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**OCUM Church starting at
10:00 a.m.**

A place where we "Love Others and Value Everyone"!



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To the faithful of Oregon City UMC,

Advent greetings to you all, my friends! It is again the season of expectation, when we look to the coming of Christ our Savior. It's a time of anticipation, preparation, and celebration.

We've already celebrated one Sunday together; the Sunday of Hope. For Jesus is our Hope in these days ahead as we move beyond what has been and into what will be. It's a Hope we endeavor to carry with us through the coming year; a Hope we will hold close to our hearts to help keep us focused on Christ and his teachings and his sacrificial love for us, his people.

Yet Hope is not the only energy this season brings. This coming Sunday we will look at Faith. From there we'll journey with Peace, Joy, Love, culminating our Advent journey at the manger with Christ.

But that's more than four Advent candles to light. Don't we only light four? Five if you count the Christ candle on Christmas Eve?

The beautiful thing about Advent and the expectation we enter into, much like all that is inspired by Spirit, is it is not limited to what's symbolized by a candle or proclaimed in a ritual. Advent is about expectation not just of Christ, but also of moving deeper into all the fruits of the Spirit and all that God blesses us with. We dive into **Hope**, open our hearts to **Joy**, build **Peace** with our neighbor and seek its presence in our lives. We wrap ourselves, our families, our communities in Christ's **Love**... and we go even further.

We step out in **Faith**, believing in the promises of God and we walk in the Way. Advent is a season of renewal and new beginnings where we can find our center. From there we can move into every situation with a **Patient** presence, a **Kind** heart, a **Gentle** temperament, a vision set on what is **Good** and compassionate, and a self-awareness that we may do all things through Christ with the help of Spirit and no small amount of **Self-Control**.

Advent isn't just about the expectation of Christ. It's about the expectation that through Christ we will show Christ's love and light to the world around us.

Let us walk in Christ's light as it grows ever brighter the closer we come to Bethlehem.

Pastor Tom





For your Advent Calendar

Advent Mailboxes

Save the postage! Put your church family holiday greetings in the mailbox located in the Worship Center starting in December. Put the cards in the box labeled with the first initial of the last name.

Advent Craft Festival

Sunday | December 8 | 2-4pm

There is no charge for this craft extravaganza that celebrates the season of Advent. This activity is for the families of the Preschool, the church, and the neighborhood. You are welcome to bring friends. 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.

A Blue Christmas Service

Saturday | December 14 | 2:00pm | Heritage Room

Christmas, in all of its magic and celebration, holds within it a sorrow for many. Blue Christmas services take that sorrow, hurt, pain, or emptiness, and recognizes it. We hold it in sacred space lifting it to our God who comforts us.



Lessons & Carols Service

Sunday | December 15 | 10:00am

A Sunday morning service, which weaves beautiful carols of the season with scriptures relating to the Advent and Christmas Season.

Christmas Cookie Exchange & Brunch Fellowship!

Sunday | December 22 | 11:00am

There will be a variety of homemade cookies to enjoy and plenty to take home. If you or your family have a favorite Christmas cookie or treat you are invited to bring some to share!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Tuesday | December 24 | 7:00pm

Join us for our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight service as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. Bring the whole family and invite a friend to this very special service you won't want to miss!





STERLE, MIKE	12/02
PARKINSON, KITSIE	12/06
CRAVEN, MARY	12/10
EVANS, GAYLEN	12/15
EVANS, NICHOLAS	12/20
THONSTAD, TED	12/21
BUTTOLPH, GERALD	12/27
TONOLE, DON	12/27

HOPE Food Pantry Totals

For the month of November, we served 212 families and 813 people, down from November 2023 when we'd served 223 families and 871 people.

For the year-to-date, we've served 2,115 families and 8,164 people, making this a record breaking year for people served and we still have 3 pantries to go.

Our family sizes vary quite a bit, from 1 person to 10+. When it all is averaged out, there's an average of 4 people per family, this has been consistent over all of the years.

Blessings,
Ron Schlosser

Upcoming EVENTS

Care Team Meeting

Tuesday, December 10 @ 2:00pm

Willamette Falls Symphony Concert

Sunday, December 15 @ 3:00pm

Current HOPE Food Pantry Needs



CANNED FOODS

- Soups
- Fruits
- Vegetables
- Canned Beans
- Canned Meats

DRY GOODS

- Oatmeal
- Pasta
- Macaroni & Cheese



The Father's Heart STREET MINISTRY

Helping those in need in Clackamas County. The Father's Heart Street Ministry is a Resource Center in Oregon City. Our goal is to help men and women find a safe refuge from homelessness, hunger and addiction. We are a faith based organization founded in 1999 that provides daily services and meals to men and women.

Fathers Heart Immediate Needs:

- Men's Jeans sizes (29-34)
- Winter Coats (M, L, XL)
- Hoodies
- Socks



Accepting new and gently used and laundered clothing. No holes and no stains

Donations can be dropped off at Fathers Heart Ministry (603 12th St, Oregon City), Monday – Friday, 9am – 2pm. If you have any questions or need help delivering your donations please contact Marian Olivas or Jane Myers.



Oregon City United Methodist Church

Advent Craft Festival

Sunday, December 8th
2:00 – 4:00pm

Fun for the Whole Family

The Worship Center will be filled with craft stations so every member of the family (especially the kids!) can have fun Making a variety of Christmas crafts to take home and enjoy.



- Free Event
- Cookie Decorating
- Ornament Making
- Crafts for all ages

Cookie exchange

Please join us for a
Holiday Cookie Exchange at
Oregon City United Methodist Church

After the service on December 22nd,
we will be having a Holiday Cookie
Exchange! There will be a variety of
homemade cookies to enjoy and
plenty to take home.

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