



Oregon City United Methodist Church Newsletter

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





The Lord be with you friends and family or Oregon City United Methodist!

This week we have come to the celebrations of All Saints and All Souls, a day to remember those who have gone before us in the faith and have left their stamp on our lives. In that spirit of remembrance, I share this meditation with you. May it guide you in remembrance of those who have so touched your lives as they lived, and whose memories continue to touch your lives as they live in Christ.

A Prayer Meditation for All Saints Day

by Safiyah Fosua

*We give you thanks, O God,
for all the saints who ever worshipped you
whether in arbors or cathedrals,
wooden churches or cement meeting houses.*

*We give you thanks, O God,
for hands lifted in praise;
manicured hands and hands stained with grease or soil,
strong hands and hands gnarled with age,
holy hands.*

*We thank you, God,
for hardworking saints
whether hard-hatted or aproned,
blue collared or three-piece-suited.*

*They left their mark
for you,
for us,
for our children to come.*

*Thank you for the sacrifices
made by those
who have gone before us.*

Bless the memories of your saints.

*May we learn how to walk wisely
from their examples
of faith,
dedication,
worship,
and love.*

Amen.



CHRISTMAS FAMILY PROJECT

Pajama Drive

We are collecting NEW pajamas from infant to XL adult for children & teens of all ages in foster care. Pajamas will be distributed to Bloomin' Boutique.

- Accepting donations of NEW pajamas through Sunday, December 11th
- Donation barrel located in the Church lobby
- If you would prefer to donate money, please mark your check "PJ Drive" and members of Mission Possible will shop for you.





OLIVAS, MARIAN	11/05
WARD, PAUL	11/05
HULDEN, SANDRA	11/09
SYTSMA, JOHN	11/11
WICKLIFFE, BOB	11/12
CRAVEN, RICHARD	11/20
QUEVEDO, DIEGO	11/20
WATT, MARC	11/23

Pastor Tom's Schedule for Nov 6 - 12

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

Sun: In person Worship at 10am

Mon: No office hours

Tue: 9am-2pm
9:30am Cascadia Clergy Meeting

Wed: 1pm-6pm
5pm: Worship Design Team
6:30pm: Choir Rehearsal

Thu: 10am-2pm

Fri: Veterans Day – Office Closed

Sat: Enjoy your weekend!



Blessing Cards

As you consider your pledge toward our 2023 Stewardship Drive, we want to share with you some of the ways in which this congregation has been a blessing in people's lives. Your offerings and pledge donations have made this faithful community possible, and your continued pledges will help bring blessings on people's lives for years to come!

- ❖ I first started attending OCUMC on Easter Sunday, 2022 and have felt blessed by the warmth and Christian Love of the people who attend this church. They reach out to both new and long-term members with kindness and caring and in a welcoming manner. I love the visual “props” that are so creatively displayed to illustrate each Sunday’s sermon, and I also enjoy Rick Wilson’s beautiful piano playing that is also a special part of each Sunday service. I especially enjoy Pastor Thomas’ well-prepared and meaningful sermons that always give me new “pearls of wisdom,” insights and discernment. I’m impressed that he preaches without notes! The faith family at OCUMC especial and important to me because members demonstrate and practice the love of Christ among each other, through heartfelt worship, and through a variety of mission projects at OCUMC.
- ❖ It has been amazing and affirming to come to a place of worship and celebrate the word of God with people who accept and welcome people just as they are. Shunning nobody from the love of God. OCUMC members display what it means to be a disciple of Christ.



Our Weekly Giving Moment



Recently, leaders of the [Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference](#) and the [Oklahoma Annual Conference](#) visited the Washita and Tulsa Race Massacre sites.

“The experience deepened my desire to learn more, to push me into areas that are uncomfortable and painful,” said Lori Foster, associate director of connectional ministry for mission, Oklahoma Annual Conference. “It reinforced my role as a child of God to work toward peace and love and to seek mercy and justice for all of God’s children.”

“It is important to understand what we have in common as Methodists and as people of God,” said the Rev. David Wilson, OIMC assistant to the bishop. “There is a need to educate folks about the tragic history of the treatment of racial ethnic people and to learn from it.”

Observed every November, National Native American Heritage Month provides a platform for Native people in the United States to share their culture, traditions, music, crafts, dance, and ways and concepts of life—and for others to learn.

THIS WEEKS EVENTS

Sunday, November 6

10:00am – Worship
10:15am – Sunday Fun Zone

Monday, November 7

8:30am – Preschool
7:00pm – Heritage Farms Assoc.

Tuesday, November 8

8:30am – Preschool
6:30pm – Diggity Dogs

Wednesday, November 9

8:30am – Preschool
1:00pm – HOPE Food Pantry
5:00pm – Worship Design Team
6:30pm – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 10

8:30am – Preschool
10:00am – Ladies' Bible Study
7:00pm – WFS practice

Friday, November 11

Veterans Day – Office Closed
Women's Retreat

It's time to update the directory!

Located in the sanctuary is our current directory, please make any changes there. If everything is correct, put a checkmark by your listing. If there are changes to be made, please cross out the incorrect info and write in the corrections. If you'd like to add your name and/or family to the directory, you can fill out the form below and return to the church office. You can also email the church any changes and your best photo.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

Celebration of Life

In Loving Memory of

Connie Emmerson

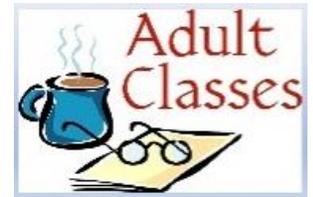
Saturday, November 19th at 2:00pm

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Adult Christian Education Class

Starting November 6th Pastor Tom will be leading an Adult Christian Education Class.



Where: In the Heritage Room

When: 8:30am Sunday Mornings

What: Topics will range from studies of scripture to the work of various theologians to religious book studies to how Christians address current events.

PAUL

As we dive back into our Sunday morning "Searchers" class, we'll start by looking at some of the earliest theologies of the Christian Church. Who better to start with than the Apostle Paul, who himself is responsible for much of how we see God and Christ.

Ladies' Night Out

Hope you can come to our next Ladies' Night Out - we'll be changing things up this month and meeting on the first Monday! We'll meet on Monday, November 7th at 6pm at the "Pine Garden Restaurant" - 19369 Molalla Ave, Suite 130. Please RSVP to Marty at fmsodie@yahoo.com or Susan at jsronfeld@comcast.net.

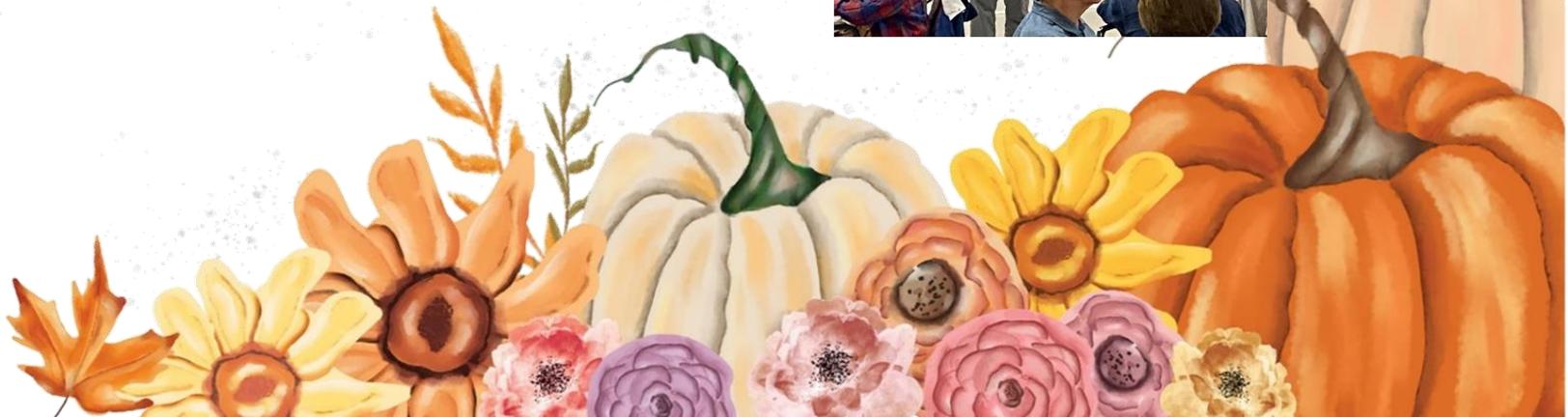
Interested in Joining OCUM Church?

Our New Members Class is an opportunity to find out more about who we are and what we believe. It is a great way to learn about the church, meet new people, get plugged into OCUMC, and see why being committed and belonging to the church through membership can help you and others in many ways. If you are interested in a New Members Class please contact Pastor Tom to schedule a time



FALL event

Thank you to the mission possible team for the delicious meal and welcoming Ellyn Dubberly to the October Last Supper. Everyone enjoyed the food, fellowship and learning about Ellyn's missionary work in El Salvador.



Women's Retreat



Hello, Girlfriends!

Wishing you could get away for a mini-vacation? We've got your ticket!

WonderFull World is an unforgettable travel-themed retreat the women of our church are doing together. It includes worship, Bible study, and time for laughter as well as time for quiet reflection.

At WonderFull World we'll "travel" to each of the seven continents. While there, we'll explore wonders of a woman's heart, such as "I wonder if I matter to God" or "I wonder where God is when life is hard." We'll find the answer to each of these questions in the Bible and discover more of God's amazing love for us.

Take time to relax, to make new friends, to worship, and to explore God's wondrous love. We hope you'll join us at WonderFull World!

Register Today!



Women's Retreat 2022
Christian Renewal Center, Silverton OR
November 11-13



Registration Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing address: _____

Email address: _____ Emergency Contact: _____

Dietary Requirements / Allergies / Special Needs: _____

Friend you'd like to room with: _____

Weekend & Day-Only packages available

Option 1: \$140 Full Weekend

Option 2: \$35 Saturday program & luncheon only

Partial scholarships are available, please contact Christa @ 503-656-3433 for more details.