



Be still, and know that I am God

~ Psalm 46:10

Oregon City United Methodist Church

May 7, 2020



Dear friends and family of OCUMC:

“Be Still, and know that I am God.” – Psalm 46:10

In my ordaining “interviews” by the team assigned to vote on me being a pastor 22 years ago, I was asked a simple question. I had told them all of the activities and programs I was a part of in church work, church camping, youth, and worship. It was a busy, busy time. And the question posed to me was simply: “Could you just sit for a day, watch the sun rise up in the morning, and stay there till the sun goes down and still feel God’s presence.” I thought what a crazy question! Why would you waste a day like that and not DO anything? I had a lot to learn. Many times, relationships are built on just being present with each other, and this is also true with God.

We are in times where we are limited in our activities and “doing”. The sanctuary is quiet. The malls are quiet. Even I-205 seems a little easier to navigate (just a little). May we find the holy in these quiet times. Reminds me of the First temple built by the people of God: “In building the

temple, only blocks dressed at the quarry were used, and no hammer, chisel or any other iron tool was heard at the temple site while it was being built. “ - I Kings 6:7. Even the temple, as it was built, was a quiet place!

When will our church be “open” for business again? As a few places open around us, we will respond with cautiousness and prudence. We will follow the Governor and Bishop’s guidelines on size restrictions and best practices. We will continue with our online worships as needed. We may have a worship experience at the end of May, although that may be optimistic – and won’t look like our typical worship service. Stay tuned as we continue to get advice and direction from our leaders.

And in the end, may the quietness you experience this season be filled with holiness and His presence.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Mike

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 10th

Anniversaries

SHAVER, JIM & YOLANDA 05/14
ZYLSTRA, JOHN & JOANNE 05/20

Birthdays

BAGLEY, KATHIE 05/01
MALLEN, ANN 05/01
STRATTON, WILDA 05/01
MCCO RKLE, GARRY 05/03
BENISCHEK, GABRIEL 05/05
GREGORY, SANDY 05/05
FOURIER, PHILIP 05/13
SUTTON, HAROLD 05/16
HEMPHILL, HERB 05/17
FINCK, TERRI 05/18
NELSON, DON 05/21
CHAPMAN, FRANKLIN 05/24
LARSON, DAVE 05/27
SCHULT, WILLIAM 05/29
OSTRICK-CRONRATH, ELSIE 05/31

National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 7th



Take some time during the day to pray for whatever is on your heart.



National Teacher Appreciation Week

May 4 – 8, 2020

Thank you Cornerstone Christian Preschool Teachers – Beth Werber, Carla Christensen and Danielle Swatman for all your hard work!

Drive-Thru Communion

Thanks to the 70+ plus folk who stopped by Sunday, May 3rd! And thanks to Rick for providing music! Pastor Mike



HOPE Garden Update

First harvest of this season!
Nine pounds of spinach. I have 3 rows in the bed and harvested a 6 foot row of each for a total of 18 lineal feet – Ron Schlosser



Thursday Bible Study Group

Our Thursday Group of Gals had our gathering - ZOOM style! What fun to see everyone and share our joys, concerns and a lot of laughter - Susan Ronfeld

Zoom online Yoga Class

Tuesday Mornings
9:30am – 10:30am



Tuesday morning yoga class on zoom. If anyone is interested in Weekly gentle Hatha yoga, contact Annie Kendall and she can provide info and/or add you to the list - outletcape@gmail.com