



# Oregon City United Methodist Church Newsletter



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## Worship Opportunities

In-person & Live Stream  
Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Register at [www.oregoncityumc.com](http://www.oregoncityumc.com). If you are having trouble accessing the online registration please call the church office or Pastor Tom.





October 28, 2021

Greetings and Blessings to you, the faithful of OCUMC!

As we grow closer and closer to the end of 2021 the holiday season is ever more undeniably upon us. This can be both a great, wonderful, expressive, and celebratory time of year... and a challenging time of year. It seems the holidays can get jumbled into one and make everything seem rushed. Seeing Christmas decorations in the stores in September (August in some cases) doesn't help. This last year and this year have been especially stressful because of the questions of, "Are we and will we be able to see our family and friends? Is it safe to see our family and friends?"

Halloween is this Sunday. Thanksgiving is a month after that. Then Advent kicks off and Christmas is around the corner with New Year only a week later. Not to mention Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and other holidays that we as mainline protestants aren't always aware of. Throw in on top of this our stewardship season, and it really does become a jumble.

So... let's put the holiday jumble on pause for just a bit and concentrate on this one thing...

What are you thankful for?

What are you thankful for in the blessing God has given? Even in the challenges that life has thrown at you, what are you thankful for? What has strengthened you this year and what keeps you going?

I'm hoping at least some of what you are thankful for is your faith family here at Oregon City UMC. I hope that this congregation of believers has been a support for you in times of struggle, and a family with which you've been able to celebrate your accomplishments and victories. I hope this church (community of believers) has been a place of warmth and welcome and shelter for you. And I'd love to hear your stories of thanksgiving for these people.

I'm inviting you to tell us about it. I'd love to hear your stories of faith and family and why this congregation, church, faithful family is so important to you. You are invited to share this in letters and cards, in story and verse if you feel so inclined or inspired. You are invited to share with us why Oregon City UMC is so important to you and why you continue to come back, participate in, and support its ministries. And, with your permission, I would like to share these letters, cards, and stories with your siblings in faith.

I look forward to hearing all you have to share.

God's blessing be with you this season and always,

*Pastor Tom*

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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
WATT, MARC	11/23
HECKERT, CAMI	11/27



**Pastor Tom's Schedule for Nov 1-5**

Afternoons will be in and out  
Appointments are always welcome  
to be scheduled.

- Mon: Off, no office hours
- Tue: 9am-1pm, 9:30 meeting
- Wed: 9am-11:45am, Rotary at noon
- Thu: 9am-1pm
- Fri: 9am-1pm, sermon planning

## Hi ladies! Ready for another Night Out?

Tuesday, November 2, 6pm  
Bugatti's Restaurant  
334 Warner Milne Rd, OC



Hope you can come! You know the etiquette - wear your mask coming in, take it off when you eat and put it back on when you leave.

Please RSVP to Marty ([fmsodie@yahoo.com](mailto:fmsodie@yahoo.com)) or Susan ([jironfeld@comcast.net](mailto:jironfeld@comcast.net)), see us at church or just reply to this message.



## All Saints Day November 7<sup>th</sup>

Celebrated on the first Sunday in November, All Saints Day is when United Methodists publicly remember and honor those who have passed away.

If you would like your loved one's name announced during worship by Pastor Tom please email the church office with their name. Please remember our worship service is in-person & live streamed.

## Sharing our Joys and Concerns

If you have a joy, concern, or name you would like lifted up during worship, please let Pastor Tom know. With our hybrid model of livestreaming worship on the internet, we are being cautious and careful not to broadcast sensitive information. However, if there is something you would like lifted up, we would be happy to do so with your permission and the permission of the person(s) for whom prayers are being requested.



## Charge Conference

Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

We are planning for an in-person gathering with all COVID guidelines in place. If circumstances warrant, this will be changed to a virtual format.



# NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

## Our Weekly Giving Moment

During Native American Heritage Month, we remember United Methodist and other organizations that reached out to Native communities last year as COVID-19 impacted the [Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference](#). [The Native American Community Response Fund](#) was the first to send a grant to strengthen ministries in United Methodist congregations. “Our churches were able to purchase food and snack packs for children who were at home during the pandemic and provide utility assistance to families,” said the Rev. David Wilson, assistant to the bishop.

Thirty local pastors and lay missionaries received one-time grants from the [West Ohio Annual Conference](#). A [General Board of Global Ministries](#) grant funded masks, water bottles and hand sanitizer for Native children returning to school. The [United Methodist Committee on Relief](#) donated 6,000 school kits for area schools and tribal communities.

“We are blessed with our connectional network within the denomination and the many great organizations beyond who have allowed us to serve our Native community in this time of need,” Wilson said.

