



November 2, 2023

WORSHIP *with us*

Worship Opportunities
In-Person & Live-streamed
Sundays at 10:00am

FAMILY & FRIENDS ALL WELCOME



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Oregon City UMC Friends and Family,

November greetings to you all this day. I want to share with you concerning a topic of great and current importance, but I hesitate. I hesitate because it delves deeply into a volatile politically charged conversation. I also hesitate because this topic is many-layered and has no easy or simple answer. The current events to which I am referring is the violent conflict between Israel and Hamas.



On the one side, you have a terrorist organization who kidnapped innocent festival goers and conducted a horrific attack on unarmed civilians simply going about their days. On the other you have Israel's relentless and brutal response that seems to have no regard for innocent, non-militant, Palestinian casualties. Hamas, in its 1988 charter, calls for the destruction of Israel, and Israel does have a right to defend itself against existential threat. Palestinians also have the right to survival and to seek a life unthreatened by Israeli encroachment on their settlements in a land, that until May of 1948, was their home-country. I could probably do a back-and-forth like this for the rest of this article. That would get us nowhere.

The question is not, "Who is in the wrong?" The question is, "How do we as Christ-followers respond?" We respond by reaching out to those affected... and that's far more than the families who have lost lives, loved ones, and homes on the other side of the globe. It means recognizing not all Palestinians are part of Hamas, and not all Jewish persons are supportive of the Israeli military response. It means actively calling for peace and standing with those who seek peace. It means standing against all forms of antisemitism and calling out those who perpetuate antisemitic rhetoric. It means supporting humanitarian action to help those directly affected by violence and the destructive nature of war. And yes, it does mean offering thoughts and prayers, yet not thoughts and prayers alone.

To read a "Joint Statement on the Attacks in Israel" from The World Methodist Council, Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church, and the Methodist Church in Britain, go to:

<https://umcmmission.org/news-statements/joint-statement-on-the-attacks-in-israel/>

To make a donation to UMCOR's international disaster response and recovery efforts go to:

<https://advance.umcmmission.org/p-641-umcor-international-disaster-response-and-recovery.aspx>

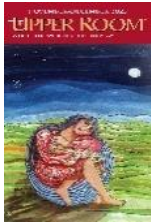
May we come to the day when peace reigns in our hearts and in our world,

Pastor Tom



DIFRANCO, KELLY	11/02
OLIVAS, MARIAN	11/05
WARD, PAUL	11/05
HULDEN, SANDRA	11/09
SYTSMA, JOHN	11/11
WICKLIFFE, BOB	11/12
CRAVEN, RICHARD	11/20
HENRY, LYDIA	11/20
OLIVAS, RON	11/26

Upper Room Devotionals



November/December 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 the Upper Room mailed to you.



Searchers Adult Christian Education Class

Sundays @ 8:30am

Searchers is every Sunday morning, Fall through Spring, at 8:30am. All are invited to join and be part of our discussions, our laughing, our deep delves, our fellowship, and our learning.

Daylight Saving Time

Fall Back Sunday, November 5 @ 2:00am



Ladies' Lunch Out!

Tuesday, November 7 @ 11:30am

Hope you can come to our next Ladies' Lunch Out! Join us at the Rivershore Bar & Grill, 1900 Clackamette Dr, OC. Please RSVP to Marty at fmsodie@yahoo.com or Susan at jsronfeld@comcast.net.

OCUM Church Stewardship Sunday

Sunday, November 19 @ 10:00am

Pledge cards can be turned in anytime between now and November 19th.

Happy Thanksgiving

The Church Office will be Closed on November 22-24 in Observance of the Thanksgiving Day Holiday.

Annual Fall Charge Conference

Monday, November 27 @ 6:30p.m. via zoom

Mark your calendars for this year's OCUMC Charge Conference. This is where we finalize budgets, choose leadership, celebrate, and look ahead. More info will be shared as the date gets closer.



Advent Mailboxes

Save the postage! Put your church family holiday greetings in the mailbox located in the Worship Center starting in December. Put the cards in the box labeled with the first initial of the last name.

Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 26, 11am

Help decorate our Worship Center and lobby for the holidays.

Advent Craft Festival

Sunday, December 3, 2-4pm

Fun for the whole family! There is no charge for this craft extravaganza that celebrates the season of Advent. This activity is for the families of the Preschool, the church, and the neighborhood. You are welcome to bring friends. Our Worship Center will be filled with craft tables so every member of the family (especially the kids!) can have fun making a variety of Christmas crafts to take home and enjoy.

Festive Holiday Attire Contest

Sunday, December 10, 10am

We invite you to wear your most Festive Holiday Sweater/Attire to church Sunday morning for a Festive Holiday Contest.

Christmas Cookie Exchange & Brunch Goodies!

Sunday, December 17, 11am

A Christmas Eve Service of Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 24, 10am

Christmas Carol

Communion & Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 24, 7pm



A photograph of wooden blocks spelling out 'ALL SAINTS DAY' in a row on a textured surface. In the background, a blurred white object with red and black markings is visible.

ALL SAINTS DAY

Our Weekly Giving Moment

“And there was a great crowd that no one could number. They were from every nation, tribe, people, and language. They were standing before the throne and before the Lamb.” —Revelation 7:9, CEB

On All Saints’ Day, United Methodists publicly remember and honor those who have passed away. Celebrated on the first Sunday in November, many congregations light candles, ring bells of remembrance and call the names of those lost in the previous year as a way of honoring the impact their lives have had on us.

Another way to remember the saints who have gone before us is to make a gift in their memory. Select an [Advance Project](#) that reflects the person’s passion or interests and 100% of your gift will benefit the mission you designate, including these:

in Cambodia through service to women, children and formerly trafficked individuals;

in the Democratic Republic of Congo through agricultural and environmental projects;

in Guatemala through the empowerment of local indigenous churches; and

in Southeast Asia through education initiatives.

The Advance connects the church in mission through evangelism and church revitalization, missionaries, global health and disaster response and recovery. Every contribution makes a difference in this important work. Giving in memory of a loved one is a way to honor their legacy on All Saints’ Sunday while joining in God’s mission of transforming families, communities and societies through the power of the gospel.