

OCUMC

Newsletter

November 5, 2020

Dear friends and family of OCUMC:

First time at Disneyland and I'm standing line for an eternity to ride Pirates of the Caribbean. We After going around the ropes lines for an hour, our group finally makes it inside. Guess what we saw in the building: More lines! Our hopes were dashed because the line inside was longer than the one outside. We hope the ride is worth all of this.

Do you like to wait? I didn't think so. It's true that patience is a fruit of the Spirit, but nobody actually likes to wait. Yet the fact of the matter is, everyday we're forced to wait for something. Elevators, traffic lights, your turn at the intersection, your turn to pay at the grocery store, a cup of coffee, a table or your food at a restaurant, the computer to load, and even the microwave...which is supposed to keep us from waiting for the oven! Our family's superpower is to pick the slowest line at Safeway or Fredgies. If you see us there, feel free and say Hi, but go pick another lane for your own good.



One study concluded that when you add up all that waiting over a lifespan of 70 years, the average person will spend more than 3 years of their lives WAITING for something to happen.

That's how I feel waiting for the election results. We've been waiting for the day to come, and now we get "inside the building" and discover that there is more waiting in store.

To help me in this time, I need to remember what real waiting is all about. African-Americans had to wait a hundred years from our nation's founding to get the right to vote. Women were 1 ½ times that. Many Native tribes didn't get the right until the 1940's. 18 year olds got the right in 1970. That's waiting.

Voting lines are also longer in some areas. We saw the footage this season as well. In the last election, the average wait to vote nationwide was 19 minutes. That average, however, hid wide variations between states – Vermont had the shortest waits, Florida the longest – and, more importantly, in neighborhoods in non-white areas had significantly longer lines.

The longer lines in poorer places (think hourly and wage workers) also mean that more time is needed to get off work to vote - or stand in the long lines after the work day. Some just don't have that time. God bless Oregon for mail in ballots, we had to wait for 2 cars ahead of us before we dropped off our ballot.

It's no fun waiting. But at least we got to vote. I can wait a day or two for the results - it's a much shorter wait than what many have faced in this nation. No matter who wins, may God bless our country and may we be civil to each other. I hope this ride is worth it.

See you in virtual church on Sunday!

Pastor Mike



BIRTHDAYS

DIFRANCO, KELLY	11/02
OLIVAS, MARIAN	11/05
WARD, PAUL	11/05
DANIELS, CATHIE	11/07
SPRAGUE, ERIC	11/07
HULDEN, SANDRA	11/09
MCCORKLE, JOYDEE	11/10
SYTSMA, JOHN	11/11
SCHULT, EVERETT	11/12
WICKLIFFE, BOB	11/12
CRAVEN, RICHARD	11/20
QUEVEDO, DIEGO	11/20
OLIVAS, JEFF	11/21
HECKERT, CAMI	11/27

MISSION POSSIBLE THANK YOU!

A huge thank you for your continued generosity to our mission goals. We delivered 2 car loads of cleaning supplies etc. to Love, INC to provide for those cleaning up after the recent devastating fires. For the rest of 2020 we will be supporting the Christmas Family project.

We could not do this without all of your support!
You make a difference!!



OC LUNCH LADY

The following donations are needed:

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



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.



November 11, 2020



?? ? Bible Quiz ? ??

After Jesus healed 10 men at one time, how many returned to thank him? What had been their ailment?

- A. five; blindness
- B. all 10; deafness
- C. one; possession by demons
- D. one; leprosy



Answer: D (See Luke 17:11-19.)

Christmas Family Project



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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, Gift Card or Book from the suggestions below and drop off at the Church office. Monetary donations are always welcome as we have a committee that is willing to be Christmas shoppers.

Donations will be accepted through Sunday, December 6th



Special Gift Suggestions

- Family Games
- Baking Mixes
- Anything Christmas
- Homemade Christmas Items
- Activities Families Can Do Together

Gift Card Suggestions

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



Book Suggestions

- Dinosaurs
- Sesame Street
- Trucks
- Princesses
- Arts and Crafts
- Sea Turtles / Koalas
- Christmas
- Disney
- Sports

Most of the children are around three to seven years old, but we do have a couple of babies and several toddlers, several ten to twelve year olds and one 18 year old.

Remember there are no ornaments on the tree this year for you to give response. Feel free to call or email Dawn Engel for questions for the committee and more specific information. We are here to help you serve our community through the love extended from our Church family.