



Oregon City United Methodist Church Newsletter

July 28, 2022

Worship Opportunities

In-person & Live-streamed
Sundays at 10:00 a.m.



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Our Weekly Giving



[United Methodist Communications](#) (the General Commission on Communication) leads the church in communication ministries and activities. It meets the communication, public relations and marketing needs of the entire denomination, reflecting the cultural and racial diversity within The United Methodist Church.

Since 2015, Dan Krause has led the global communications agency in telling the story of God's love via research, technology and strategic communication. Through marketing, advertising, media and public relations, web and social media, news, production and more, United Methodist Communications works around the world, equipping local churches for communications ministry, raising awareness of the mission and ministries of the church and developing technology infrastructure in underserved areas.

Congregations, large and small, as well as districts, annual conferences and jurisdictions, benefit from United Methodist Communications resources and services. Through the [World Service Fund](#), this vital agency is equipped to share expertise, resources and assistance, along with a big helping of God's love, on a global scale. Thank you!

From the Pastor's Desk

Pastor Tom's Schedule for

July 31 – Aug 6

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

Sun: In person Worship at 10am

Mon: No office hours

Tue: 10am-2pm

Finance Team meeting at 12:00pm

Wed: 1pm-6:00pm

Worship Design, 5pm

Thu: 10am-1:45pm

Pastoral visits in afternoon

Fri: 10am-2pm

Sat: Enjoy the weekend!

Disaster Kits in short supply across the conference:

If and or when a disaster strikes, community volunteer organizations usually seek out the support of United Methodist Churches because of its well-known reputation for disaster response. The support our churches usually provide comes in the form of disaster kits: everything from hygiene kits to soot sponge kits to school supply kits.

Visit the [Oregon-Idaho Mission Opportunities](#) website to learn more about the UMCOR-approved disaster kits a local church can create. Also reach out to Kienzle at drc@umoi.org for more information.

Another great way to help would be to [contribute to the Oregon-Idaho Conference disaster response fund](#). Money in the Designated Disaster Response Fund is used to help survivors with monetary needs, for example: providing gift cards for immediate needs, helping to pay temporary housing, helping to cover rebuild/repair costs, furniture, personal items and so much more. This money is offered as cases are presented at the Unmet Needs Table throughout the course of the recovery process, often years.

Brothers and Sisters of Oregon City UMC,

In the year King Uzziah died, something happened to Isaiah. He saw a vision of God sitting on the divine throne in majestic robes and surrounded by singing seraphs whose voices shook the temple. Isaiah was filled with fear and trembling because he was sure he was a dead man, for no one could stand before God and live. Isaiah was right to be afraid. But not because God was going to smite him. Isaiah was right to be afraid because of the life God was calling him into.

In the year that King Uzziah died, God called Isaiah to be a prophet. Just like Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, Samuel, Samson, Gideon, Deborah, Elijah, Elisha... You get the idea. Just like so many others both before and after, Isaiah had been called to go to God's people and preach God's message. It's not an easy thing to do.

Today we have just as much reason to fear (as in pay awed reverence to) God as Isaiah did. God doesn't just select a few. God calls us all. Now granted, it's not always going to be the whopping, *get everyone's attention, they're gonna be talking about this for centuries, hard martyrdom* kind of calling. But don't be mistaken in thinking that any calling is less than big. Within this world of ours, there are worlds within worlds. People living on different continents or in the same apartment complex live in drastically different realities, and what is small to one, is life altering to another.

For the past two Sundays, worship has been centered around the prophetic call we all receive. At the same time the question has come to me, "Where are we going as a church?" It's a very good and important question. The answer to that question is in this idea of prophetic call. Where is God calling us? I could just throw a couple vague statements out like, "God calls us to meet people where they are. To reach out in love. To minister with grace and kindness." But that doesn't really answer the question.

Instead let me ask you this. As a faithful believer daring to approach the thrown of God, what do you hear the still small whisper of God's voice say to you? When you pray for your community and the world, what is there on your heart that you lift to God? In the answer to these questions is your calling.

As a congregation, what is Oregon City UMC's identity? What are our core values? What are our short-term and long-term goals for ministry? Over the coming months we will be looking at these questions as a congregation as we chart our course in answering God's call.

God calls us in many ways. Whose world is God calling us to change? What grace can we show, just by being passionate about what is already on our hearts? How will we walk with God, and how will God work through us today, tomorrow, and in the future to come?

Faithfully,

Pastor Tom

THIS WEEKS EVENTS

Sunday, July 31

10:00am – Worship

10:15am – Sunday Fun Zone

Monday, August 1

Tuesday, August 2

12:00pm – Finance Team Meeting

Wednesday, August 3

1:00pm – HOPE Food Pantry

5:00pm – Worship Design Team

6:30pm – Bell Choir

Thursday, August 4

10:00am – Ladies' Bible Study

Friday, August 5



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| WHITEHEAD, VINCENT | 08/02 |
| WOOD, GAYE | 08/04 |
| RUSSELL, JOY | 08/05 |
| MARGESON, SANDEE | 08/10 |
| PALMER, CHRISTA | 08/10 |
| JOHNSON, SHARI | 08/11 |
| FERGUSON, DICK | 08/13 |
| MAGEE, KATHRYN | 08/14 |
| SPAINHOWER, KATHY | 08/16 |
| WARD, GAIL | 08/18 |
| CRONRATH, ARLEN | 08/20 |
| NORRIS, ALICE | 08/26 |
| QUEVEDO, MELISSA | 08/26 |
| EVANS, DENISE | 08/29 |
| SPRAGUE, RACHEL | 08/29 |
| ENGEL, DAWN | 08/31 |

Take-a-Look Book Nook!

The "Take-a-Look Book Nook" will be open the entire month of September! Save your good quality used books, DVDs & VHS movies, puzzles and games. Bring them into the church starting August 1st. Then through September you can browse through the variety of items offered. Proceeds will benefit Women's Ministries.



Finance Team Meeting

Tuesday, August 2 @ 12:00pm

Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 9th @ 6:30pm

Change for Change offering

Through the month of August, we are collecting change as an offering at the start of "Kids' Time." 100% of this offering will go toward children's activities.



Bottle Drop Fundraiser

You can support OCUMC with your empty bottles and cans! Our Fundraising Team will provide the bags to members and anyone else who wants one. The bags are blue and have an OCUMC sticker on them. You simply collect your bottles and cans in the blue bags, then drop the full bags at the local Bottle Drop location or at OCUMC. It's that easy! For more information contact the church office @ 503-656-3433.

SUNDAY FUN ZONE

"Heroes and Heroines of the Bible"

JOIN US

Families, join us for worship service at 10:00am!
Children 4 years through 5th grade will be welcomed to their classroom from
10:15am – 11:00am.

The Sunday Fun Zone includes a Bible Lesson,
Arts & Crafts, Singing, Snacks, and more!