



JOY HOPE LOVE PEACE ADVENT



OCUMC Newsletter

December 5, 2019

Monday, December 9

8:30am – Preschool
12:15pm – Preschool
6:30pm – Piecemakers

Tuesday, December 10

8:30am – Preschool
11:00am – Munch Bunch Lunch
12:15pm – Preschool
6:30pm – Diggity Dogs
7:00pm – WFS Meeting

Wednesday, December 11

8:30am – Preschool
10:00am – Line Dancing
12:15pm – Preschool
1:00pm – H.O.P.E. Food Pantry
6:00pm – Fellowship Dinner
6:30pm – Bible Study Class
6:30pm – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 12

8:30am – Preschool
12:15pm – Preschool

Friday, December 13

8:30am – Preschool

Saturday, December 14

Sunday, December 15

8:45am – Higher Ground
10:00am – Worship
10:15am – Sunday School
5:00pm – Night In Bethlehem

Dear friends and family of OCUMC:

In a memory box that has treasures of my 46 years, I have a few Christmas cards from my grandparents. It might sound weird, but it's nice to see their signatures and to hold a card that I know they held. I also have a few notes from my parents in their handwriting. I've also kept and saved a few voice mails from family long-gone, just in case I ever want to hear their voice again. But I hold close to my heart a few of these tangible artifacts from days gone by.

One tradition we do in our family is to send out Christmas cards. Nowadays, they are simple picture cards of our family, but I remember handwriting out a few years ago. They are a nice way to stay in touch with family and friends you haven't seen in a while, if not years. Sure, we are connected by Facebook or other social media, but it's hard to treasure a text message or a post.

At OCUMC, we have a wonderful tradition of Christmas Cards. We have an Advent Mailbox in the back of the sanctuary where you can drop off letters to our folks in our worshiping community. Yes, it might have been created years ago to help save on postage, but it is a heartfelt reminder that we are all connected and care for each other.

You will find on the next page a list of the households in our church. It may help you if you participate in the Christmas card tradition. We will also have a few copies by the Advent Mailbox. We also have a large stack of blank Christmas Cards available for anyone to write out their cards here. While our list is hoped to be comprehensive, I'm sure that we might have overlooked a few. If you have any corrections, please let me know.

From our house to yours, may your Advent be filled with love and light. And check your box for a card!

Pastor Mike





December Youth Group

December 8th

Advent Festival
Arrive @ 1:45pm
Pick up @ 4:15pm

December 15th

Night in Bethlehem
Arrive @ 4:30pm



December 22nd

6:00 to 8:00pm at the Mallen's. Details to follow



Children's Christmas Program

Right after Sunday School, we will be prepping for our Christmas program...on film...sort of! The entire thing will come together in about an hour. On December 15th we will share it on the big screen with our church family during Children's Time. If you want to be involved, please block out that hour after Sunday School from 11am until noon. We will have costumes ready and waiting for our actors in room 5/6. No prior acting experience is necessary! Email me with any questions you may have. LesliOCUMC@gmail.com

Advent Candle Lighters Needed

For each Sunday of Advent, we are looking for households who would like to light the Advent Candles during worship. See Pastor Mike for details!



Men's Night Out

Men's Night Out is on Dec. 10th at the Wild Hare Saloon in O.C. It is located in the Bi Mart parking lot on Beaver Creek Road. Meet at the Church at 5:30pm for carpooling, or 6:00pm at the restaurant.

Wednesday Night Activities - December 11th

6:00pm - Fellowship Dinner, Turkey Noodle Soup & Minestrone Soup

6:30pm - Wednesday Night Study & Choir Practice

Thank You

The Christmas Family Project team wants to give a huge thank you to this Church family for all the support you gave in so many ways to make it a success. You always come through with flying colors. It makes our goal to "love others and value everyone" the center of our holiday preparation and it is very much appreciated by our team and those who will receive all the gifts. The team is in the process of delivering all the packages and would now ask for continued prayers for this endeavor. Wishing you the best of the season and may God bless your generosity.

Birthdays

POFF, MARGARET	12/01
PARKINSON, KITSIE	12/06
CRAVEN, MARY	12/10
KELLEY, HELEN	12/14
EVANS, GAYLEN	12/15
GRIGSBY, PAIGE	12/16
MAGEE, LESLI	12/16
EVANS, NICHOLAS	12/20
BENISCHEK, CHRISTIAN	12/21
BEVENS, ZON JR.	12/21
THONSTAD, TED	12/21
DUVALL, DWAYNE	12/22
OLIVAS, ALISON	12/23
JOHNSTON, CAITLIN	12/25
BUTTOLPH, GERALD	12/27
STREIGHT, PAT	12/27
TONOLE, DON	12/27
DURST, JULIE	12/30



Hope Food Pantry

Thank you to all who donated to the Methodist HOPE Food Pantry during the month of November. We received 8 Turkeys and 149 pounds of food in the HOPE Box. During November we served 147 family units equaling 567 individuals. Partially due to the closure of the Nazarene Monday Pantry but also due to the increase in need all four pantries have had a large increase in the number of families we are serving. If you shop at Fred Meyers,

one of the ways you could help our pantry is by listing Oregon City United Methodist Church-HOPE RR401 for your non-profit community rewards. You still earn your rewards points, fuel points, and rebates while Fred Meyer gives an additional percentage to your designated non-profit!

As always we really appreciate your donation to the HOPE Box. We have lots of peanut butter but would

really appreciate the donation of purchased jams and jellies for those PBJ's that our kids, and adults, like so much. Canned vegetables are always needed also.



Holiday blessings to you all,
The Volunteers of the
Methodist HOPE Pantry





Advent Festival

Sunday, December 8th

2:00 p.m.



Fun for the whole family!

There is no charge for this craft extravaganza that celebrates the season of Advent. This activity is for the families of the Preschool, the Church, and the Neighborhood. You are welcome to bring friends. Our Worship Center will be filled with craft tables so every member of the family (especially the kids!) can have fun making a variety of Christmas crafts to take home and enjoy.

A CHRISTMAS FAMILY EVENT

Lots of Games, Activities, Fun and Food!

A NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM

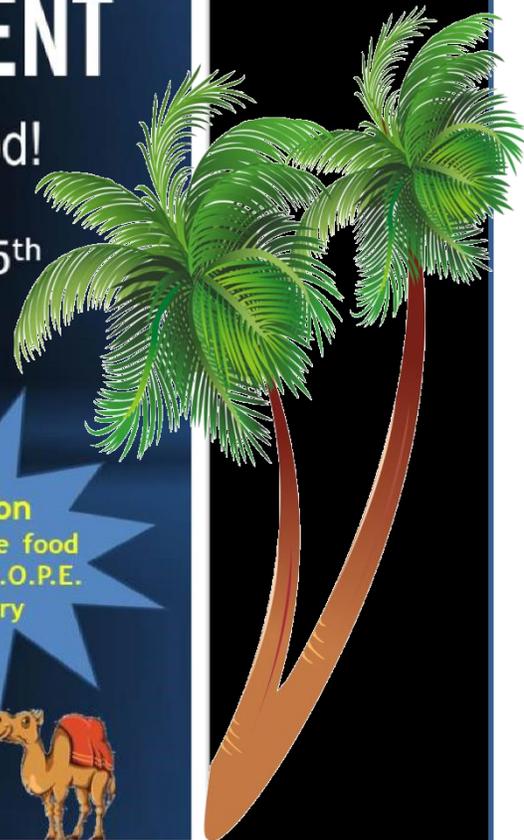
Oregon City United Methodist Church
18955 South End Road, OC

Sunday, December 15th

5:00 - 7:00pm

An indoor event

Admission
Non-perishable food
item for the H.O.P.E.
Food Pantry





For your Advent Calendar

Advent Mailboxes

Save the postage! Put your church family holiday greetings in the mailbox located in the Worship Center starting in December. Put the cards in the box labeled with the first initial of the last name. Don't forget to check for your cards!

Advent Festival

Sunday, December 8, 2-4pm.

Fun for the whole family! The Worship Center will be filled with Christmas crafts for you to make and take home.

Night-in-Bethlehem

Sunday, December 15, 5-7pm.

The church will be transformed into the town of Bethlehem for the evening. Each person will receive a small bag of coins in which to spend in Bethlehem at the various booths. Enjoy yummy goodies, games and activities for the whole family. There is no cost to attend but canned food donations to the H.O.P.E. food pantry are welcomed and encouraged!

Festive Holiday Attire Contest

Sunday, December 22, 10am.

We invite you to wear your most Festive Holiday Sweater/Attire to church Sunday morning for a Festive Holiday Contest!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Tuesday, December 24, 7pm.

Join us for one of our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight service as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. Bring the whole family and invite a friend to this very special service you won't want to miss!





“Help Get the Wallers to Oregon City” Mortgage Game

In July 2019, our church mortgage was \$85,335.

The Oregon Trail is 2,170 miles long.

We can move the Waller Family one mile for every \$40 raised.

Can we get them to arrive by Christmas 2020?

WE NOW HAVE A MATCHING GRANT OF \$25,000.

Every dollar raised is doubled!

Current Balance: \$41,445

Miles Traveled: 1,116 Miles

Current Location: Prospect Hill, Wyoming

Fun Fact: After a little climb up a hill, the pioneers could see the Sweetwater mountain range in the distance. If the hill seemed tough, they worried about the upcoming segment – where they could see their future “Prospects”.

As always, thank you for your support of OCUMC!

