



Oregon City United Methodist Church

Newsletter

March 31, 2022



Worship Opportunities

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



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All-Church Work Party!

Meet us on Saturday, April 2nd
(Weather permitting)


10:00am



Fresh air, great conversation while working in the
flowerbeds, what could be better!

Come help us with a Spring clean-up on Saturday, April 2nd
at 10:00am. Do not forget to bring your clippers and
scratcher tools. For more information contact Mary Gifford.





To the faithful of OCUMC,

War sucks!

This is my official weigh in on what is going on in the world. Especially right now between Russia and Ukraine. War sucks and is a horrible, detrimental, and traumatic habit of the human race. I see the reports each morning as I scroll through my CNN news feed and I can't help but wonder, how far will this go? Will the US and other countries become more involved? Where will Russia stop? What if unthinkable actions (beyond what is already happening) become reality? I know many of you are having similar thoughts and questions.

Two things come to mind as I sit here typing this address. The first is a phrase from my high school economics class; "War is good for the economy, bad for people." This always struck me as odd and ironic, because really there is no reality in which war is good. War tears families and nations apart. War destroys culture and stokes further division in humanity. War belittles the value of life and usurps the power of compassion in the name of such inane ideas like "manifest destiny" or *needing* to be a global superpower.

The other thought is of scripture. Jesus says in Matthew 24,

You will hear of wars and rumors of wars but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains.


I don't know that this makes me feel any better about the world situation. Nor do I think it really should. It does remind me, until Christ does return and there is a New Heaven and a New Earth, humanity will continue to stumble, and we will continue to see people giving in to temptations that come with power, greed, and selfish ambition.

Yet, we have a calling. We have a hope and a teacher who brings us the knowledge that God is at work among us. We hear the stories of people who have stayed behind in Ukraine to help get people out, to help support those who've lost their livelihood, to help care for the injured and the sick and the innocent caught in the crosshairs of this unjust violence. God is indeed at work in the midst of the wounded.

We too can be God's hands in even some small way. If you have visited our website recently, you may have noticed a new link. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is our disaster response branch of The United Methodist Church. War certainly qualifies as a disaster. So UMCOR is responding. By following this link, you can offer a financial donation to aid in our denominational humanitarian response in Ukraine and see what other options there are for what we can do to show Christ's love and care in these events.

In this time of uncertainty on the global scale, I pray God's peace be with you and God's Spirit guide you through your days.

God's grace be with you, always,



Pastor Tom

Holy Week

You are invited

to be a part of the full story of salvation we receive through Jesus Christ. Join us during Holy Week for *Palm & Passion Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Resurrection Sunday!* Each of these special days during Holy Week takes us through a different part of the salvation story, the passion of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. Each day has its own importance and significance, each worship its own meaning. Come and journey with us from the Triumphal Entry to the Crucifixion to the Resurrection, that we might better remember and experience the story together as a people of faith.



Palm & Passion Sunday

Sunday, April 10
10:00am

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 14
6:30pm

Joint Good Friday Service

Friday, April 15
7:00pm
In-person & Live-streamed
Held at St. Stephen Lutheran Church
290 W Gloucester St., Gladstone, OR

Easter Resurrection Sunday

Sunday, April 17
10:00am

THIS WEEKS EVENTS

Sunday, April 3

8:30am – Searchers (Bible Study Class)
10:00am – Worship

Monday, April 4

8:30am – Preschool

Tuesday, April 5

8:30am – Preschool
6:00pm – Ladies' Night Out

Wednesday, April 6

8:30am – Preschool
10:00am – Witness at the Cross
1:00pm – HOPE Food Pantry
5:00pm – Worship Design Team
6:30pm – Bell Choir
6:30pm – Witness at the Cross

Thursday, April 7

8:30am – Preschool
10:00am – Witness at the Cross

Friday, April 8

8:30am – Preschool



Angela Saltenberger	4/04
Josh Finck	4/12
Marvin Fourier	4/13
Zach Rick	4/19
Riley Palmer	4/20
Cole Finck	4/21
Vivian Sutton	4/25
Jana Fogle	4/29

Ladies' Night Out

Tuesday, April 5
6:00pm

Hope you can join us at our next Ladies' Night Out!
We'll meet at J.Willys Public House and Eatery
1717 Willamette Falls Drive
Willamette area of West Linn



Please RSVP to Marty (fmsodie@yahoo.com) or Susan (jsronfeld@comcast.net),

Finance Team Meeting

Monday, April 11
1:00pm



Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 12
6:00pm

Children's Sunday School Meeting

Thursday, April 21
6:30pm



We are gearing up to start Sunday School classes again!

Do you enjoy stoking the imaginations of our kids with the stories of God's people and Jesus' love? If so, being a Sunday School teacher might just be your calling. If interested in attending the meeting please contact Pastor Tom.

Nursery Ministry

We are looking for volunteers who love kids to help in the nursery Sunday Mornings. If interested, talk to Pastor Tom or Carrie Myers.



Please join us for an open house

Saturday, April 9th

1 - 3 pm

To celebrate the life of

Rick Florey

(April 9, 1944 – November 24, 2021)

On his 78th birthday

16060 SW Willow Dr

Sherwood, OR 97140

RSVP appreciated

503-351-1644

Loving IN Memory

Margaret Emily 'Peggy' Hickman

September 10, 1937 – March 10, 2022

Peggy was born in Des Moines, Iowa Sept. 10, 1937, the youngest child of Paul and Dorothy Borthwick.

She is survived by her loving husband of over 63 years, Charles Hickman; son Greg (Carolyn) daughter, Claire (Vedat); granddaughters, Leyla and Alev. A memorial will be held at a later date.

Margaret Anne Corbett Golden

November 24, 1938 – February 14, 2022

Margaret was active in the United Methodist Church and a strong proponent of children's Christian education. She knew a church that served its children well would become stronger and more vibrant. That vision led her to a job as the Parish Worker at St. Paul's UMC in Milwaukie where she started a very successful after school program. She continued her theological education and was appointed to be the local pastor at Dundee UMC in 1996. Her appointment was expanded to include Amity, McCabe and Sheridan United Methodist churches. She retired in 2007.

A celebration of life will be held in the future as the pandemic allows. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Camp Hope, or to Camp Magruder.



THE BLACK COLLEGE FUND

Our Weekly Giving

The United Methodist Church supports 11 fully accredited Historically Black Colleges and Universities, more than any other religious denomination in the U.S.

Each year, more than 15,000 students attend these institutions, pursuing degrees in agriculture, engineering, social work, forensics, environmental science and more.

For every dollar donated, 96.5 cents directly benefit students, facilities and infrastructure.

Over 70 percent of students at Black College Fund-supported schools are eligible for Pell Grants because their families hover at the poverty line or earn less than \$50,000.

Annually, more than 3,000 well-prepared graduates go out into the world, transforming the church and the community.

Even during the recession and the pandemic, United Methodists continued to be generous, giving over 80% of the yearly apportioned amount of \$9 million.

BCF alumni include retired bishops Woodie White, Jonathan Keaton, James King and Robert Hayes; former U.S. Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders; and Azie Taylor Morton, the only African American treasurer of the U.S.

Thank you for supporting the Black College Fund