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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. If you are having trouble accessing the online registration please call the church office or Pastor Tom.





As we approach the remembrance of our Saints this week, let us offer this

All Saint's Day Prayer:

*God, we are surrounded by a cloud,
Faithful witnesses who have gone before.*

*Those who have loved
where we would have hated.*

*Those who have healed
where we would have hurt.*

*Those who have spoken out
when we remained silent.*

*God may we walk in their footsteps,
Learning courage from their sacrifice,
Gaining strength from their faithfulness.*

*May we learn to give
so that other may receive.*

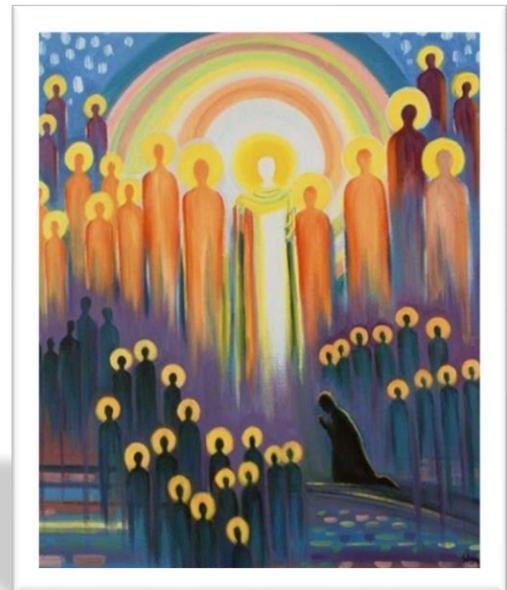
*May we learn to love
so that others may be set free.*

*May we learn to die to self
so that other might live.*

*God may we join that cloud of faithful witnesses,
Treading paths of loving obedience,
Leaving footprints for others to walk in.*

*God may we too lead kingdom lives,
And walk into your ways.*

Amen.



**Pastor Tom's Schedule
Nov 8-12**

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

Monday: Off, no office hours

Tuesday: 9am-1pm, 2:00pm meeting

Wednesday: 9am-11:45am, Rotary at noon.

Thursday: 9am-11am, Pastors' meeting at 11am

Friday: 9am-1pm, sermon planning



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



Upper Room

Nov/Dec issue of the Upper Room Devotional is now available. If you are not able to pick up a copy at the church, you may request to have a copy mailed to you.

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 14th 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.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 23rd, 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



Honoring our veterans

November 11th

Veterans Day has its roots in what was called Armistice Day, when a peace agreement ended World War I on November 11, 1918. President Wilson proclaimed that Armistice Day was to be marked with solemn pride in heroism and with gratitude for victory as well as the "opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice." In 1954, the remembrance was renamed Veterans Day to honor all U.S. military personnel. It's a reminder to pray for and honor all who serve and sacrifice, to support and assist their families, and to pray that God will bring peace on earth.



All Saints Day

Our Weekly Giving Moment

“By day the Lord commands his faithful love; by night his song is with me—a prayer to the God of my life. ... Hope in God!” — Psalm 42:8, 11b, CEB

Early one morning last Christmas, Ken and I walked a path along a ridge that overlooks the town near where I grew up. Overnight, a light snow had fallen, and no one had walked on the path. However, we saw a ton of animal tracks.

Sometimes, it looked as if the same species was going side by side, and sometimes it looked like they were weaving in and out. The whole path was covered in different animal tracks, most likely mice, rats, coyotes, dogs and cats. We never actually saw any animals, but we followed along their tracks!

[All Saints Day](#) is a good time to think about people who have left tracks for us. I’m reminded of something Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said: “Whatever you choose to do, leave tracks, and that means: don’t do just for yourself because in the end it’s not going to be fully satisfying. I think you will want to leave the world a little better for your having lived.”

Leaving tracks seems like what “saints” do, and I use that term in the broadest New Testament sense. Saints simply follow Jesus in their lives and contexts based on their relationship with Jesus. Saints “leave tracks” for the rest of us to follow, learn from and give direction in our lives. Some of those who leave tracks for us literally walk beside us, and others are people in history who inspire us.

Adapted from “Bishop’s Monday Message: Leave Tracks,” Bishop Sally Dyck, Northern Illinois Annual Conference website, Oct. 26, 2020. Used by permission.



GOD'S WILL

God wants us to follow his will, but how can we know what that is?

Directions: Write the letters on each vine in the correct order on the lines provided to complete 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV.

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in all circumstances; for this
is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

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a s k
3 6 5

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18, NIV

Answer: rejoice, always, pray, give, thanks