

# OCUMC Newsletter

November 20, 2020

## Dear friends and family of OCUMC:

I was in fifth grade social studies class learning about the states. On the page for Alabama, there was a giant picture of a bug statue. I thought, "What on earth is this?"

Turns out, in the town of Enterprise, the townspeople erected a monument to an insect, the Mexican Boll Weevil. In 1895, the boll weevil began to destroy the major crop of the county - Cotton. In desperation, to survive, the farmers had to diversify. By 1919, the county's peanut crop

was many times what cotton had been at its height. In that year of prosperity a fountain and monument were built. The inscription reads, "In profound appreciation of the boll weevil and what it has done as the herald of prosperity this monument was erected by the citizens of Enterprise, Coffee County, Alabama."

Out of a time of struggle and crisis had come new growth and success. Out of adversity had come blessing.



My prayer is that when this particular time of adversity and struggling are over, there is a blessing of something on the other side!

Keep the faith,

Pastor Mike



# ZOOM Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 p.m.



This year's Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will take place via ZOOM.

Check out the OCUMC Website or Facebook page for the Link.



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



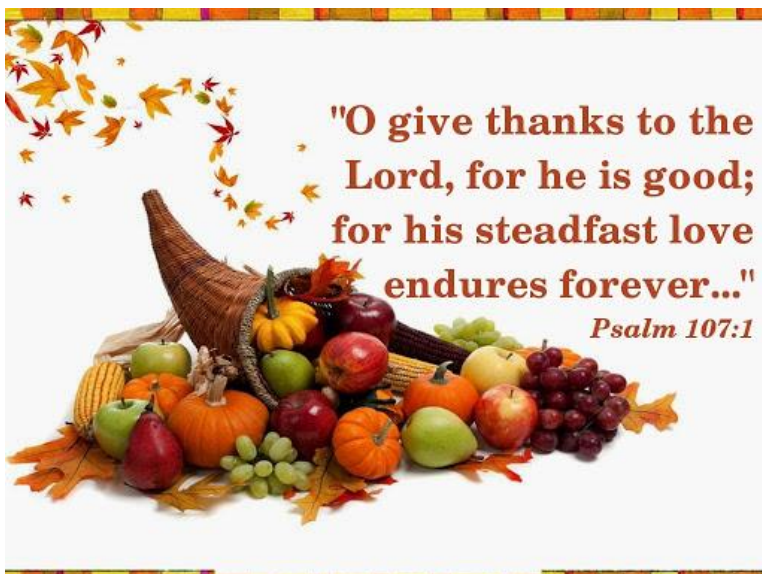
## BIRTHDAYS

### Birthdays

POFF, MARGARET	12/01
PARKINSON, KITSIE	12/06
CRAVEN, MARY	12/10
KELLEY, HELEN	12/14
EVANS, GAYLEN	12/15
MAGEE, LESLI	12/16
EVANS, NICHOLAS	12/20
BENISCHEK, CHRISTIAN	12/21
BEVENS, ZON JR.	12/21
THONSTAD, TED	12/21
DUVALL, DWAYNE	12/22
OLIVAS, ALISON	12/23
JOHNSTON, CAITLIN	12/25
BUTTOLPH, GERALD	12/27
STREIGHT, PAT	12/27
TONOLE, DON	12/27
DURST, JULIE	12/30

"O give thanks to the  
Lord, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love  
endures forever..."

*Psalm 107:1*



## OC LUNCH LADY

*The following donations are needed:*

- Bread
- Chunky Peanut Butter
- Fruit
- Chips
- Cookies
- Ziploc bags
- Paper Lunch Sacks
- Jam (any kind other than grape)



Please contact Chris Larson 503-655-4080 for more information. If you have items for the OC lunch lady you can drop them off at the church office.



# Christmas Family Project



## Christmas Family Project

Love Inc. has provided us with 17 family units that we can bring Christmas cheer to during this stressful time. This year's theme is "Family Fun". Since we are not able to go out and do many normal activities because of the pandemic, we are going to organize our gifts around experiences families can do together.

## How You Can Help

- ❖ Bring a new unwrapped Special Gift or Gift Card from the suggestions below and drop off at the Church office.
- ❖ Monetary Donations Greatly Appreciated!!!



### Special Gift Suggestions

- Family Games
- Baking Mixes
- Anything Christmas
- Homemade Christmas Items
- Activities Families Can Do Together
- Coloring Books, Drawing Pads
- Markers
- Modeling Clay, Playdough
- Glue

### Gift Card Suggestions

- Target
- Fred Meyer
- Arts and Crafts Stores
- Amazon
- iTunes
- Fast Food Restaurants
- Pizza Take-Out
- Menchie's Frozen Yogurt

Feel free to call or email Dawn Engel for questions for the committee and more specific information.  
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## Advent Wreath


The Advent wreath is a symbol of watchfulness and increasing joy as we anticipate Jesus' birth. The wreath's circular shape symbolizes eternity, or life without end. The candles remind us that Jesus is the Light of the World — he brought light and life to a dark world (see John 1:4-5). On each of the four Sundays of Advent, we light a new candle. As the light grows, so do our hope and joy.

## Advent Mailboxes

Save the postage! Put your church family holiday greetings in the mailbox located in the church lobby 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!







## *Our Worshiping Community by Household*

(to help with Christmas Cards)

Arnold, Eric  
Arnold, Emma  
Bagley, Kathie  
Beasley, John & Denise  
Behrman, April & Family  
Benischek, Stephanie & Mike  
Benson, Dan & Karen  
Bevens, Bonnie  
Bevens, Zon & Alaina  
Black, Harold  
Breed, Jean  
Buttolph, Gerald  
Buttolph, Vern & Velema  
Caldwell, Marsha  
Chapman, Frank  
Collier, Chip & Jenny  
Craven, Mary & Richard  
Crawford, Pamela  
Cruikshank, Kendra & Axle  
Cruikshank, Heather &  
Michael  
Daniels, Cathie & Bill  
Daniels, Blythe  
Danielson, Craig & Jilda  
David, Diana  
David, Diana  
Difranco, Kelly and Tony  
Dobbins, Lisa  
Drew, Nick  
Durst, Rick & Julie  
Duvall, Dwayne & Sherry  
Elrod, Patricia and Lori  
Emerson, Connie  
Emerson, Ashley & Patrick  
Engel, Dawn & Marty  
Enz, Dorine & Jonathan  
Evans, Denise  
Evans, Gaylen  
Ferguson, Dick & Sodorff,  
Marty  
Finck, Josh & Terri

Flint, Sophie  
Flint, Kate  
Florey, Richard & Sheila  
Fogle, Jana  
Forncrook, Carol  
Fourier, Donna & Marv  
Fourier, Maria  
Fourier, Philip & Christina  
Frichtl, Julia & Bruce  
Gifford, Mary  
Gregory, Max & Sandy  
Hamlin, David  
Heckert, Cami & Steve  
Hemphill, Karla & Herb  
Hess, Dorothy  
Hill, Betty  
Hulden, Sandra  
Johnson, Shari & Jerry  
Judevine, Sharon & Michael  
Kelley, Helen  
Kendall, Ross & Ann  
Koehler, Mary Lou  
Larson, Chris & David  
Lawson, Sandra  
Magee, Lesli & Michael  
Mallen, Ann & Joe  
Margeson, Sandee & Lance  
Marpev, Janice  
McCorkle, Garry & Joydee  
McGraw, Laura  
Murphy, Keith & Nancy  
Myers, Carrie  
Myers, Chelsea  
Myers, Jane  
Nelson, Don & Janet  
Norris, Dr. Michael & Alice  
Norris, Timothy (Slim)  
O'Shea, Ryan and Xiaotong  
Olivas, Jeff & Sheena  
Olivas, Marian & Ron  
Olsen, Kreta & family

Ostrick, Gretchen  
Ostrick-Cronrath, Jennifer  
Palmer, Christa & Todd  
Palmer, Joella  
Parkinson, Kitsie  
Person, Rachel & Jeremy  
Phillips, Sherry  
Poff, Margaret  
Quevedo, Diego & Melissa  
Raney, George & Gretchen  
Reynolds, Jason  
Rice, Zachary & Johnston, Cat  
Ronfeld, John & Susan  
Ross, Ernestine  
Russell, Joy  
Saltenberger, John & Rose  
Schlosser, Nancy & Ron  
Schult, William & Mace,  
Stephanie  
Shaver, Jim & Yolanda  
Shumaker, Jim & Lori  
Smith, Michael  
Spainhower, Kathy  
Sprague, Eric & Rachel  
Sterfe, Joanne  
Sterfe, Mike & Denise  
Stratton, Wilda & Marc  
Streight, Pat & Wayne  
Sutton, Harold & Vivian  
Sytsma, John & Family  
Thonstad, Sharon & Ted  
Tonole, Donald & Marjorie  
Ward, Gail & Paul  
Weninger, Gail & Ryan  
Werber, Elizabeth & Bob  
Whitehead, Vincent  
Wickliffe, Robert & Martha  
Wilson, Rick & Jodi  
Wood, Gaye  
Zylstra, Joanne