March 16, 2023

WORSHIP

Join Us In-Person or Livestream

OCUM Church starting at 10:00a.m.

FAMILY & FRIENDS ALL WELCOME



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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

FROM THE PASTOR

To the faithful of Oregon City UMC,

Greetings my friends, on this fourth week of Lent. This week in scripture we will be hearing the story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. It's a story of hope where the people would think there is no hope to be found. Yet even in that moment, Jesus was able to appeal to his holy Father, God the Creator, and pull his friend out of the grip of death.

This Sunday is also *UMCOR Sunday* (United Methodist Committee On Relief), one of the six Special Sundays celebrated in The United Methodist Church. It is a day to recognize the hard work and compassionate ministry of this disaster relief branch of our denomination. While UMCOR may not hold the keys to the doors of Death and gates of Hades, as Jesus does (Revelation 1:18), UMCOR does have a ministry of bringing hope where people may only be able to see hopelessness.



In 2022 and 2023, UMCOR brought aid and relief to communities in...

- Buffalo and western New York after a blizzard dropped over four feet of snow with -30^o windchill and 80 mph winds,
- Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Michigan, South Carolina and Wisconsin after severe weather and tornadoes,
- Cuba, Florida, and South Carolina after hurricanes Nicole and Ian,
- Puerto Rico after hurricane Fiona,
- California, Mississippi, and Kentucky when floods hit, with landslides in California,
- New Mexico due to wildfires

This is just the aid UMCOR was able to give in the United States. UMCOR also goes beyond our borders and from 2021 to 2023 UMCOR has responded to 26 separate crises around the world. Most recently this has been in the form of aid sent to Turkey and Syria to provide emergency shelter, food, and first aid after deadly earthquakes.

UMCOR is just one way, we as United Methodists answer the call of Christ on our hearts. We thank God for the good people of the Gospel who bring the love of God and hope of Christ to those in need. We also thank God that we too can help in this ministry through our connection, our apportionments, and our giving.

To find out more about UMCOR and the work they are doing in the world, you can visit umcmission.org/umcor.

In prayerful and 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

Upcoming Events

St. Patrick's Day Friday, March 17

Potluck & Bingo! Saturday, March 18 @ 4:00pm

Searches Class Sundays @ 8:30am, Heritage Room

Change for Change

Sunday Mornings @ 10:00am 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!

First Day of Spring Monday, March 20



Lenten Book Study Wednesdays at 10:00am (In person) Thursdays at 6:30pm (In person & Zoom)

HOPE Food Pantry Wednesdays @ 1:00 - 4:00pm

Women's Study Group Thursdays @ 10:00am

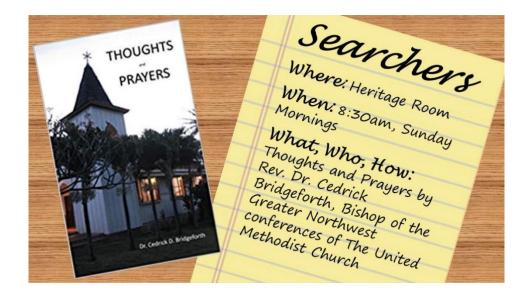
Last Supper Friday, March 31@ 6:00pm

Christian symbol



SHAMROCK

St. Patrick used the shamrock to teach people about the Godhead. Holding up a shamrock, he challenged them, "Is this one leaf, or three?" Inevitably, people replied that it was both, prompting St. Patrick to draw the analogy that so, too, is God: one God in three Persons — the Holy Trinity.



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

Thousands of individuals have been displaced from the Central African Republic by war and strife. Many have made their way to the refugee camp in Limbasa, Congo, where they have been greeted and helped by The United Methodist Church.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief, our denomination's humanitarian and development relief agency, used its Global Migration program to disburse \$50,000 to purchase food for incoming refugees.

"These displaced people are living in a camp set up by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and are going through much more difficult situations," said Jean Tshomba, coordinator of UMCOR's disaster-management office in eastern Congo.

United Methodists have been hosting newly arrived families and providing cash disbursements to refugees to help reduce product shortages and inflation in the region. The Congo Minister of Social Affairs, Humanitarian Actions and National Solidarity shared his thanks, saying, "Humanitarian actors, sometimes risking their lives, do immeasurable work to bring emergency aid to millions of men, women and children."

These comments speak to our own hearts. Our gifts on UMCOR Sunday make impactful efforts like this possible. Through our special offering, we amplify God's love. Thank you for your generosity!









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MISSION POSSIBLE TEAM PRESENTS

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FUNDRAISER

All proceeds will benefit the Father's Heart



NEW DATE ANNOUNCED

When: Friday, March 31st

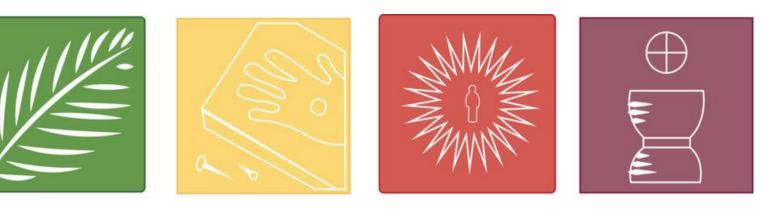
Time: 6:00pm



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



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 6:30pm

Easter Resurrection Sunday

Sunday, April 9 10:00am – Easter Service 10:15am – Children's Easter Party!

