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Oregon City United Methodist Church NEWSLETTER

March 11, 2021

Dear friends and family of OCUMC:

I remember a story someone once told of a Vacation Bible School years ago. A new guest was at the church, a little 1st grader. The little boy had one arm missing. The teacher was afraid that one of the other children would comment on his handicap and embarrass him. There was no opportunity to caution the group of kids gathering, so she proceeded as carefully as possible. As the class time came to a close, she began to relax. She asked the class to join her in their usual closing ceremony. "Let's make our churches," she said. "Here's the church and here's the steeple, open the doors and there's..." The awful truth of her own actions struck her. The very thing she had feared that the children would do, she had done. As she stood there speechless, the little girl sitting next to the boy reached over with her left hand and placed it up to his right hand and said, "Davey, let's make the church together."

We can't do church alone. We can't be a church alone. Jesus said, "Where two or more are gathered...". This story may be seen as a parable of our search for oneness in Christ: to put our inadequate, handicapped lives alongside the lives of others and to pray, "Let's make the church together."

Our lives, joined together, form a faith community. Our faith communities put together make a church. Churches put together make a denomination. Denominations put together form a Religion. Religions can change the world. (and yes, I think religions should also work together...).

Thank you, OCUMC, for making church a wonderful place to be!

Pastor Mike



hello March!



Calling all artists, painters and crafty people!
We need your help painting a large Last Supper "stained glass" display for our sanctuary's Easter displays. 4'x12'.

Contact Pastor Mike for details!



FLOREY, SHEILA	03/02
FORNCROOK, CAROL	03/05
HECKERT, STEVE	03/05
LAWSON, SANDRA	03/06
SALTENBERGER, ROSE	03/07
SYTSMA, JACOB	03/07
BENISCHEK, SAMANTHA	03/09
MCGRAW, ALEX	03/09
ARNOLD, ERIK	03/12
ARNOLD, EMMA	03/18
MACE, STEPHANIE	03/19
ENZ, DORINE	03/23
RONFELD, JOHN	03/25
ENGEL, MARTY	03/27
MYERS, CHLOE	03/27
DIFRANCO, TONY	03/28
MYERS, CHELSEA	03/29

A special Thank You

to our brush and tree removal Angels...Beasley's, Engel's, Ronfeld's, Schlosser's and all the other Angels that we are not aware of.



Hey Fred Meyers Customers! Sign up for the Community Rewards to support either

**Oregon City United Methodist Church
or
Oregon City United Methodist Church HOPE-Pantry**

Ask the church office to help sign up!

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



Youth Fundraiser

Bring in your cans to support the Youth Program!



Palm Parade!

Join us on Sunday, March 28th
for a Palm Parade through Oregon City!

We will meet at the
Church at 10a.m., get our
palms, and drive to the
End of the Oregon Trail
Interpretive Center as we
wave our branches along
the way through our city.
We will close with a
prayer at the Museum.



Path To Easter

Our Worship Team did it again!



HOLY WEEK

Sign up for a sanctuary walk-thru during Holy Week to experience vignettes and artwork depicting the week between Palm Sunday and Easter.

We ask that you register in advance; please call the church office at 503-656-3433 to choose your date and time, appointments available in 15 minute increments:

Sunday, March 28 th	3:00pm – 6:00pm
Monday, March 29 th	4:00pm – 6:00pm
Tuesday, March 30 th	4:00pm – 6:00pm
Wednesday, March 31 st	4:00pm – 6:00pm
Thursday, April 1 st	4:00pm – 6:00pm
Friday, April 2 nd	4:00pm – 6:00pm
Saturday, April 3 rd	10:00am – Noon

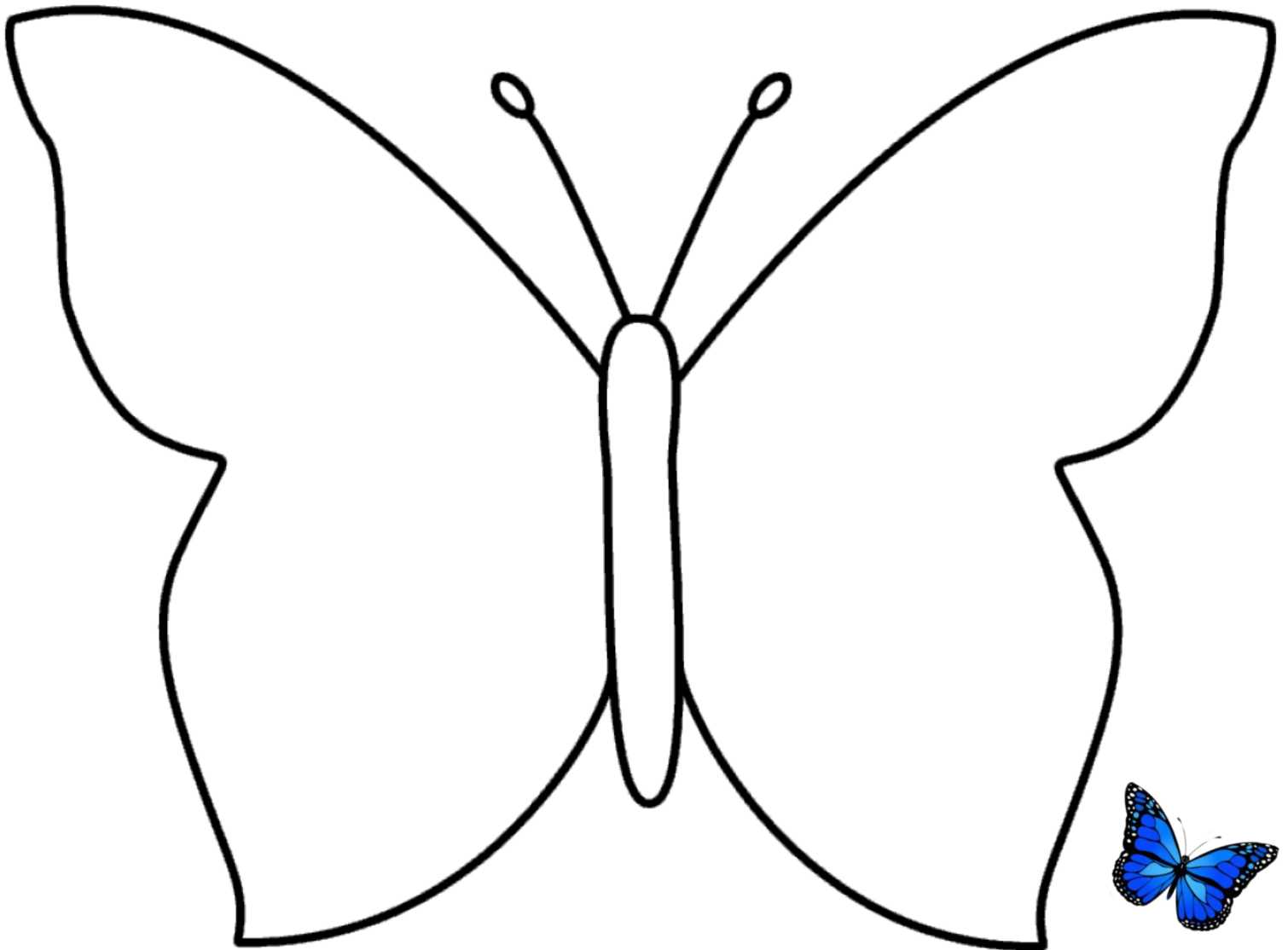


Social distancing and face masks are required



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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Jen H., earns for hockey

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