



Oregon City United Methodist Church

Newsletter

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Worship Opportunities

In-person & Live Stream

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

COVID Update:

We will no longer be requiring reservations to attend worship. Please continue to wear your masks, practice social distancing between households, and remember to sing in our hearts rather than with our lips.

Christmas Eve



It's Christmas Eve Tomorrow!

It is so close to the day we've been expectantly waiting for through all of Advent. Christmas is nearly here. The presents have gathered under the tree, and in some households, more will appear before Christmas morning. Menus are being planned and finalized for Christmas feasts. Travel arrangements are being double, triple, and quadruple checked.

Yet one thing remains... Remembering why we come to this season with expectation and well wishes of joy, peace, hope, and love.

It's because long ago, in the most unexpected of ways, a baby was given birth, breathing a first human breath. That breath would go on to speak words of hope, wisdom, love, and faith, and speak truth to power in a way that would inspire people around the world to work in transforming this world for the better.

Join us tomorrow, Friday, at 7:00pm as we remember and celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Christmas Is A Time

by Catherine Pulsifer © 2017

Excitement and anticipation
For boys and girls
A time for dreams and wishes.

A time for families to come together
A time for friends to celebrate
A time for fun and good cheer
A time for caroling and music too.

A time to decorate the house
And trim the tree.
A time to wrap the presents
And fill the stockings.

But at Christmas time we
Should remember that first Christmas
Take the time to thank God above
For sending His son for those He loves.



Christmas Eve Christ-Light Service

Friday, December 24th, 7:00pm

In-person and live streamed

Come, receive the good news and rejoice!

"In the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."



JANUARY

BIRTHDAYS

SHUMAKER, LORI	01/02
FOURIER, DONNA	01/03
BEASLEY, JOHN	01/04
SPRAGUE, LUCUS	01/04
RENARDO, ERIK	01/05
SCHULT, CHARLES	01/10
REAMER, OWEN	01/12
BEVENS, BONNIE	01/15
FLINT, KATE	01/17
SCHULT, VIVIAN	01/18
BENSON, KAREN	01/21
DIFRANCO, MADISON	01/21
FINCK, GRACIE	01/27
MCGRAW, DANI	01/27
MYERS, JANE	01/29

Advent Mailboxes
Don't forget to check for
your cards!



Our Weekly Giving

Keith Nation's road to the Appalachian Local Pastors School was circuitous, with stops at Memphis Theological Seminary, then to Illinois for his job, then back to Tennessee. Motivated by a colleague's failure to complete the course of study, Nation was motivated "to get the ball rolling."

Then, he said, "a God thing happened." One of his children received a full scholarship from [Martin Methodist College](#) (now the University of Tennessee Southern) in Pulaski, Tennessee, where ALPS and MTS classes were also offered. Enrolling in ALPS also gave him an opportunity to spend time with his college-age daughter.

Nation is grateful for the Ministerial Education Fund. "If we ever hope to have the best and brightest in our pulpits," he said, "we must be willing to give generously toward their education."

"I like to think I am changing the world by challenging people to see God as full of grace and love. Love can turn the world upside down."



Church Office Closed

In order to give our staff time with family and friends during the Holidays the church office will be closed December 24 - 29.

Pastor Tom's Schedule for December 26-31

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

- Sunday:** Worship at 10am
- Monday:** Day off, no office hours
- Tuesday:** 10am-2pm
- Wednesday:** 9am-11:45am
Rotary at 12 noon
Worship Design at 5pm
- Thursday:** 10am-2pm
- Friday:** 10am-2pm



Thank you

Our Christmas mission projects are completed. Through your generosity of money, goods, and time we provided 43 sets of pajamas and 28 coasts for children served through Bloomin' Boutique as well as provided gifts and Christmas stockings for 5 teens involved in the Second Home.

Our Thursday Bible Study group and Mission Possible team took on these 2 projects not knowing what to expect in such topsy turvy times, but as always God is good all the time and never disappoints. Both Bloomin' Boutique and Second Home gave us the opportunity to help these youth and children feel seen, feel important, feel valued and loved.

*Thursday Bible Study
Mission Possible Team*



Matthew 25:40
Whenever you did it for any of my people you did it for me.

