



February Birthdays

NELSON, JAN	02/01
MYERS, QUINCY	02/06
PALMER, SIDNEY	02/11
OLIVAS, NATE	02/18
MAGEE, MIKE	02/21
SCHLOSSER, RON	02/21
CRUIKSHANK, BENJAMIN	02/23

Dear friends and family of OCUMC:

***"Standing on the promises I cannot fall
Listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
Resting in my Savior as my all in all,
Standing on the promises of God."***

Thus ends one of my favorite hymns.

In the early days of our country a weary traveler came to the banks of Mississippi River for first time. There was no bridge, of course. It was early winter, and the surface of the mighty river was covered with ice. Could he dare cross over? Would the uncertain ice be able to bear his weight?

Night was falling, and it was urgent that he reach other side. Finally, after much hesitation and with many fears, he began to creep cautiously across surface of the ice on his hands and knees. He thought that he might distribute his weight as much as possible to keep the ice from breaking beneath him. About halfway over he heard the sound of singing behind him. Suddenly a man, driving a horse-drawn load of coal across the ice came flying by him singing merrily as he went his way. Here he was -- on his hands and knees, trembling lest the ice was not strong enough to bear him up; then came the man, his horses and sleigh, and his load of coal, upheld by the same ice on which he was creeping!



This is sometimes how we treat God's promises. They are as sure and solid as can possibly be, but because of our scary circumstances, we timidly tremble forth upon them as if our belief in them somehow will determine their reliability. Nothing could be further from the truth! God's promises are solid because of Who God is. We are to **CONFIDENTLY** go forth because God is loving and good and His Word will never fail us! We can confidently Trust His Promises!

So I have to ask myself sometimes: Am I standing on the promises, or just sitting on the premises?

May you have a wonderful week, knowing that God is faithful.

Pastor Mike

Food Pantry Volunteers



Are you looking for a new way to serve your community?
We have good news for you!
The HOPE Pantry is welcoming new team members

If you are looking for a rewarding experience helping others, this could be for you.
There are many opportunities for contributing 1 hour to 4 hours.

Opportunities include:

- Picking up food from the Presbyterian church early on Monday mornings;
- Picking up bakery, deli, meat and produce from Oregon City Safeway on Monday and/or Tuesday mornings;
- Meeting Gary from Gleaners to check and receive the food items he has for us on Tuesday early afternoon;
- Pick up Bread and Bakery items from the Presbyterian pantry Tuesday late afternoon;
- Helping distribute food on Wednesday afternoons.
- Some jobs require that you are able to lift 10 to 30 pounds and be able to be on your feet for several hours.
- This is just a short list of the things we do to serve our food insecure neighbors. We would enjoy having you join our team.
- We practice social distancing and mask wearing which means we have a safe environment in which to volunteer.



Please call Sharon at 503-557-2361 to ask questions,
set up a time to see our Team in action, or to jump right in.

We need help, too many jobs for current volunteers!

