. Patrick, the supper imposition of the cross over the sun, a powerful Celtic symbol, signifying Jesus Christ as the light of the world and connecting him as a divine incarnation.

Through St. Patrick's work, many came to know salvation through Christ and the love of God. And it was because he took the time to learn about the people and understand their culture. In our work of ministering, we can learn from St. Patrick's, Paul's, and, as always, Jesus' example of learning about who we minister to. What beliefs, values, and traditions do they hold? How do these speak of divinity, love, salvation and redemption? Where can we connect on a community or even personal level, and minister in a way that truly does show the love of God, who loves us as we are? Not as the world would have us be.

St. Patrick's Blessing to you all,

Pastor Tom

THIS WEEKS EVENTS

Sunday, March 20
8:45am – Higher Ground
10:00am – Worship

Monday, March 21
8:30am – Spring Break no Preschool
6:00pm – Men’s Night Out

Tuesday, March 22
8:30am – Spring Break no Preschool

Wednesday, March 23
8:30am – Spring Break no 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 24
8:30am – Spring Break no Preschool
10:00am – Witness at the Cross

Friday, March 25
8:30am – Spring Break no Preschool

Worship Opportunities

In-person & Live-streamed

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Men’s Night Out

Monday | March 21 | 6:00pm

Mixtlan Grill Mexican Restaurant
1678 S. Beaver creek Rd. OC
It is located in the Bi Mart parking lot on Beaver Creek Rd.
Meet at the Grill at 6 PM for great food and fellowship.



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.

Church Camps!

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.



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



Please join us for an open house

Saturday, April 9th

1 - 3 pm

To celebrate the life of
Rick Florey

(April 9, 1944 – November 24, 2021)

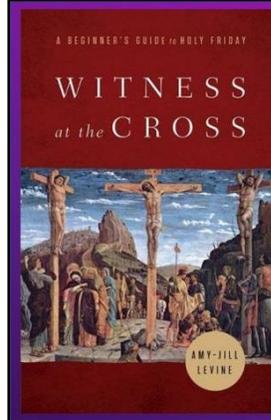
On his 78th birthday

16060 SW Willow Dr

Sherwood, OR 97140

RSVP appreciated

503-351-1644



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.



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 27th 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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Holy Week



Palm & Passion Sunday

Sunday, April 10

10:00am

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 14

6:30pm

Good Friday Service

Friday, April 15

6:30pm

Easter Resurrection Sunday

Sunday, April 17

10:00am

