



# Newsletter

November 21, 2024

**Join Us In-Person or  
Livestream**

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

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

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To the fellowship of believers at Oregon City UMC,

Greetings to you in the name of the Christ! It is a joy to walk this road of faithful service with you all. This Sunday we come to the end of our Christian year in celebration of *Christ the King*, even as we begin preparations to return to Bethlehem and begin our cycle of remembering Jesus' life and teachings again.

Yet, what is it to follow Jesus Christ in a way that claims Christ as king? What is it for Christ to be King of kings, and Lord of lords? We'll look at these questions in worship on Sunday. For today I want to share with you some revelations from the week.

I have joined a group called Heart Men, being led by a friend who is a member at another local United Methodist congregation. Each time we meet, there is a discussion around a short reflective reading and a time to answer one or all of three questions:

1. How have you done good this week, or how have you avoided doing harm?
2. What is on your heart this week?
3. How is your walk with God this week?

These are great questions to ponder and bring focus, and sharing with fellow faithful and hearing their insights of what they heard in the sharing, is nourishing to the soul. What does it have to do with kingdom-living though? I lift this up, because in this group it's often revealed to me how simple it is to be about the kingdom in the world. Each week someone shares an example of how they have done good, and yet don't realize how much good they have done, until their fellow "heart men" reflect on what they heard in the telling.

We have had men share about loving their neighbors in ways that they did not realize were profound. We have heard stories of coincidental interactions that were not only nourishing to the persons receiving the love, but also nourished those of us who were blessed enough to hear the telling. We have been reminded there is so much good in the world and have been uplifted by its presence.

Why do I share this with you? To simply say this... As we come to this *Christ the King Sunday*, do not discredit your own kingdom-living. So long as you are out there being present in the world and offering love to your neighbor from the depths of your heart, you are doing Christ's work. I know it doesn't seem like much at times. Still know this; your small acts of love are monumental to those who receive your kindness in ways that you may never understand. Keep loving and keep on in your kingdom-living.

In faithful service,

*Pastor Tom*





DIFRANCO, KELLY	11/02
OLIVAS, MARIAN	11/05
WARD, PAUL	11/05
SYTSMA, JOHN	11/07
HULDEN, SANDRA	11/09
CRAVEN, RICHARD	11/20
HENRY, LYDIA	11/20
WATT, MARC	11/23
OLIVAS, RON	11/26

Thank You



Susan and her family deeply appreciate the kindness, love, and support you've shown them during this difficult time.

The family thanks you for the thoughtful cards and messages.



The Ronfeld Family

## Upcoming EVENTS

**Church Council, Trustees and Finance Team Meeting**  
Sunday, November 24 @ 11:00am

**Thanksgiving Service & Pie Fellowship**  
Tuesday, November 26 @ 7:00pm  
Come for the worship. Stay for some pie!

**Thanksgiving Day**  
Thursday, November 28

**Ladies Lunch Out!**  
Tuesday, December 3 @ 11:30am  
Rivershore Bar and Grill  
1900 Clackamette Drive  
(across from OC Shopping Center)  
Please RSVP to Susan (503)650-6459 or Marty (503)557-7224

## Current HOPE Food Pantry Needs



### CANNED FOODS

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

### DRY GOODS

- Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Pasta
- Macaroni & Cheese



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.



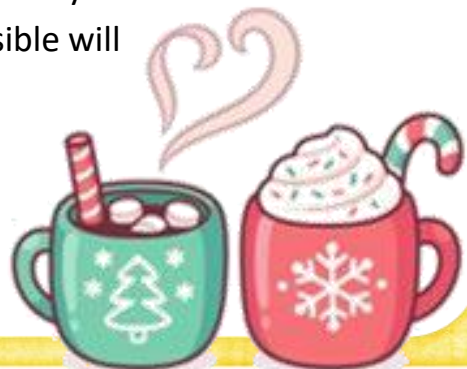
## CHRISTMAS FAMILY PROJECT

# PAJAMA DRIVE

that will run the month of November

We are collecting **NEW** pajamas from infant to XL adult for children & teens of all ages in foster care. Pajamas will be distributed to *Bloomin' Boutique*.

- Accepting donations of NEW pajamas **THROUGH Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**.
- If you would prefer to donate money, please mark your check "PJ Drive" and members of Mission Possible will shop for you.





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# Advent Craft Festival

Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>  
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 22<sup>nd</sup>,  
we will be having a Holiday Cookie  
Exchange! 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!

Sunday,  
December 22<sup>nd</sup>  
11:00am





## 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.

### **Hanging of the Greens**

**Sunday | December 1 | 11:00am**

Help decorate our Worship Center and lobby for the holidays.

### **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!

