



OCUMC Newsletter

October 15, 2020

Dear friends and family of OCUMC:

A pastor colleague recently asked what our plans were for the next few years. It was hard to answer, because it seems this year has shut down many-a-plan for people. Wedding and trips were postponed; outings scrapped altogether, holidays aren't the same.

Much of the frustration for me comes with this feeling that much hasn't changed. We are still in a lockdown mode and we are now around 32 weeks of online worship. My hopes for Confirmation have been put on hold. One thing that gets me through much of day to day life is the ability to look forward to something. It may be a trip or an event. A special worship service or a concert. A baseball game or a trip to the coast. It's hard to move forward if you don't have anything to move forward to!

Reminds me of an old comic: Charlie Brown is at bat and strike three is called. He has struck out again. He slumps down on the players' bench. "Rats!" he exclaims. "I'll never be a big-league player. I just don't have it! All my life I've dreamed of playing in the big leagues, but I know I'll never make it."

Lucy turns to console him. "Charlie Brown," she says, "you're thinking too far ahead. What you need to do is set yourself more immediate goals."

Charlie Brown looks up and asks, "Immediate goals?"

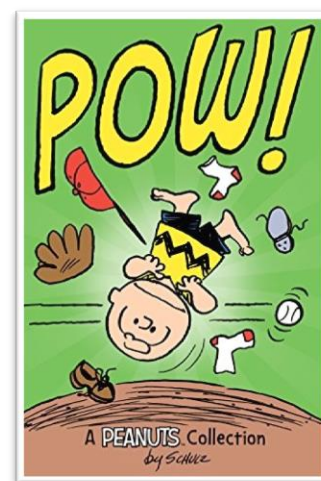
Lucy responds, "Yes. Start with this next inning when you go out to pitch. See if you can walk out to the mound without falling down."

Maybe that's the next step: **JUST TAKE THE NEXT STEP**. Whatever fills you with joy, find a way to do something, anything that brings back a little happiness in your life. The journey doesn't have to be figured out today - just what are you going to do today?

Psalm 188:24 provides the scripture for the song: "THIS is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it." Not tomorrow. Not yesterday. Today. Even in Covid times.

"See" you in church on Sunday, on location at the Oregon City Arch Bridge!

Pastor Mike





October Birthdays

BENISCHEK, STEPHANIE	10/03
BENSON, PETER	10/04
SCHLOSSER, NANCY	10/05
CRAWFORD, MICHAEL	10/08
CRUIKSHANK, THOMAS	10/12
WENINGER, GAIL	10/14
CRUIKSHANK, RUBY	10/15
HEMPHILL, KARLA	10/16
RUSSELL, LESTER (DEKE)	10/17
BUTTOLPH, VERN	10/19
CRUIKSHANK, MICHELLE	10/19
BENSON, JEREMY	10/22
BENSON, NATHAN	10/22
QUEVEDO, SONIA	10/23
BEASLEY, DENISE	10/26



**November 4th
6:30 p.m.**

**ZOOM
Meeting**

Mark your calendars for this year's OCUMC Charge Conference. This is where we finalize budgets, choose leadership, celebrate and look ahead. More info will be shared as the date gets closer.

OC Lunch Lady

The following donations are needed:

- Bread
- Fruit (i.e. Apples)
- Oreo Cookies
- Ziploc Bags



The Lunch Lady is also looking for a "little library" type kiosk to put lunches in on rainy days. Please contact Chris Larson 503-655-4080 for more information.

If you have items for the OC lunch lady you can drop them off at the church office.

MISSION POSSIBLE

Current opportunities to help our community at large

First, we want to thank you for your continued generosity for the mission work we are continuing to provide for our community. All of us have been very aware of the tragic fires and the devastation that faces many people who have either lost everything or received damage to their homes and property.

In response to that we are working in concert with Love, INC to provide cleaning supplies that are needed for those who are returning to homes that need thorough cleaning from the ash, smoke etc. We will be collecting supplies and/or monies through the month of October. You may mark your checks Fire Victims or you may leave cleaning supplies at the church.

Items needed include:

- Mops
- Brooms
- Dustpans
- paper towels
- garbage bags
- window cleaners
- bathroom cleaners and so on



Thank you so much for all the help you provide to those in need.

Mission Possible Team

