

March 7, 2024

WORSHIP *with us*

**Join Us In-Person or
Livestream**

**OCUM Church starting at
10:00a.m.**

FAMILY & FRIENDS ALL WELCOME



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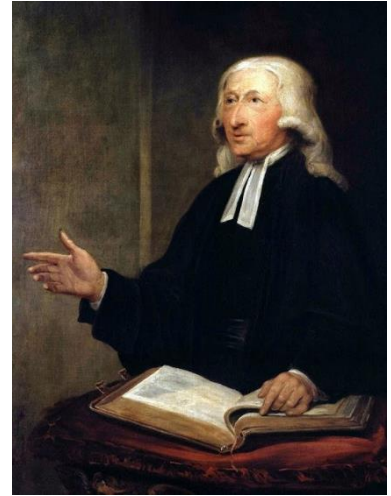
Rick Wilson
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To the faithful of Oregon City UMC,

Lenten greetings to you! We are half-way through our 2024 Lenten journey, and I have a question to ask. How is it with your *spiritual disciplines*?

I ask because our spiritual disciplines are a great tool in this season of prayer, penitence, study, and fasting. John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement, taught our spiritual disciplines are necessary for growth in the faith. But what are all of the spiritual disciplines we can use?

Well, Wesley broke them into two groups. There's *works of piety* and *works of mercy*. Works of piety are all that we practice privately or within the community of faith to deepen our understanding of and relationship with God: Worship, public prayer, family prayer, private prayer, taking communion, reading and studying and meditating on Scripture, journaling, Christian conferencing, fellowship, confession (either privately to God or to a trusted spiritual guide or friend), and fasting or abstaining for a time (to a degree that does not harm one's health).



Works of mercy include all that we do to fulfill the mission of the Church in the world. This is the compassionate movement of the body of Christ to show God's love through service. This includes providing necessary resources to the less fortunate. Resources such as food, clothing, shelter, medicine, financial relief, and humanitarian aid. It also includes teaching, advocating, ministries of presence, and all outreaches designed to improve the quality of life for individuals and communities.

According to Wesley, both types of spiritual discipline are needed if we are to grow closer to God on our faith journeys. So, when I ask, "How is it with your spiritual disciplines?" I'm asking are you spending intentional time with God and neighbor? Are you telling God about your day, lifting your heart and all the worry, empathy, and celebration it holds, and asking that God reveal God's guiding light in your life? Are you actively reading and studying Scripture, open to its insights and challenges? Are you meeting with siblings-in-faith to support each other in the walk of faith? Are you engaged in a level of outreach ministries that challenges you and feeds your soul? Are you holding yourself accountable, admitting your missteps (we all have them) to God and to yourself?

When we lose the practice of our disciplines, we lose sight of the presence of God in our lives. When we lose sight of the presence of God in our lives, our faith becomes lukewarm at best. A star athlete wouldn't forsake their training in the off-seasons and expect to stay at, or improve, their level of athleticism throughout their career. Nor should we ignore our spiritual disciplines, our training, and expect the journey of faith to be easy.

Let's encourage each other to be about all our works of faithful living. Let's encourage each other in this Lenten season to walk closer with God. And let's allow that walk with God and each other to change us, better preparing and strengthening us for the paths ahead.

In faithful service,

Pastor Tom



MISSION POSSIBLE TEAM PRESENTS

Sloppy Joe Dinner

FUNDRAISER

All proceeds will go towards UMCOR Hygiene Kits

Dinner Details

When: Wednesday, March 20

Time: 6:00pm

Menu: Sloppy Joes, Tater Tots, Fruit, Salad & Dessert!

Cost: Free Will Donation

 **UMCOR**
United Methodist Committee On Relief



PLEASE HELP
US TO REACH OUR

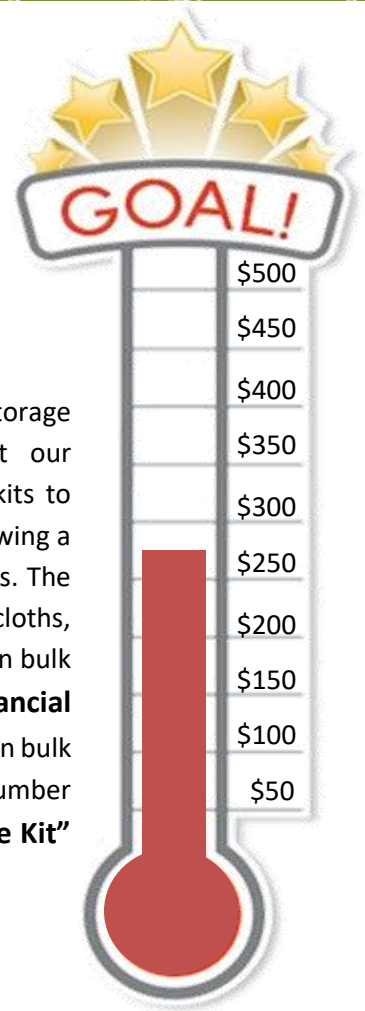
\$500

(50 kits x \$10 per Kit)

FUNDRAISING GOAL!

To provide immediate assistance after a disaster Storage Distribution Centers have been prepared throughout our conference. But those storage centers need completed kits to assist after a disaster. Currently the inventory is low. Following a disaster one of the most requested kits are the Hygiene Kits. The items included in these kits are hand towels, wash cloths, toothbrushes, soap etc. When these items are purchased in bulk the cost per kit is \$10. Mission Possible is asking for **financial donations only** and the team will order the items needed in bulk for the best cost savings allowing us to make the highest number of kits. Please provide **your donations marked "Hygiene Kit"** beginning now through **Sunday, March 31st**.

thank you



DAYLIGHT
SAVING
TIME
Spring
FORWARD

March 10, 2024



Food Pantry Needs

The HOPE Food Pantry needs 12 count egg cartons. They are currently getting eggs in 5 dozen flats and need to repackage them in 1/2 or 1 dozen cartons.



FLOREY, SHEILA	03/02
SALTENBERGER, ROSE	03/07
SYTSMA, JACOB	03/07
OLSEN, ADDISON	03/14
RENARDO, COLE	03/14
ENZ, DORINE	03/23
OLSEN, KYLA	03/24
RONFELD, JOHN	03/25
ENGEL, MARTY	03/27
MYERS, CHLOE	03/27
DIFRANCO, TONY	03/28
MYERS, CHELSEA	03/29



Finance Team Meeting
Monday, March 11 @ 10:00am

Care Team Meeting
Tuesday, March 12 @ 2:00pm

Brunch Goodies
Sunday, March 17 @ 11:00am

Men's Night Out
Monday, March 18 @ 6:00pm
Wichita Pub and Grill
19140 Molalla Ave, OC

Program Team Meeting
Tuesday, March 19 @ 10:00am

SPRT Meeting
Tuesday, March 19 @ 3:00pm

Wednesday Night Dinner!
Wednesday, March 20 @ 6:00pm

Fellowship Conversations
Sunday, March 24 @ 11:00am

Our Weekly Giving Moment



"Whoever does the truth comes to the light so that it can be seen that their actions were done in God." —John 3:21, CEB

[UMCOR Sunday](#) is March 10. We are partnering with other UMC congregations in a special offering to support The United Methodist Committee on Relief, an organization that acts on our behalf when there is a crisis in the world.

Last February a 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck southern Turkiye. UMCOR worked with a trusted partner in Turkiye to respond. Because many displaced people still live in tents where open flames of candles or kerosene lanterns are dangerous, solar lanterns were distributed, thanks in part to gifts from United Methodists. UMCOR was able to respond quickly because they have a trusted partner in the region. United Methodist support through offerings like UMCOR Sunday was transformed into tangible immediate help for survivors.

Please embody compassion and be God's light by giving generously to support UMCOR Sunday.





HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Palm & Passion Sunday Worship

A worshipful journey from Triumphal Entry to Crucifixion

Sunday, March 24 at 10:00am

Maundy Thursday Worship

A remembrance of the Last Supper

Thursday, March 28 at 6:30pm

Good Friday Service Tenebrae Service

A somber service of Christ's light fading to darkness

Friday, March 29 at 6:30pm

Easter Sunday

Celebrating the Resurrection with breakfast, praise, and worship!

Sunday, March 31

- ❖ Continental Breakfast at 8:30am
- ❖ Worship Celebration at 10:00am
- ❖ FunZone Easter Party at 10:15am

