



March 9, 2023

WORSHIP *with us*

**Join Us In-Person or
Livestream**

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

FAMILY & FRIENDS ALL WELCOME



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HOPE FOOD PANTRY



HOPE Food Pantry
Distribution for the
month of February, 2023

Our volunteers served

- 680 people
- 174 families

THANK YOU!

Yesterday, the HOPE Food Pantry was a beehive of activity. The Church of Latter-day Saints, the Mormon Church, brought two semi-truck loads of food to Wilsonville. This food was distributed to the food pantries in the area who had previously requested food. Our pantry asked for and received three pallets of food or 4,596 pounds.

John Beasley counted 18 volunteers at the pantry, but like all worker bees they just kept moving around and we could only come up with 16 names. Our great thanks goes out to: John Ronfeld, John Beasley, Jim & Lori Shumaker, Marty Engel, Jane Ratcliff, Sharon & Ted Thonstad, Donna Fourier, Jane Myer, Ron Schlosser, Beth Werber, Lydia Henry, Dave Larson, Paster Tom and Mike Sterle. If I missed someone it was because they were moving too fast.

We were already starting to give out part of this food by 1:00 in the afternoon as we served 47 families at the pantry yesterday.

Thank you to everyone for your support and assistance in helping to feed the food insecure people in our community.



PASTOR'S SCHEDULE

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

Sunday, March 12

8:30am – Searchers Class
10:00am – Worship

Monday, March 13

9:00am – 2:00pm

Tuesday, March 14

9:00am – 2:00pm

Wednesday, March 15

10:00am – 6:00pm
10:00am – Lenten Book Study
5:00pm – Worship Design Team
6:30pm – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 16

9:00am – 2:00pm
6:30pm – Lenten Book Study

Friday, March 17

No Office Hours
Sermon Prep Day

Saturday, March 18

Enjoy your weekend!!!



“What if Water Is God?”

This week’s Gospel reading is the woman at the well found in John 4. Jesus simply asks the woman for a drink of water and it sparks a whole conversation about the promise of living water and what it means to follow and believe in the Messiah. A conversation that leads to a whole town being brought to know and believe in this man Jesus.



It got me thinking about the importance of water and it’s necessity in life. Then I remembered having seen this video-answer to the question, “What if water is God?” and it gave me a deep insight into just how crucial water and God are.

[If water is God] then that would mean God is both in us and all around us, that God is both above and below us, why a woman’s water breaks when we’re born, and why some religions observe the ritual of baptism.

But if water was God, then that would mean that God has not gender, that God takes the shape of whatever container God appears in. Which begs the question, what is the spiritual significance of poisoning the water in Flint, Michigan? Or of oil burning in the Gulf of Mexico? Or the large islands of garbage floating in the Pacific Ocean?

If God was water, would that not mean that every natural place is holy? That every thunderstorm was a church without walls? That when the rain falls, it’s an act of God’s death giving life? And when it evaporates again it’s the day of resurrection?

And life itself was just a test of learning how to be and flow like water; how to give life to people? And how to refresh their spirits and quench their thirst with your presence.

(Original source: “fatalprosellc” via TikTok.)

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Makes me think... How much do we take water for granted?

And how much do we take God for granted?

Let’s follow the example of the woman at the well. Let’s take the living water Christ offers us and allow it to become an eternal spring within us. Then let us go out and do our parts in refreshing the spirits and quenching the thirst of those around us by testifying with our lives to God who brings life through Christ.

In faithful service,

Pastor Tom



FLOREY, SHEILA	03/02
FORNCROOK, CAROL	03/05
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

CHANGE FOR CHANGE



Through the month of March, we are collecting change as an offering at the start of "Kids' Time." 100% of this offering will go towards Vacation Bible school!

Upcoming Events

Searches Class

Sundays @ 8:30am, Heritage Room

Lenten Book Study

Wednesdays at 10:00am

Thursdays at 6:30pm

HOPE Food Pantry

Wednesdays @ 1:00 – 4:00pm

St. Patrick's Day

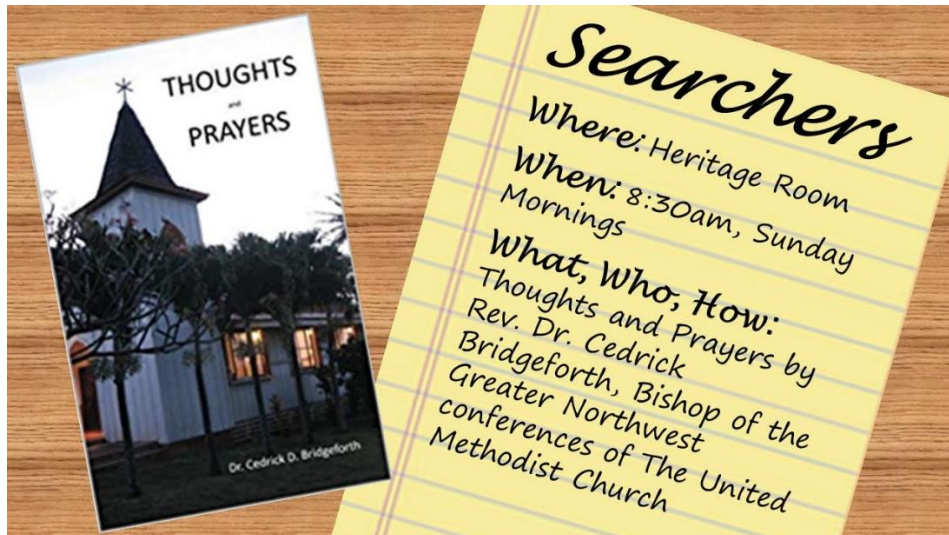
Friday, March 17

Potluck & Bingo!

Saturday, March 18 @ 4:00pm

Last Supper

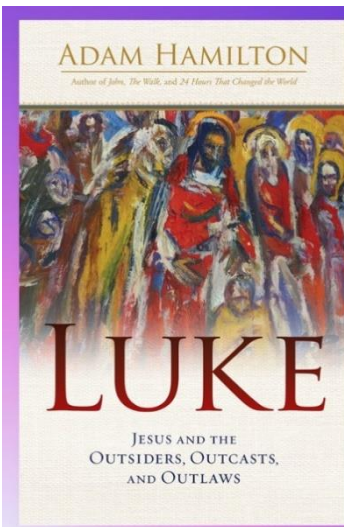
Friday, March 31 @ 6:00pm



Searchers

Where: Heritage Room
When: 8:30am, Sunday Mornings

What, Who, How:
Thoughts and Prayers by Rev. Dr. Cedrick Bridgeforth, Bishop of the Greater Northwest conferences of The United Methodist Church



LUKE:

Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws

by Adam Hamilton

Wednesdays at 10:00am

In person only

Thursdays at 6:30pm

Hybrid (In person & Zoom)

Limited book copies available for \$8.00

For more info, or the Zoom link, email Pastor Tom at ocumcpastor@gmail.com.

HOPE FOOD PANTRY

Food Levels are critically low!

As food prices continue to climb, we are seeing more and more food-insecure families needing help from the food pantry. We need your help!

We are in need of:

- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit
- Canned Soups
- Canned meats
- Pasta products
- Raman noodles
- Scalloped/Au gratin potatoes
- Misc. Boxed items

Donations can be dropped off at the HOPE Food Box located in the church lobby.



Our Weekly Giving Moment



Tragedy struck Gaylord, Michigan, on May 20, 2022, as an EF3 tornado barreled through the town. Two individuals lost their lives, and 44 others were injured.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief, the denomination's disaster-recovery arm, was eager to get to work and provide immediate assistance. After the Michigan Annual Conference requested aid, UMCOR approved a \$10,000 grant to help with immediate needs such as water and gift cards for food and gas.

Downstate in Detroit, UMCOR released \$800,000 in grant funds to help those recovering from destructive flooding the previous year. This money will be used to assist individuals in building back their lives in ways that meet their needs.

Sometimes, disasters seem distant. At other times, they happen right down the road to people we know and about whom we care. We're called as Christ followers to offer help and hope. As United Methodists, we can amplify the impact through our gifts to UMCOR. UMCOR reaches people in their moment of suffering, no matter who or where they are. Your gift on UMCOR Sunday will ensure that this critical ministry continues. Thank you for your generosity!

UMCOR SUNDAY

TOGETHER

OUR REACH IS BEYOND MEASURE

The United Methodist Church's special giving structure ensures your generosity blesses as many people as possible in sustainable, strategic ways

YOUR DONATION CHANGES THE WORLD ONE LIFE AT A TIME

GIVE TO YOUR CHURCH:
Make checks payable to your local church or donate online via credit/debit card at ResourceUMC.org/SSGive

TO GIVE ONLINE SCAN QR CODE WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE CAMERA

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.
The people of The United Methodist Church*

BINGO

All-Church

Potluck & Bingo

Saturday, March 18th
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Entry Fee:

Bring a new or gently used item per person for the BINGO Prize Table.

Winners choose prizes from the BINGO prize table



We'll provide drinks, bring a potluck dish to share if you like!



Oregon City United Methodist Church



MISSION POSSIBLE TEAM PRESENTS

Sloppy Joe Dinner

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All proceeds will benefit the Father's Heart

RESCHEDULED
NEW DATE ANNOUNCED

When: Friday, March 31st

Time: 6:00pm

Menu: Sloppy Joes, Coleslaw, Fruit & Dessert!
(Free Will Donation)



The Father's Heart
STREET MINISTRY

Helping those in need in Clackamas County. We share the love of Christ, as demonstrated in the Word of God, to transform the lives of hurting, lonely, addicted and hopeless people. We see The Father's Heart as a safe refuge, where those struggling with homelessness can rest, shower, sleep, eat a warm meal and find rest.



HOLY WEEK

Palm & Passion Sunday

Sunday, April 2

10:00am

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 6

6:30pm

Good Friday

Friday, April 7

Easter Resurrection Sunday

Sunday, April 9

10:00am

