

Thank you!



Oregon City United Methodist Church
Weekly Newsletter
July 8, 2021



Just a few spots available for
Sunday, July 11th Worship Service!
Please reserve your spot by going to
www.oregoncityumc.com

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Thanks for the Welcome!

I wanted to take a moment to say thank you. This past week Rom and I have felt warmly welcomed at Oregon City United Methodist Church. It's a joy and a comfort to be greeted with warm smiles and words of "we're so glad you're here." Being received in such a way is a comfort and a great introduction into this community of faith.



Pastoral transitions are not always easy (if they ever are). Both pastors and congregations find themselves in upheaval. Congregations wonder who the next pastor is going to be. How will they lead us? What will they change? Who will they bring in? Are we going to like them? Can they preach? Can and will they bring new life and more life into our church?

Pastors ask similar questions. Where is the bishop sending me? What is the culture there? Will they accept my family and I? Will I be competing with the ghosts of pastors of old? What did the bishop see in me for this congregation? How long will the "honeymoon" last? Where and how will I engage in my new community?

All this is to say, while we feel welcomed, we are also aware that you have had to say goodbye to Pastor Mike and his family. There is a wound there. For some it may be small, only needing a dab of Neosporin. For others it may be a deep gash in need of suturing. Whatever the case, we hold you in prayer and in grace as our future together unfolds. We hope and ask that you would hold us in prayer and grace as well.

Even though we hardly know each other at this point, a relationship has begun. We will spend some time getting to know each other and finding out what our common interests are. I'll learn about the faithful people of Oregon City UMC. You'll figure out some of my personality quarks. Together we will worship, learn, pray, grow, and walk in faith.

I have just one question for you... Will you help me to know you better, to love you as Christ loves you? If the answer is yes, then we're off to a great start!

I look forward in hope to the future we have together. May God bless this new relationship, and may the fruits of our faithful labors together be abundant!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Tom



Meet & Greet Ice Cream Social

Come out and enjoy some ice cream and welcome our new
Pastor Tom Orquiza-Renardo & his family!




Sunday, July 18, 2021

7:00pm

OCUMC Parking Lot

Please bring your own chair

See you there!





WERBER, BOB	07/05
HILL, BETTY	07/08
OSTRICK-CRONRATH, AUGUST	07/12
STERLE, JOANNE	07/13
MYERS, CARRIE	07/16
EMMERSON, CONNIE	07/20
FERGUSON, MARTY	07/23
TONOLE, MARJORIE	07/23
SYTSMA, DANIEL	07/24
CRAWFORD, PAM	07/25
CRUIKSHANK, WILLIAM	07/26
DANIELS, BILL	07/30
GIFFORD, MARY	07/30
NORRIS, MICHAEL	07/31



GRAB-N-GO LUNCHES

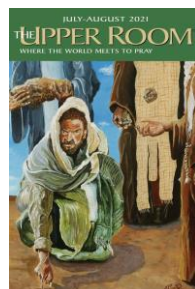
OC Lunch Lady has been providing free lunches each day in front of her house for anyone in need. This is a very local project that could really use our help. Later this month OCUMC Mission Possible Team will be providing lunches.

Lunch items needed:

- Bread
- Chunky peanut butter
- Jam (raspberry or strawberry preferred)
- Individual chip bags
- Apples, Bananas or Grapes
- Fruit Cups
- Granola Bars
- Cookies
- Ziploc bags
- Brown lunch bags



If you wish to donate lunch items you can drop them off at the church office or if you would prefer to donate financially please mark your donation OC Lunch Lady. If you have questions you can contact Jane Myers 503-656-0117 or Chris Larson 503-655-4080.



Upper Room Devotionals

July/August issue of the Upper Room Devotional is now available. If you are not able to pick up a copy at the church, you may request to have the Upper Room mailed to you.