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Dear friends and family of OCUMC:

I was commenting to a friend about a trying day I had. Of course, it could be worse, he commented back. Well, it could always be worse - but that doesn't stop us from having our own days now and then. Just for fun, we came up with a few ways our day could have been worse.

You know it's a bad day when:

...you see the "60 Minutes" news crew in your office.

...You turn on the news and they're showing evacuation routes out of your city.

...You call the Suicide Prevention line and they put you on hold.

...Your twin sister forgot your birthday.

...Your boss tells you not to bother to take off your coat.

...Your income tax refund check bounces.

OK, so it could be worse. I love how the Apostle Paul finishes out his last letter to the church in Corinth: "Now, brothers and sisters, I say good-bye. Live in harmony. Do what I have asked you to do. Agree with each other, and live in peace. Then the God of love and peace will be with you."

When we live in harmony with each other and live in peace - that's when the God of love and peace will be with us! Too often I wait for God to fix my life, but I've discovered that when I spend time intentionally trying to live a more peaceful and simple life - that's when I feel God's presence the most inside. Or maybe God is already there, and I have to remove the clutter of my soul so that God can shine through.

I hope you'll join us in our Wednesday Lenten noon study with four other churches in town. Today, I'll be sharing about the practice of simplicity.

And of course, may you have a blessed day!

Pastor Mike



Faith * Hope * Love



Upper Room Devotionals
March/April 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 a copy mailed to you.



Immediate Opening!
Oregon City Handbell Choir
Short-term commitments
Youth & Adults
Wednesday Nights 6:30pm -7:15pm

For more information contact
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Zooming into Lent

*Slowing down for the Spirit
with Spiritual Practices."*

Noon on Wednesdays
February 24 - March 24
Watch for the Zoom link!

Five Oregon City churches
coming together in Lent!

St. Paul's Episcopal
Zion Lutheran
Prince of Life Lutheran
O.C. First Baptist
O.C. United Methodist



Our Wednesday LENT Services start today at Noon!
We join 4 other churches for the next few weeks.
The Methodists (us) are in charge of leading today's service!
We hope to see you Zoom with us today at noon.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84005340322?pwd=Zm90WVoyVDRabDNEQzN5diFrZEdPUT09>

Meeting ID: 840 0534 0322

Passcode: prayer

PRAYER REQUEST

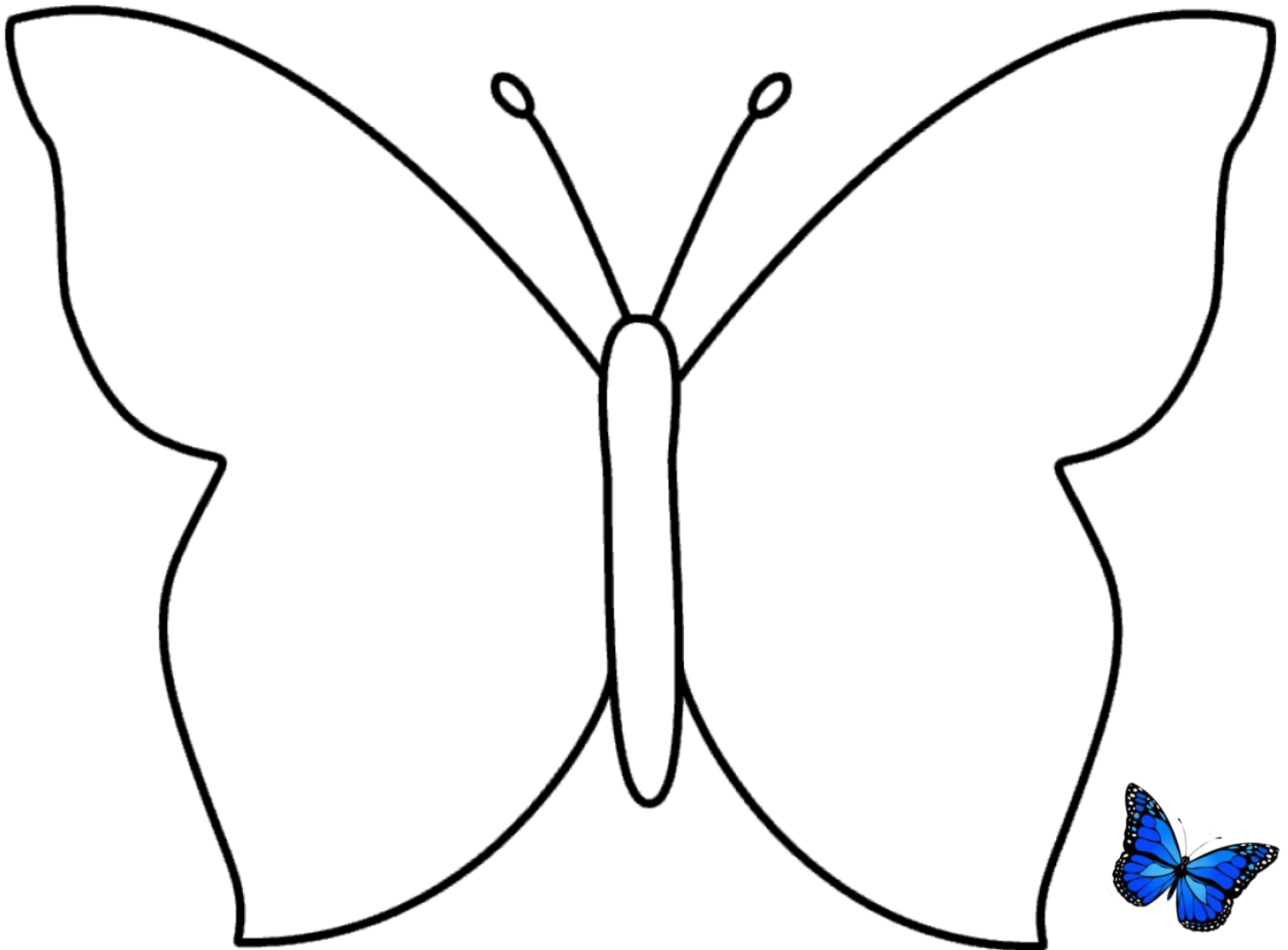
Our team would love to pray for you.

Our Prayer Chain... is a list of people ready to pray when called for emergencies or concerns. To start the Prayer Chain, call Jodi Wilson, 503-654-1855.



Calling all artists!

For an Easter presentation, we are filling a wall with butterflies. Feel free and color in a butterfly, and get it to the church office before March 27th, you can send it in, or scan it and send it electronically.



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