



Newsletter

Oregon City United Methodist Church

April 23, 2020

SPECIAL DATES

- National Day of Prayer, May 7th
- Mother's Day, May 10th
- Armed Forces Day, May 16th
- Memorial Day, May 25th
- Pentecost, May 31st

Anniversaries

SHAVER, JIM & YOLANDA	05/14
ZYLSTRA, JOHN & JOANNE	05/20

Birthdays

BAGLEY, KATHIE	05/01
MALLEN, ANN	05/01
STRATTON, WILDA	05/01
MCCO RKLE, GARRY	05/03
BENISCHEK, GABRIEL	05/05
GREGORY, SANDY	05/05
FOURIER, PHILIP	05/13
SUTTON, HAROLD	05/16
HEMPHILL, HERB	05/17
FINCK, TERRI	05/18
NELSON, DON	05/21
CHAPMAN, FRANKLIN	05/24
LARSON, DAVE	05/27
SCHULT, WILLIAM	05/29
OSTRICK-CRONRATH, ELSIE	05/31

Dear friends and family of OCUMC:

If you've been around the Methodist Church awhile, you might be aware that churches gather for conferences every now and then. All have been affected by COVID-19.

Every June, the churches of Oregon-Idaho gather for **Annual Conference**. We celebrate and create ministries within our borders, elect leaders, ordain pastors, approve a budget, and make other decisions that affect the life of the churches in our area. Bishop Elaine JW Stanovsky has made the difficult decision to cancel June's Annual Conference session.

Instead, Bishop Stanovsky is working with Conference leaders to reschedule, perhaps virtually, in the fall to deal with the essential business of our Conference for 2020.

"I take very seriously John Wesley's principle of doing no harm," Stanovsky said. "We will continue to err on the side of caution when it comes to the health and welfare of our lay and clergy members. Life is a sacred gift, and in this season, we can do this to protect it, so we shall."

Another Conference that was rescheduled is our 2020 **General Conference**. This is the top policy-making body of The United Methodist Church, which meets once every four years with representatives from across the globe.



The conference can revise church law, as well as adopt resolutions on current moral, social, public policy and economic issues. It also approves plans and budgets for church-wide programs. This will now be the 2021 General Conference.

What that means is that all of the questions regarding any potential split in our denomination and direction of our global church will have to wait a year. No one plans on a Pandemic. In over two centuries, General Conference has never been suspended, (some considerations were made during the Civil War for the Methodist Church, South). I pray we all have patience and resiliency in these times.

As for our church, we keep on keeping on. Our prayer is that you do the same. We look forward to seeing you in worship when both Gov. and Bishop give the OK. In the meantime, we'll see you in our online worship space!

Pastor Mike



Oregon City United Methodist Church

For our upcoming online worship, could you video yourself (or family) saying "God is Good, All the Time, All the Time, God is Good" and send it to me? I'd like to piece them together for the next few weeks.

Revbenny.com or Text 503-522-9807

Thanks!
Pastor Mike



Ron Schlosser

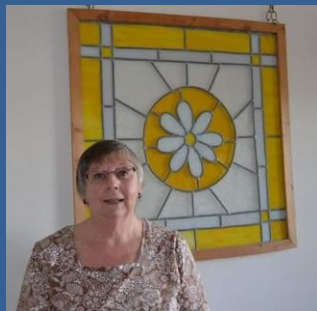
It's been just over a week since I seeded my cucumbers, zucchini and beans for eventual transplant into the garden. I first had signs that the seeds were germinating starting last Thursday when the beans started to show. What was fun was to check the plants in the morning, then come back later in the day and see more plants up. Also interesting was seeing which ones germinated the fastest, all were planted the same day in the same medium and all had bottom heat. The 1st to come were the beans, followed a couple days later by the zucchini and lastly were the cucumbers with some just starting to show when I checked today. As these seedlings start to grow in size, I'll select 1 in each pot that I think is doing best then cut the others off at the soil line. I used to pull the extra seedlings and put into other pots but I've learned that it disturbs the root system and actually sets them back. So if you do your own starts, determine how many plants you want to finally have, plant multiple seeds in each pot then thin.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

I can pray for God to change my heart.



What Are You Doing During Quarantine?



Hi, OCUMC folks. I am still in Arizona, still locked up, still sewing masks for healthcare workers (we are past 11,000 given out now, all from donations and 200 volunteer workers), sometimes fighting depression and loneliness like I've never known before, but hanging in there.

Miss you, my church family, and send prayers for you all.

Jana Fogle



We've celebrated 4 birthdays in our small family plus Easter.

Carrie Myers
Chelsea, Quincy, Chloe



We celebrated EARTH DAY! Seed planting and lots of reading/writing school assignments.

Ally & Nate Olivas



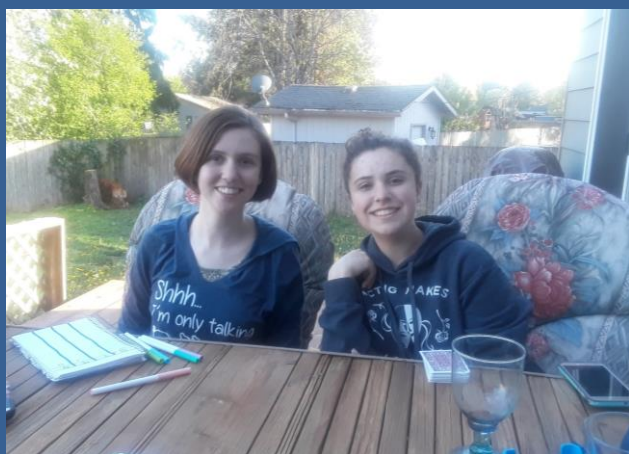
This is a picture that Marty took on a very early walk in the woods by the river off of the path. I am waving with my big brace to show it is making improvement though slowly. The squirrels are very good at keeping social distancing.

Dawn Engel



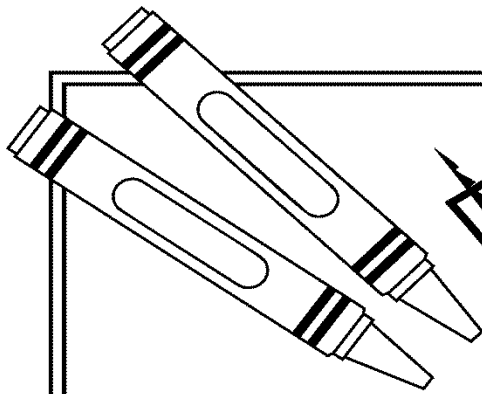
We reconfigured our vegetable garden.

John & Denise Beasley



We've been enjoying family game night and tons of baking!

Riley & Sidney Palmer



PUZZLE

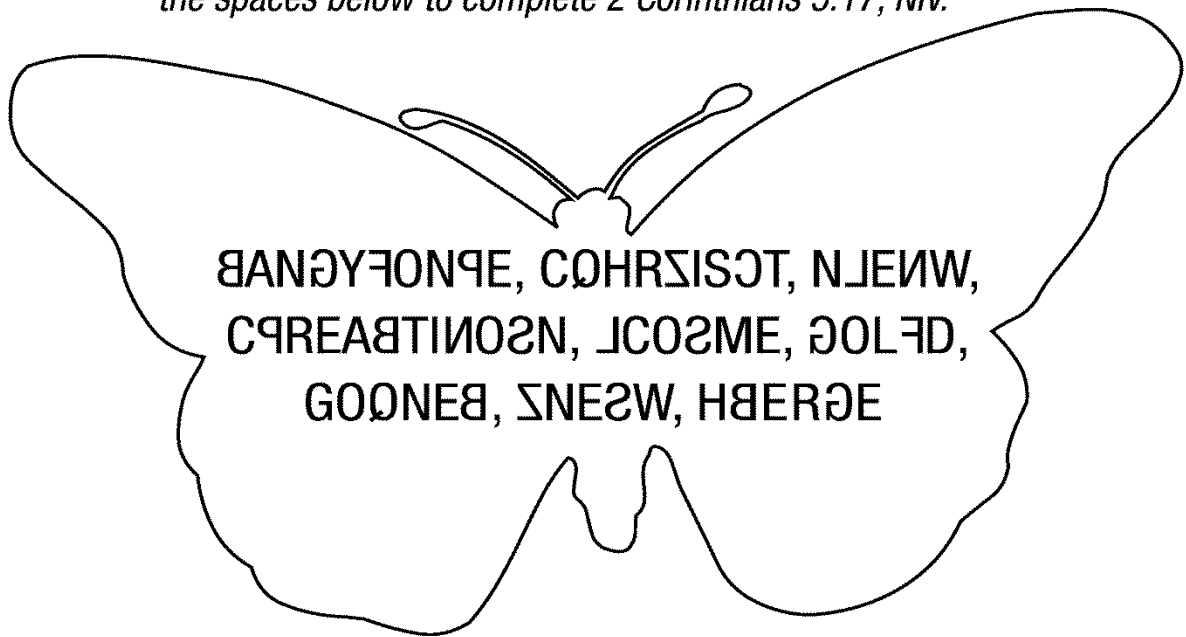
Transformation **POWER**



Just as the caterpillar becomes a butterfly,
God transforms us from old to new.



Directions: Cross out the backward letters. Write the remaining letters in order in the spaces below to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV.



Therefore, if _____ is in _____,
the _____ has _____:

The _____ has _____,
the _____ is _____!

2 C O R I N T H I A N S 5 : 1 7 , N I V

Answer: anyone, Christ, new, creation, come, old, gone, new, here