



OCUMC Newsletter

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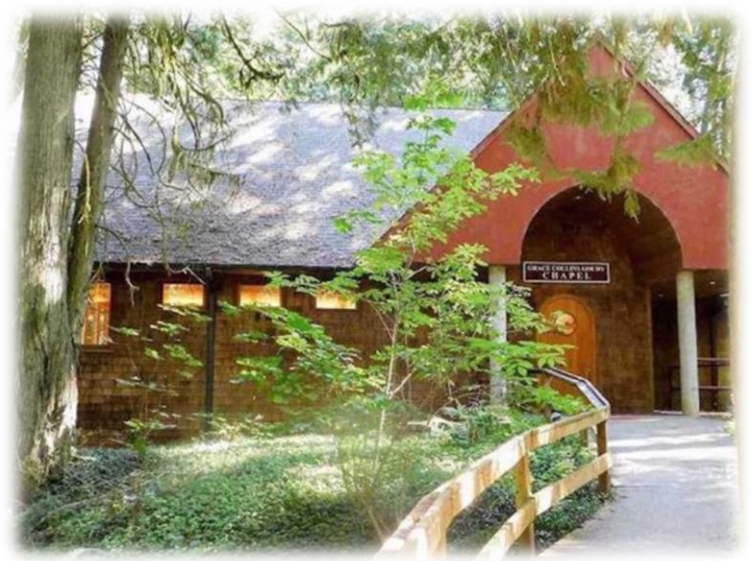
Dear friends and family of OCUMC:

A pastor and his family, who has his charge conference relationship with our church and their kids who went through Confirmation last year, have a unique role in this pandemic.

He is the director of the Alton Collins United Methodist retreat center in Eagle Creek that is providing space for COVID-19 patients to recover from the illness. They are acting as a shelter for coronavirus patients in Clackamas County, who do not have the space to safely self-quarantine.

"We're a quiet place in nature. It's a great place to heal in both body and spirit," said Dan Benson, director of the center that is run through a partnership between the Oregon-Idaho Conference of The United Methodist Church and the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon. "We can provide isolation pretty easily. We're well off the beaten path. Our mission is to provide space for people to grow, transform and heal. We were looking for other ways to help our community while using our facilities," Benson said.

Clackamas County has reserved the Collins Retreat Center for COVID-19 patients since April 20. The facility features 23 rooms for guests, each of which has a private balcony to allow patients to appreciate the outdoors while maintaining a safe distance from others. Patients would likely stay at the center between seven and 14 days.



"We're grateful for the opportunity to support the community in a time when we're otherwise vacant," Benson said.

Way to go Rev. Benson and family for opening up the camp to those in need of healing!

The camping program and centers are funded through our Conference and our offerings. Thanks, OCUMC for being a part of the solutions to this national crisis!

See you online,

Pastor Mike

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LED BY THE SPIRIT

Sunday, May 31



Anniversaries

BUTTOLPH, VERN & VELMA	06/01
STREIGHT, WAYNE & PAT	06/04
WICKLIFFE, BOB & MARTHA	06/06
GREGORY, MAX & SANDY	06/07
ENGEL, MARTY & DAWN	06/08
FOURIER, MARVIN & DONNA	06/09
NORRIS, MICHAEL & ALICE	06/11
RANEY, GEORGE & GRETCHEN	06/15
MCCORKLE, GARRY & JOYDEE	06/18
FLOREY, RICK & SHEILA	06/19
SALTENBERGER, JOHN & ROSE	06/21
TONOLE, DON & MARJORIE	06/24

Birthdays

MALLEN, JOE	06/01
PERSON, RACHEL	06/04
EVANS, KATHERINE	06/06
DREW, NICK	06/08
FRICHTL, JULIA	06/08
PALMER, TODD	06/09
EMMERSON, HUNNTER	06/20
MALLEN, RACHEL	06/24
OSTRICK-CRONRATH, JENNIFER	06/26
SHAVER, JIM	06/27
DIFRANCO, ADEN	06/28
DURST, RICK	06/28
DUVALL, SHERRY	06/29
THONSTAD, SHARON	06/29
SHUMAKER, JIM	06/30



Bird Houses

Since the church is a bit quieter, I am trying to go through things and do a bit of sorting/cleaning. I have 10 bird house kits that I really can't use and I am hoping to find a new home for them. They come ready to assemble, includes all of the needed hardware, holes are pre-drilled and the pieces are labeled although the kit does not come with any directions. If you are interested, please email me and we can set a time for you to come by the church and pick one up.

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