

# **OCUMC** Newsletter

June 11, 2020

## Dear friends and family of OCUMC:

The power of fifty-seven pennies.

Fifty-seven pennies that were found under a little girl's pillow when she died left their mark on Philadelphia. The girl wanted to attend a little Sunday school in Philadelphia years ago, and was told that there was not enough room. She began saving her pennies to "help the Sunday school have more room."

Two years later she became ill and died and they found a small pocket book under her pillow with fifty-seven pennies and a piece of paper that had the following note written very neatly: "To build the Little Temple bigger, so more children can go to Sunday school." Hattie Wiatt was only six when she died of diphtheria. Her younger sister died five days later of the same.

The pastor received the pennies from the family, telling the story that she hoped more kids could go to Sunday school. The pastor later told the story to his congregation, and a newspaper took the story across the country. Soon the pennies grew, and the outcome can be seen in Philadelphia today. There is a church which seats 3,300 persons, a Temple University which accommodates thousands of students, a Temple Hospital, and a large Temple Sunday school. And it all began with a beautiful, dedicated spirit—and 57 pennies.

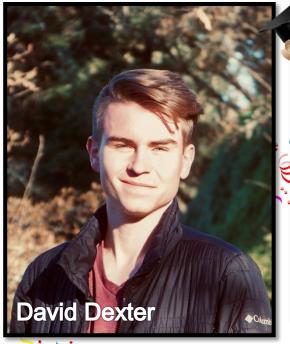
Temple University (now at 35,000 students) began with the idea that everyone should have the ability to go to Sunday School. We give thanks for our seniors who graduated last week and the teachers who helped them along their journey. And for all of you, who in your own way, helped them build their relationship with God through your teaching, worship, and care.

Thanks be to God!

Pastor Mike



Oregon City High School





Congratulations to you on your graduation. We are so very proud of you and wish you the very best that life has to offer!









# **SAPJUNE**

### **Birthdays**

MALLEN, JOE	06/01
PERSON, RACHEL	06/04
EVANS, KATHERINE	06/06
DREW, NICK	06/08
FRICHTL, JULIA	06/08
PALMER, TODD	06/09
EMMERSON, HUNNTER	06/20
MALLEN, RACHEL	06/24
OSTRICK-CRONRATH, JENNIFER	06/26
SHAVER, JIM	06/27
DIFRANCO, ADEN	06/28
DURST, RICK	06/28
DUVALL, SHERRY	06/29
THONSTAD, SHARON	06/29
SHUMAKER, JIM	06/30

### **Anniversaries**

BUTTOLPH, VERN & VELMA	06/01
STREIGHT, WAYNE & PAT	06/04
WICKLIFFE, BOB & MARTHA	06/06
GREGORY, MAX & SANDY	06/07
ENGEL, MARTY & DAWN	06/08
FOURIER, MARVIN & DONNA	06/09
NORRIS, MICHAEL & ALICE	06/11
RANEY, GEORGE & GRETCHEN	06/15
MCCORKLE, GARRY & JOYDEE	06/18
FLOREY, RICK & SHEILA	06/19
SALTENBERGER, JOHN & ROSE	06/21
TONOLE, DON & MARJORIE	06/24

# **HOPE Food Pantry**

We would like to Thank Oregon City United Methodist Church for supporting the HOPE Food Pantry at Meggan's Corner. During the month of May we provided food to 117 families which included 424 family members. You have supported us in so many ways...your financial support, your food donations, your prayers and your facilities. We are all so proud to call OCUMC our home.

One of the items besides food that we provide to each family is a roll of bath tissue and 3 pods of laundry detergent. As many of you know bath tissue is hard to find. If you shop at Costco and see one of the large packages of Kirkland Bath Tissues available, would you please purchase one for us. We will reimburse you if you turn in your receipt to either Sharon Thonstad (in the HOPE mailbox) or Mary Gifford. We normally purchase the bath tissue from Bimart but have not been able to during this time and you can only purchase one package from Costco at a time.

Again, thank you for helping feed the food insecure in our community.

