



# 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.





Dear friends and family of Oregon City UMC,

As we look on the coming year, there's a few scriptures we could talk about to inspire your journey of faith into 2022. This year, as well as every year before, could use that word of inspiration. This year though, the word comes as we emerge from pandemic.

We could talk about Mark 12:41-44, the widow and her two small copper coins. They were everything she had, and she gave them in offering at the temple. We could say how we too should offer everything up to God, trusting in God to provide.

The story of Zacchaeus in Luke 19:1-10, the tax collector who, receiving Jesus as a guest in his home. Zacchaeus was so moved by the Lord, that he gave half his possessions to the poor and to anyone he'd cheated he repaid them four times what he'd taken. This story speaks of how the Lord works on our hearts and how his very presence in our lives should inspire abundant generosity.

Yet these, and others we've considered, don't really speak to Oregon City UMC's story in this moment. But what about perseverance? In Hebrews 12:1-3 the faithful community of Christian believers is encouraged to run their race with perseverance, keeping their eyes on Jesus, the perfecter of their faith.

In the last two years, Oregon City UMC has persevered amidst pandemic and finding a new way to be church. We have continued in ministry. We have continued in worship. The Cornerstone Preschool has resumed, continuing to build that foundation for education. We have continued in caring for one another. We continue in perseverance of faith to show how resilient we are in the hope of Christ.

That word *resilience* is what we want to remind you of with this year's pledge drive. This resilience is part of our history and our very being as a congregation. Resilience is what we have carried with us since 1840 when Rev. Alvan Waller and his family were first assigned to Willamette Falls. We have been resilient through six church buildings on four sites, through financial struggle, and through congregational division. We have been resilient through the growing of our church family, the struggles of health and life with one another, the loss of beloved siblings, and now through COVID. We will continue to carry this theme through our ministries to the community around us, holding fast to our **Resilience in Hope**.

As we come into 2022, we look forward to our emergence from pandemic, bringing with us that **resilience in hope**. We head into 2022 in the grace of God to reach that day we resume in full swing our ministries with the use of our building for the community, the lifting of our voices in song, the teaching of our children in the faith, the nourishing of our siblings for the work of Christ, and the continued caring for one another in Christian love.

As members and friends of Oregon City UMC, we ask you to walk with us **resiliently in hope**, and support this church, your church, and its ministries. **Please consider making a financial pledge to support Oregon City UMC in 2022.** Please return your pledge card by Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup> as we will finalize our yearly budget based on these pledges.

Faithfully yours,  
The Finance Team



# Resilience in Hope



**We remember Michael Smith,**  
Beloved member of Oregon City UMC and brother in faith.

*August 13, 1944 – November 9, 2021*

It is with heavy and mournful hearts we say farewell to our friend and brother, Mike Smith. Mike was one with a kind heart and a strength of spirit we all hope to have on our journey through this world. In that spirit Mike shared with us his love and his creativity, adding a bit of himself to the ministries and worship at Oregon City UMC. Mike was many things, artist, teacher, church historian, creative advisor, each of them a glimpse into this child of God who made our days brighter. In sorrow, we say farewell. In praise, we say good journey on your way home to be with the Lord.

A memorial service is being planned for December 7<sup>th</sup>, time to be announced. If you would like to share your prayers and condolences with the family, cards may be sent to:

Carol Lawrence  
20 Prince Way  
South Dennis, MA 02660



# ★ HONORING OUR VETERANS ★

*Thank You for Your Service!*



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
SYTSMAN, 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

## 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.

## Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm



## Willamette Falls Symphony Orchestra

The Willamette Falls Symphony Orchestra would like to share their utmost gratitude with the people of Oregon City UMC, and look forward to the day when they can return and bless our worship hall with their beautiful music. Until that day, (hopefully in the *near* future) Willamette Falls Symphony Orchestra is inviting its followers and supporters to join them at Northwest Christian Church in Tigard for their *New World Symphony*.

New World Symphony

Saturday, December 11, 2021 at 3:00pm

Northwest Christian Church, 13405 SW Hall Blvd, Tigard, OR 97223



### Pastor Tom's Schedule for Nov 15-19

Afternoons will be in and out

Appointments are always welcome to be scheduled

**Sun:** Worship at 10am

Charge Conference at 6pm

**Mon:** Off, no office hours

I am still available in the event of an emergency.

**Tue:** 9am-1pm,

Church Council at 6:30pm

**Wed:** 9am-11:45am,

Storytime with Preschool at 11am

Worship Design at 5pm

**Thu:** 9am-1pm,

Local Pastors' meeting at 11am

**Fri:** 9am-1pm, Sermon planning

## Men's Night Out

Kissin' Kates Cafe

21950 S. Beavercreek Rd  
Beavercreek, OR

6pm November 15, 2021

Meet at the church by 5:30pm to carpool



## Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00pm

This year's Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will take place via ZOOM. Link will be posted soon.

- ❖ Prince of Life Lutheran Church
- ❖ First Baptist Church
- ❖ Zion Lutheran Church
- ❖ St. Paul's Episcopal Church
- ❖ Oregon City United Methodist Church
- ❖ UUCWF





## Our Weekly Giving Moment

Most of us take our health and our bodies for granted. We check that little organ-donation box on our driver's license and, most likely, forget about it. But when we, or someone we love, is in need of an organ, cornea or tissue transplant, the situation becomes personal.

That's why Organ and Tissue Donor Sunday is so important.

One of five special days without a churchwide offering, Organ and Tissue Donor Sunday is viewed as a time for United Methodists to come together around the issues of life and thanksgiving. Congregations are encouraged to include the topic in their worship services. Worship resources are available from nonprofit donor programs in the United States.

Jesus said, "I came so that they could have life—indeed, so that they could live life to the fullest" (John 10:10b). Organ and Tissue Donor Sunday is an opportunity to consider new ways to follow Jesus and to help others find abundant life.





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# Advent Craft Festival

Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

2:00pm - 4:00pm

*There is no charge for this event*



## Fun for the whole family

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.

*Please plan to wear masks inside the building*

