



Oregon City United Methodist Church

# Newsletter

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## Worship Opportunities

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

Register at [www.oregoncityumc.com](http://www.oregoncityumc.com). If you are having trouble accessing the online registration please call the church office or Pastor Tom.



## Pastor Tom's Schedule for Nov 21-26

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

**Sunday:** Worship at 10am

**Monday:** 9am-1pm, 9:30am meeting

**Tuesday:** 9am-1pm

**Wednesday:** 9am-11:45am, Rotary at noon, Worship Design at 5pm

**Thursday:** Thanksgiving Day

**Friday:** Office Closed



## Let's Celebrate the King!

This week we celebrate Reign of Christ Sunday! It is that day in the Christian year where we look to the culmination of God's redemptive work in the world. We celebrate the victory of Jesus Christ at the cross, in the Ascension, in the continuing work of redemption and restoration, and the future victory of God's love in the transformation of the world.

It's also the last day in the Christian calendar. We have come full circle again. We have journeyed with God and Jesus from creation to wilderness, to prophesy, to birth, to baptism, through ministry and learning about God's love, to crucifixion and death, to the power of the Resurrection and new life in Christ, to living in this new life and working for the transformation of the world. The cycle is complete.

And now we start again. As with so much of our lives and the reality of the world we live in, all the way down to the physics of the universe, we live faith in that cycle. It's a cycle where we learn and grow, backstep and relearn how to be a people of faith. In our cycle we turn in the celebration of victory, all the way to the promise of victory and God's loving mercy yet again in Advent.

As we round out this cycle in the celebration of God's in Christ, let us also turn our hearts once again and ever-always to the sign of God's love in the coming of the Christ-child. In so many ways we are already in Advent; that time of expectation and waiting. The world groans and calls out for healing, for peace, for hope, for joy, for love, for a Savior to teach us how to be one people again. In the time of Advent let us prepare our hearts be living in this prayer...

*Righteous one, to you alone we lift our souls; in you alone, we place our trust; for you alone we wait all day long. For you are the God of our salvation, abounding in mercy and steadfast love. Help us remain alert and watchful for the coming of your promised one— the one who comes with power and glory, the one drawing near to bring our salvation. Amen.*

Blessing to you in the name of the King!  
Blessing to you in the name of the Christ-child!

*Pastor Tom*

Pastor Tom

### COVID Update:

Starting with the first Sunday of Advent, November 28th, we will no longer be requiring reservations to attend worship. Please continue to wear your masks, practice social distancing between households, and remember to sing in our hearts rather than with our lips.



DIFRANCO, KELLY	11/02
OLIVAS, MARIAN	11/05
WARD, PAUL	11/05
DANIELS, CATHIE	11/07
SPRAGUE, ERIC	11/07
HULDEN, SANDRA	11/09
MCCORKLE, JOYDEE	11/10
SYTSMA, JOHN	11/11
SCHULT, EVERETT	11/12
WICKLIFFE, BOB	11/12
CRAVEN, RICHARD	11/20
QUEVEDO, DIEGO	11/20
OLIVAS, JEFF	11/21
WATT, MARC	11/23
HECKERT, CAMI	11/27

### Grocery Bags



If you happen to have extra paper or plastic grocery bags the HOPE Food pantry can put them to good use. Grocery bags can be dropped off at the church office.

## Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00pm

This year's Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will take place via ZOOM  
Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87250020941?pwd=KzRsZi9XOTBZZGJUelRab2JMSzFvdz09>  
Service will begin at 7:00pm and will be hosted by Prince of Life Lutheran Church.

- ❖ Prince of Life Lutheran Church
- ❖ First Baptist Church
- ❖ Zion Lutheran Church
- ❖ St. Paul's Episcopal Church
- ❖ Oregon City United Methodist Church
- ❖ UUCWF



## HOPE Food Pantry

Thanksgiving is a special time of the year to stop and count all the blessings that we have received over the past year... Our families, our church community, those with whom we volunteer and those we serve. The HOPE Food Pantry has received so many blessing from our congregation. You have blessed us with your prayers, your time, and monetary and food donations. We have approximately 26 individuals that volunteer each month. Most of whom are part of our congregation, others are people who just want to help others. You have supported us by donating money to our church account to purchase food that we are not able to get from the Oregon Food Bank, like canned Soup, Vegetables, and Fruit. We appreciate each and everyone of you and pray that you have a blessed Thanksgiving Season.

The Team at the Methodist HOPE Pantry



## Advent Study

Honest Advent: Awakening to the Wonder of God-with-Us Then, Here, and Now by Scott Erickson.

For too many of us **the celebration of Christmas has lost its wonder**. Maybe for you it has become a bittersweet season of complicated family rituals, or a predictable brand masking unquenchable consumerism, or simply a sacred story that feels far from any relevance in our current chaotic world.

*Honest Advent* seeks to illuminate, through art and creativity, the astonishing, hope-filled truth that the God who showed up in the hardest parts of our humanity *is still showing up today* in those same places.



Honest Advent book

- It's designed to be read as a daily devotional
- Get a hard copy book at the church for \$10

### Multiple opportunities to join in the study

Starting Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>

- Mondays, 6:30pm on Zoom
- Tuesdays, 11:00am at Oregon City UMC
- Wednesdays, 4:00pm on Zoom
- Thursdays, 6:00pm on Zoom





## Our Weekly Giving Moment

Gift of Hope scholar Bethany Vaughan grew up in Bellaire, Texas, near Houston. Today, the young woman is a trumpet performance major at Indiana University Bloomington, and draws great strength and satisfaction from music.

"The church," Vaughan said, "was the first place that exposed me to music. Singing in the church choir and later playing bass guitar in the church band developed my musical skills.

"I was very blessed to play in the pit orchestra for the Indiana University Opera and Ballet Theatre's production of 'Westside Story,' which was an amazing experience," she added. "I give all glory to God.

"Because of the church, I've always had a very clear sense of right and wrong, and I've always had a community of people supporting me and helping me grow."

Next Sunday, we will celebrate United Methodist Student Day. This churchwide Special Sunday with Offering calls United Methodists to support students as they prepare for life in uniting faith with knowledge. Please give generously. Thank you!

# Christmas Giving 2021

We are partnering with Bloomin' Boutique and Second Home Project this Christmas Season

## *Bloomin' Boutique*

Is a non-profit organization dedicated to giving a *hand up* by providing foster and underprivileged children **new** clothing.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

- ❖ NEW Winter Coats and Pajamas  
Sizes 3T – 14, Boys & Girls
- ❖ Monetary donations



## *Second Home Project*

Second Home matches volunteer host homes with unaccompanied high school students experiencing homelessness. By ensuring that the students have stable housing and ongoing support, they can focus on completing their secondary education and realize their full potential.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

- ❖ OCUMC will be providing Christmas gifts for a Clackamas County high school student. Your monetary donations will allow OCUMC to purchase Christmas gifts that meet the student's needs. A Christmas wish list will be available soon for those who wish to shop for gifts.
- ❖ Financial assistance for the Second Home program provides
  - \$21 supports one student for a day
  - \$150 supports one student for a week
  - \$600 supports one student for month

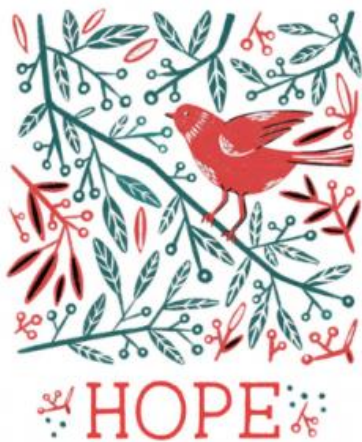


We will have our **giving tree** in our church lobby. You may take a tag(s) from the tree, purchase the gift and return it to the church office unwrapped no later than **December 19<sup>th</sup>**. Monetary donations are also welcome. Make your check out to OCUMC and write "Christmas Giving" on the memo line.



Feel free to call or email the church office for more specific information  
503-656-3433 – [office@oregoncityumc.com](mailto:office@oregoncityumc.com)





## For your Advent Calendar

### Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 28, 11am.

Help decorate our Worship Center and lobby for the holidays.

### Advent Mailboxes

Save the postage! Put your church family holiday greetings in the mailbox located in the Worship Center starting in December. Put the cards in the box labeled with the first initial of the last name. Don't forget to check for your cards!

### Advent Festival

Sunday, December 5, 2-4pm.

Fun for the whole family! The Worship Center will be filled with Christmas crafts for you to make and take home.

### Festive Holiday Attire Contest

Sunday, December 12, 10am.

We invite you to wear your most Festive Holiday Sweater/Attire to church Sunday morning for a Festive Holiday Contest!

### Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 19, 10am.

Join us in worship for the retelling of the Christmas story in music and scripture.



### Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Friday, December 24, 7pm.

Join us for our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight service as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. Bring the whole family and invite a friend to this very special service you won't want to miss!







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# Advent Craft Festival

Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

2:00pm - 4:00pm

*There is no charge for this event*



## Fun for the whole family

Our Worship Center will be filled with craft tables so every member of the family (especially the kids!) can have fun making a variety of Christmas crafts to take home and enjoy.

*Please plan to wear masks inside the building*

