

# Newsletter

## Oregon City United Methodist Church

February 6, 2020

### Monday, February 10

8:30am – Preschool  
10:00am – Mom's Club  
12:15pm – Preschool  
6:30pm – Piecemakers

### Tuesday, February 11

8:30am – Preschool  
10:30am – Yoga Class  
12:15pm – Preschool  
6:30pm – Diggity Dogs  
7:00pm – WFS Meeting

### Wednesday, February 12

8:30am – Preschool  
10:00am – Line Dancing  
12:15pm – Preschool  
1:00pm – HOPE Food Pantry  
6:00pm – Fellowship Dinner  
6:30pm – Choir  
6:30pm – Adult Bible Study

### Thursday, February 13

8:30am – Preschool  
12:15pm – Preschool  
6:30pm – Financial Peace  
7:00pm – WFS Practice  
7:00pm – Central Point Meeting

### Friday, February 14

Valentine's Day

### Saturday, February 15

### Sunday, February 16

8:45am – Higher Ground  
10:00am – Worship  
10:15am – Sunday School



Dear friends and family of OCUMC:

You must not lie or deceive one another. You must not swear falsely by My name and so profane the name of your God. ~ Lev. 9:11-12

Last week, my daughter and I watched the movie "Harriet", which has become a favorite of hers. It portrays the life of Harriet Tubman - the runaway slave who helped other slaves escape. She made 19 trips to the south and rescued 300 more from bondage. In the movie, she visits her father before her first escape. The father puts on a blindfold while he says his goodbye - which is also historical fact. This is to insure that he can rightfully say, "I have not seen her" when he will undoubtable be questioned. My daughter asked, "Couldn't he just lie?" We had a wonderful discussion about integrity and staying true to your convictions. What if you believed that telling the TRUTH was non-negotiable?

Liar's lie. Cheaters cheat. Those who gossip to you will gossip about you. Yes, people can change, but for many, there is little incentive to do so. So in the movie, I found it refreshing to see someone so resolved to not bear false witness to go to such lengths to be a person of character moral fortitude.

We could use a little bit of truth telling in our families. We need a little bit of truth in our news, our politics, and our lives. It's one reason I had a hard time watching the impeachment proceedings - how much is truth and how much is lie? According to one TED talk I watched, we are lied to around 10-200 times, depending on how many people we interact with - and we tell 1-5 lies or outright exaggerations in the same day.

This week, be a truth teller. Those who cook up stories find themselves in hot water.

As always, I look forward to seeing you in worship this Sunday, (and that's the truth!)

Pastor Mike





## Church Directory

It's time to update the directory! The back wall has our current directory, please make any changes there. If you'd like to add your name and/or family to the directory, you can find a card to do such. You can also email the church your best photo.

## February Change Offering

This month's offering will be used to give our college kids a care package as they prepare for upcoming midterms. Thank you for your generosity!

## Munch Bunch

Tuesday, February 11, 11:30am  
Imperial Garden Restaurant  
15350 SE McLoughlin Blvd, Oak Grove, OR 97267  
To RSVP or for more information, Please contact  
Gail Ward @ 503-659-9784

## Men's Night Out

Tuesday, February 11, 6:00pm  
Bugatti's Restaurant  
334 Warner Milne Rd., Oregon City, OR 97045  
Meet at the church at 5:30pm if you would like to carpool.



## Heart2Heart Celebration - Everyone Welcome



Everyone is invited to the Heart2Heart celebration! Please join us after church (even if you didn't participate in H2H) February 9th in the name of friendship and kindness...and of course treats. If you are involved with this year's Heart2Heart please plan to stay after church on Sunday so you can meet your secret pal. If you can't be there please let me know ASAP.

## February Youth Group

**February 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**February 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Heart2Heart Celebration, no formal youth group  
After church, 11ish  
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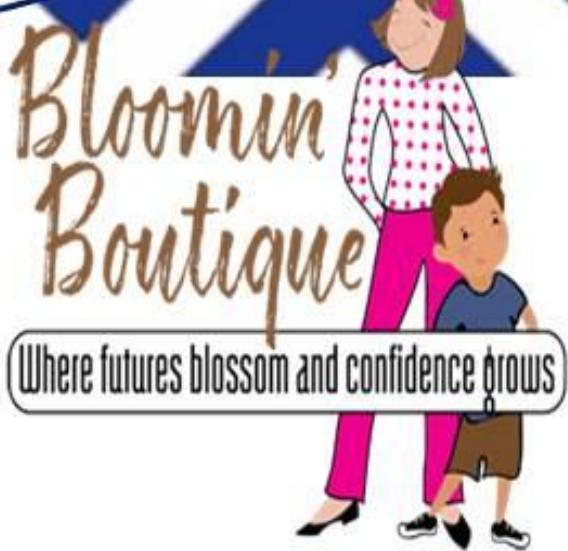
# Undie Sunday

*Benefiting Bloomin' Boutique!*

We are collecting NEW  
children's underwear in sizes  
4T through child size 14.



Please bring your gifts of packaged underwear anytime during the month of **February**. Monetary donations are also welcome. Make your check out to OCUMC and write "Undie Sunday" on the memo line.





# "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: \$9,026**  
**Miles Traveled: 1,940 Miles**  
**Current Location: Emigrant Hill, Oregon**

Fun Fact: Emigrant Hill, or Cabbage Hill, or Deadman Pass is a 2,000 foot drop over six miles into the valley. From John Minto in 1844: “The sight from this mountain top is one to be remembered while life lasts. It affects me as did my first sight of the ocean...Looking across this grand valley westward the dark blue line of the Cascade Range of Mountains appears a forest-clad and impassable wall, out of which arise two immense white cones called, as I subsequently learned, Mount Hood and Mount Adams.”

As always, thank you for your support of OCUMC!

