

Weekly Newsletter

Oregon City United Methodist Church

September 4, 2025

**Join Us In-Person or
Livestream**

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

A place where we *"Love Others and Value Everyone!"*

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Prayer for a New School Year

It's September again and time to get back into a season of learning and school schedules. So, to start this year off right, this week I offer this prayer, adapted from one I've read, for students and teachers, and families.

Lord, please bless all our children, students, teachers, friends, and relatives as they make their way back to their classrooms for another year.

Help them to feel excitement and joy in the promise of a new start.

Give them everything they need to start their classes.

Give them all they need all year.

Give them imagination and creativity to make wonders out of what they do have and the lessons they will learn.

Help families and teachers alike stretch their budgets and their supplies.

Give them wisdom all year.

Help teachers quickly spot the little souls who are going to need something extra from them this year, and help the students to stand in support of each other in every challenge that they face.

Help them have just the right words of encouragement for each other; teacher to student and student to teacher, parent to teacher and teacher to parent, professional to professional, and peer to peer.

Give them all loads of love.

Help the love in their hearts just overflow so they always have plenty to spare.

We can't conjure it up Lord, but you give in abundance... please supply all the love teachers, students, and parents need.

Please supply them energy too, Lord.

Please let them sleep well at night so they are rested and refreshed each morning.

Don't let them take their problems and worries to bed with them at night.

Give them all patience and understanding with each other in every situation.

Again, Lord, it's you who supplies in abundance.

Please keep the students and teachers safe this year.

Keep them safe from accidents or evil intent.

Let the students be excited about this wonderful world and all there is to learn about it.

Help them to be interested in each other, for there's a wealth to learn about and from each other, and this is true for teachers and parents as well.

Give the parents willing hearts, both to help in the classroom if they can, and certainly to be involved in their children's homework and in their stories as the year goes on.

Let this be a truly wonderful year for everyone involved in education.

Let everyone feel, at the end of the year, that they learned all they could and gave the best they had.

Amen!

In Faithful Service,

Pastor Tom



SEPTEMBER

CRUIKSHANK, KENDRA 09/01
RONFELD, SUSAN 09/02
LARSON, CHRIS 09/10
BENTLEY, JUDITH 09/23
WERBER, BETH 09/25
ENZ, JONATHAN 09/27

In Loving Memory

Vern Buttolph



-----Memorial Service-----
Friday, September 5 at 2:30pm

Willamette National Cemetery
11800 SE Mt. Scott Blvd
Happy Valley, OR 97086

HOPE Food Pantry



We began September by serving 55 families and 220 individuals at the first pantry of the month, setting a new record for this period. In comparison, last year's figures stood at 37 families and 132 individuals. The previous high was in 2023, when we served 44 families and 147 people.



Sunday,
September 7th

Join us for a
celebration of our
church's life and
ministries!

Worship Service w/ Choir @10:00am
Ministry Fair & Fellowship @ 11:00am
Backpack blessing and Ice cream sundaes

Save the date

Finance Team Meeting

Monday, September 8 @ 10am

Care Team Meeting

Tuesday, September 9 @ 2:00pm

SPRT Meeting

Tuesday, September 16 @ 3:00pm

Brunch Fellowship

Sunday, September 21 @ 11:00am

Men's Night Out

Monday, September 22 @ 6:00pm

Backstop Bar & Grill

211 North Grant Street

Canby, OR 97013

Our Weekly Giving Moment

"Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore, the wicked will not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.." Psalm 1 NRSV

Psalm 1 reminds us that those who delight in God's Word are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in every season. On Christian Education Sunday, we celebrate the teachers, leaders, and mentors who help us grow in faith, rooted in God's wisdom. Through connectional giving in The United Methodist Church, Christian education resources, leadership development, and ministries of learning are made possible across the globe. Their work strengthens discipleship in every congregation.

Join us this Sunday for worship as we honor those who nurture faith through teaching and celebrate God's call to grow in grace together.

Get a Clue!



Real People.

Real Puzzles.

Real Prizes.

Live-Action Clue

Sunday, September 28, 2025 @ 2:00-5:00pm

Zion Lutheran Church
720 Jefferson Street
Oregon City, OR 97045

Admission is \$2 plus 1 can of food to support
the local food pantry
or \$3 without a canned food item.

All youth grades 6-12 are welcome to participate. Bring your group for an
afternoon of great fun, fellowship and mystery. Refreshments are provided.

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