



# Oregon City United Methodist Church Newsletter

May 19, 2022

## Worship Opportunities

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



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## Our Weekly Giving

Don't know much about history? Don't despair!

If you are curious about United Methodist history, help is just a web search away. Go to the General Commission on Archives and History website ([www.gcah.org](http://www.gcah.org)) to subscribe to the newsletter, download the latest episode of Un-Tied Methodism or begin a research process.

The General Commission on Archives and History promotes and cares for the historical interests of The United Methodist Church at every level. It gathers, preserves and holds title to library and archival materials and shares interpretive materials on the history of the denomination and its predecessors. It also engages with other Wesleyan, Methodist or Evangelical United Brethren-related denominations in recalling and reminding us of our joint heritage.

Whether you are a confirmation student or a longtime United Methodist, GCAH has something for you. Because of generous local church support of the World Service Fund, the agency provides a wealth of services to individuals and congregations. Thank you!

*Ashley Boggan Dreff*

## Pastor Tom's Schedule

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

Sunday, May 22  
10am - In person Worship

Monday, May 23  
Day off, no office hours

Tuesday, May 24  
9am – 1pm

Wednesday, May 25  
1pm – 6:30pm  
5pm – Worship Design Team

Thursday, May 26  
9am – 1pm

Friday, May 27  
9am – 1pm

Saturday, May 28  
Enjoy the weekend!



God's grace and peace to you,

The image here is one of a beautiful landscape in France. In fact, Ornans, the town pictured in the distance beyond the bridge, is the hometown of the artist who painted it. Gustave Courbet was an 19<sup>th</sup> century French realist painter who broke with the convention of the day.

At first glance, this painting is a masterful depiction of a countryside scene on the outskirts of town. But that's all. Someone who happens across it without knowing its history might see just another landscape painting in a myriad of landscape paintings.

Yet the story of this painting goes deeper. This painting and others of Courbet's were considered controversial. Why? Because it broke the convention of the day. You see, Courbet believed he should paint only what was tangibly in front of him; what he could see with his own eyes. This was in some circles considered a slap in the face to the conventional romanticized styles of recreating historical events or religious images or royal portraits. Even the scale of some of his paintings was bold. *A Burial at Ornans* is 10 feet tall and 22 feet wide and is a depiction of the common townsfolk at his uncle's funeral.

Even as Courbet's work was criticized, it was also praised. Critics didn't appreciate the raw real imagery of Courbet's work. They much preferred the glamorized and adorned versions of history and religious events. They wanted portraits of royalty, not peasants working in the fields. Fans of Courbet's work loved the revolutionary interpretation of life just as life is. No "airbrushing." No romanticizing what once was. No additional glamour. Just raw reality. It brought light to the world as it is. In a way, you could say those who appreciated Courbet's art felt seen.

Feeling seen is an important part of human life. Are there any who see me? Are there any who know me? Are there any who care? Hopefully these are questions you've never had to ask, though they are questions that are out there on people's hearts. They're questions on the hearts of whole populations of society. And society often does the work of romanticizing and painting over what we don't want to see.

We as God's people are called in part to scrape the paint away and reveal what is underneath. To see the world for the reality that God would have us minister to. To see the people of the world and the reality they all live in. In seeing them, learn about them, get know them, empathize with or siblings in humanity, then go and serve in compassion. That is the call of Christ on our lives; to love people where they are.

It can be challenging, even unconventional to put ourselves out there. Ultimately though, just like Courbet's landscapes and realistic portrayals, it can be a thing of beauty.



*View of Ornans*, (ca. 1850s) by Gustave Courbet

Pastor Tom

## THIS WEEKS EVENTS

Sunday, May 22

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

Monday, May 23

8:30am – Preschool

Tuesday, May 24

8:30am – Preschool  
1:00pm – Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, May 25

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

Thursday, May 26

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

Friday, May 27

8:30am – Preschool



BAGLEY, KATHIE	05/01
MALLEN, ANN	05/01
STRATTON, WILDA	05/01
MCCORKLE, GARRY	05/03
GREGORY, SANDY	05/05
SUTTON, HAROLD	05/16
ZYLSTRA, JOANNE	05/16
HEMPHILL, HERB	05/17
FINCK, TERRI	05/18
NELSON, DON	05/21
CHAPMAN, FRANKLIN	05/24
LARSON, DAVE	05/27
RENARDO, KYLER	05/28
SCHULT, WILLIAM	05/29
OSTRICK-CRONRATH, ELSIE	05/31

## Change for Change offering

Through the month of May we are collecting change as a noisy (or foldy) offering at the start of "Kids' Time." 100% of this offering will go toward children's activities.

## American Red Cross Blood Drive

Oregon City United Methodist Church

Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>

1:00-6:00pm

Schedule online @ [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org)



**American  
Red Cross**

## Covid Update

Clackamas County is at a Medium Community Risk Level, while caution is still advised, masks are optional in public spaces. At Oregon City UMC, we recommend the wearing of masks, but we are not requiring them currently.



**BETH WERBER**

*Over twenty years of Teaching*

CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

SUN JUNE 5

RIVERCREST PARK  
(General Shelter)  
131 PARK DRIVE  
OREGON CITY, OR 97045

1:00-3:00PM

JOIN US FOR CAKE AND LOT'S OF FUN AS WE CELEBRATE BETH'S RETIREMENT  
PLEASE NO GIFTS / CARDS ARE MOST WELCOME