

MARCH

OCUMC Newsletter

March 20, 2020

Dear friends and family of OCUMC:

Do you know the most widely quoted Psalm in the New Testament? You'd think it would be "The Lord is My Shepherd, I shall not want", or The Lord is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear?", or "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit", or "The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my savior; my God is my rock, in whom I find protection."

We can go on and on. These are all great lines in finding comfort and peace in troubling times.

But no, the most verse in the NT is from Psalm 22: "My God, My God, why has thou forsaken me?" Surprised? I was surprised. But I also know human nature – and there are times when the world looks scary out there.

Forsaken is not a good place to be. Even Jesus quoted this line in his last moments on the cross. With the fears we have now, panic in the stores, panic on Wall Street, panic with our jobs, panic with being

cooped up with our relatives (not being flippant, this is a real concern for some families); you can see why this Psalm still resonates today.

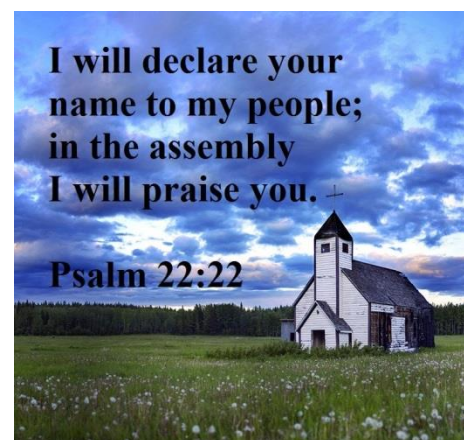
But if you go on with the Psalm, you might read, "Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the one Israel praises, in you our ancestors put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them. To you they cried out and were saved; in you they trusted and were not put to shame."

It feels weird not having "church". But we are still the church – even in these times. I pray that you will join us in our online worship service. I pray that you continue to pray, serve, give, and witness in the ways that you can. At church, we are still keeping office hours and continue to show the Gospel – your gifts help make that happen as we help those in need.

If you would like a few moments in our sanctuary to pray, or have a moment with the Lord, please give

**I will declare your
name to my people;
in the assembly
I will praise you.**

Psalm 22:22



us a call or email to schedule a time to come in. I would love to greet you and set up the church for a reflective moment for you and/or your family. Our worship team is brainstorming of ways we can be a people of worship as our nation and world grapples with this crisis.

Take heart – and if I were to close with a line from Psalm 22, it would be, "I will declare your name to my people; in the assembly I will praise you."

See you on the online worship,

Pastor Mike

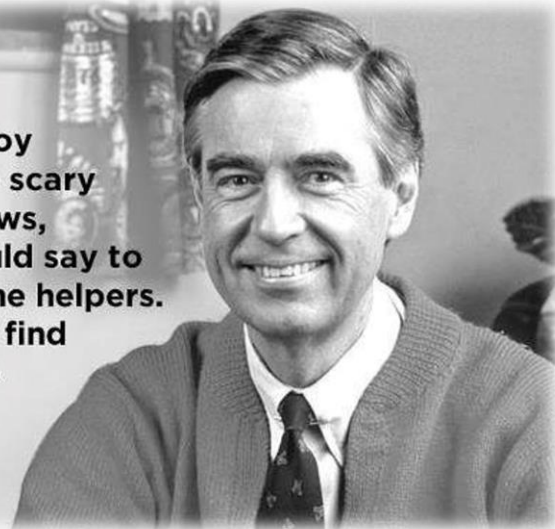


BIRTHDAYS

FLOREY, SHEILA	03/02
FORNCROOK, CAROL	03/05
HECKERT, STEVE	03/05
LAWSON, SANDRA	03/06
SALTENBERGER, ROSE	03/07
SYTSMA, JACOB	03/07
BENISCHEK, SAMANTHA	03/09
MCGRAW, ALEX	03/09
ARNOLD, ERIK	03/12
WRIGHT, ADDISON	03/14
RICE, ELLORA	03/16
ARNOLD, EMMA	03/18
MACE, STEPHANIE	03/19
ENZ, DORINE	03/23
WRIGHT, KYLA	03/24
RONFELD, JOHN	03/25
ENGEL, MARTY	03/27
MYERS, CHLOE	03/27
DIFRANCO, TONY	03/28
MYERS, CHELSEA	03/29

**"When I was a boy
and I would see scary
things in the news,
my mother would say to
me, 'Look for the helpers.
You will always find
people who are
helping.'"**

-Mr. Rogers



CHURCH PARKING LOT

The Church parking lot is scheduled to be re-stripped on Saturday March 21st. The parking lot will be closed during this time.



Church Yard Work Party!



Church Phone Tree

Thank you to the wonderful Volunteers who checked-in with our Church members this week. We appreciate you!



**Thanks
team for
recording
songs for
our online
worship!**

Wednesday night, some of our music and tech folk recorded a bunch of hymns for our online worship. Thanks everyone!



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AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED!

The Women's Retreat Fundraising Team is asking for your donations of "Auction-Worthy" items.

Women's
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Postponed

New Date Coming Soon

Please
auction.
front office

April 5th.

- Sporting Goods
- Anything you can think of!

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If you would like to donate an item or two, call Gail Weninger – 503.631.7871 or e-mail at Gail.Weninger@orecity.k12.or.us.