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JCUMC UPDATE



Junction City United Methodist Church

April 2024

A Note from Pastor Nancy:

When you receive this message, it will be during Holy Week. The last week of the earthly life of Jesus. It's a hard week of wrestling with emotions that range from Hosanna, save us! To crucify him! I pray that you will come to the joint services of Holy Thursday and Good Friday with Faith Lutheran Church. There will also be a sunrise service where I will preach at Stroda Tree Farm, 26824 OR-36, Cheshire, OR 97419. Sunrise service begins at 6:30am.

After the season of Lent which ends with the celebration of Easter, we enter into the church season of Easter season. The season of Easter consists of fifty days, a week of weeks from the fifty days between Passover and Pentecost. This season begins at sunset on the eve of Easter and ends with Pentecost, the day the Holy Spirit gives birth to the church.

The purpose of the Easter season is to continue the personal growth for people following the way of Jesus. This extended season allows us time to rejoice and experience what we mean we say Christ is risen and we, as the church, are the body of the risen Lord. It is a time we can reflect, renew and perhaps learn for the first time the ministries that the Holy Spirit has empowered us to embark on in the name of Jesus.

Our focus for the Eastertide season will be risky business. We want to get together and remember that Jesus is alive! We want others to know that Jesus is alive! The Disciples wanted others to know what happened that morning the women went to the tomb and found the stone rolled away and an empty grave. After Easter they went out in groups telling the story to everyone who would hear. Following the way of Jesus and telling the stories of Jesus was risky business we learn from the disciples all about this risky business.

April 7:	Risky Business	Acts 5:27-34*
April 14:	This Is My Story	Acts 9:1-9
April 21:	Continuing the Story	Acts 9:10-20
April 28:	Love One Another	Acts 13:31-35

The first Sunday in the month we will be celebrating communion. Please bring protein for the food pantry. Our local food pantry needs sources of protein. Good sources include peanut butter and canned chicken. I would like for us to get in the habit of bringing a source of protein for the food pantry on communion Sundays. As we are fed the bread and cup of life, let us share food and life with our community members who are food insecure

Looking forward to seeing you all in worship!
Shalom,

Pastor Nancy

WELCOME!

Please join us for worship every Sunday morning at 10:30am either in person or on Facebook Live.
www.facebook.com/junctioncityorumc

Stay for coffee and conversation in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship.

Communion is served the first Sunday of each month. All are invited to the table. Please bring a protein to be donated to Local Aid like peanut butter or canned chicken.

We are a Reconciling Congregation, welcoming all persons regardless of age, sexual orientation, gender identity, family configuration, racial or ethnic background, economic status or mental or physical abilities.



HOLY WEEK

March 28th Holy Thursday at Faith Lutheran 6:30pm

March 29th Holy Friday at JCUMC 6:30pm

March 31st (Interfaith) Sunrise Service 6:30am
Stroda Farm

March 31st Easter Morning Worship at 10:30am at JCUMC followed by coffee and conversation in the Fellowship Hall

April Sermon Schedule:

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Discipleship Group: Risky Business

Would you like to continue discussions after the sermon? Come to the Discipleship Group that meets on Sunday afternoon, 3pm at the church. We shared good discussion and relationship building. We will be having more classes in the future, if you have an idea for a study, please reach out to Pastor Nancy via email with your ideas.
Pastor@junctioncityorumc.org

Newsletter Schedule:

We will be publishing the Newsletter once a month, sending it out the 4th Friday of each month for the upcoming month beginning in May. Submissions for the newsletter need to be submitted no later than the 3rd Friday of each month to be included. Please send submissions to junctioncityumc@gmail.com

May Newsletter Submissions Due April 19th. Newsletter will be emailed April 26th



Hello JCUMC Family & Greetings from Las Vegas! The weather is warming up and we are enjoying settling into our new home. I am getting involved locally and making some friends. I found a local UMC church that I am enjoying attending and I LOVE bragging about all of you!

As many of you know, I am tasked with filling some enormous shoes left by Sue Huntley to take over the newsletter. I'll do my best and I thank you for your patience while we make this transition. The newsletter and prayer requests will come from the email address: junctioncityumc@gmail.com If you are not receiving emails, please check your SPAM folder or email me to make sure I have the correct email address.

If you are on the email newsletter list, you should have received an invitation to be included in the upcoming Church Directory. We have also printed off some forms that can be filled out and left on the church office desk. You have the option to include your photo if you wish so either upload a picture when you submit the online form or leave an actual picture with your paper form and we'll upload it and return it to you. Please let me know if you need help . . . I am always happy to assist you!

If you are a money counter or bringing in mail, please be sure to put all checks and cash in the safe and not in the file cabinet drawer. The file cabinet is not secure. You do not need to know the combination for the safe as there is a pull-down door on the front of the safe to drop items in. If you do not know where the safe is located, please ask Nadine Wiles, Finance Team Chair. Thank you!

My assistant, Izzy Crecca, continues to do deposits and uploading info to me each week. If you have questions about church business, please direct all inquiries to me. Izzy has a full-time job at the Unitarian Church in Eugene so her availability is limited.

Austin Eldridge is continuing to do custodial work for us. If you have any special requests, please send me an email and I'll be sure to get that info to Austin.

Prayer requests will also be sent out by me so please send me an email if you would like the congregation to pray for you or someone you love and care about. You can also reach out to Pastor Nancy at pastor@junctioncityorumc.org.

I miss you all and look forward to seeing you when I make a trip to JC in the coming months.

Warmly,

Jennifer



OUTREACH NEWS

Here's How JCUMC is Helping Our Community & the World in 2024

- Donated 110 pounds of food for Local Aid.
- Served an average of 36 meals at *Just Breakfast* since the beginning of 2024. Meals are served every month on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at JCUMC and are FREE.
- Collected \$298 in cash donations for Local Aid.
- Sent \$600 to UMCOR

What is UMCOR? It is the United Methodist Committee on Relief who provides relief response when events overwhelm a community's ability to recover on their own. Each year, UMC Churches are asked to participate in UMCOR Sunday (we participated March 10th, 2024) and all donations on that Sunday go towards administration costs so that means that **100% of your donations are used for relief.** To learn more, please visit UMCOR.org.

United Methodist Women will meet on Wednesday, April 13th at 10am in the Fellowship Hall. They meet every month on the 3rd Wednesday. All women are welcome to attend. Here's are some of the charities that our UMW supports each year:

Eugene Mission
Ophelia's Place
UMCOR

Wesley Foundation
Habitat for Humanity
JC Sharing Tree

Women's Space
Viking Sal Senior Center
UMW Conference Level Missions

JC Fire Department
JC Local Aid



Breakfast at Harrisburg United Methodist Church is BACK!

This breakfast is held the 3rd Saturday of each month from 7am-10am. Cost is \$8 for individuals or \$25 per family. Questions? Ask Arnie Anderson for more information.