



## OCUMC Newsletter

March 26, 2020

Dear friends and family of OCUMC:

"For I am longing to see you...so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented) ... - From Romans 1

Another week without in-person worship, or dinners, or studies, or (fill in the blank). Last month, I gave sermons on fasting, solitude, simplicity, study, meditation – little did I know that these are the practices that we have to face now. I wanted to give a few things up for Lent, little did I know we would give up so much!

But we are strong. We are purposeful. We have a hope that transcends understanding. I know these are challenging times. I am thankful that our HOPE Pantry has stayed open to help fill the gaps as other pantries have shut down. I am thankful that we were able to help

children and youth with grocery Safeway gift cards. I am thankful for the opportunity to have online worship. I am thankful that many of you have called on others to check in. I am thankful for the staff of OCUMC as they adapt and continue their ministry in new ways. I am thankful for the continued donations via online, automated and mailed in offering to keep us going. We have much to be thankful for – and I am thankful for each and every one of you and cannot wait to see our household of faith together again.

Here is a portion of our Bishop's last letter: *"As your bishop, I am charged to lead and oversee the spiritual and temporal affairs of The United Methodist Church. For the love of God and of our neighbors in every place, today I am directing continued suspension of in-person worship **through April 30, 2020**. This directive is in effect for United Methodist*

*Churches across the states of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington and anywhere in the Greater Northwest Area served by United Methodist clergy under my supervision. This suspension of worship includes Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter. It applies to both indoor and outdoor worship, weddings and funerals and to all days of the week. Please continue to conduct worship, bible study, prayer groups, and fellowship groups if you can do so remotely."*

As the old hymn professes: "I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together! All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!" Keep being the church, OCUMC!

See you in online worship!

Pastor Mike







#### Anniversaries

RONFELD, JOHN & SUSAN	04/06
PALMER, TODD & CHRISTA	04/09
SCHLOSSER, RON & NANCY	04/18
MCGRAW, BRENT & LAURA	04/24

#### Birthdays

NORRIS, SARAH	04/04
SALTENBERGER, ANGELA	04/04
FLOREY, RICK	04/09
FINCK, JOSH	04/12
FOURIER, MARVIN	04/13
RICE, ZACH	04/19
PALMER, RILEY	04/20
SHAVER, YOLANDA	04/20
FINCK, COLE	04/21
SUTTON, VIVIAN	04/25
FOGLE, JANA	04/29

With donations from the Cascadia District and our Mission Possible Team, we were able to give out \$1,000 in grocery gift cards to free/reduced lunch students as they picked up lunch from Gardiner! Thank you for your generosity!



## Hope Needs

Drivers to pick up donations

Volunteers to  
unload deliveries

Volunteers to sort, shelf  
and assist clients

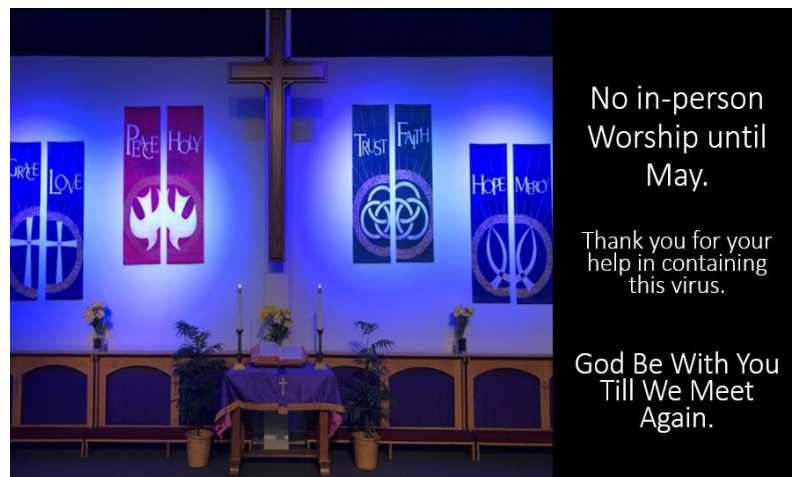
*Call Sharon Thonstad for  
more information  
503-557-2361*





# HOPE Food Pantry

Thank you to all of the HOPE Food Pantry volunteers for their week to week dedication to distributing food to families experiencing food insecurity. The Hope Food Pantry has implemented a no-contact, curbside mode of distribution on Wednesdays from 1-4pm.



No in-person  
Worship until  
May.

Thank you for your  
help in containing  
this virus.

God Be With You  
Till We Meet  
Again.

6 Ways to Give

IN PERSON

BILL PAY

AUTOMATED

ONLINE

KIOSK

MOBILE