## THE MESSENGER



# **Canby United Methodist Church**

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## **UMC Lectionary**

## **February Readings**

#### March 7 - 3rd Sunday in Lent

Women's History Month Ex. 20:1-7, Ps 19, 1 Cor 1:18-25, Jn 2:13-22

#### March 14 - 4th Sunday in Lent

Scouting Sunday / UMCOR Sunday / Daylight Savings Starts. Num 21:4-9, Ps 107:1-3, 17-22, Eph 2:1-10, Jn 3:14-

#### March 21 5th Sunday in Lent

Jer 31:31-34, Ps 51:1-12, Heb 5:5-10, Jn 12:20-33

#### March 28 Passion/Palm Sunday

Liturgy of the Palms: Matt. 21:1-11; Ps 118:1-2, 19-29, Liturgy of the Passion: Isa 50:4-9a; Ps 31:9-16 (UMH 764); Phil 2:5-11; Matt. 26:14-27:66 or Matt. 27:11-54

Copies are available online from <u>http://</u> www.umcdiscipleship.org.

## In-Person/Zoom Worship

The next In-person / Zoom worship service is scheduled for Sunday, March 21, at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. **Seat reservations must be made in advance.** Please call or email the church office to reserve your seat by March 13, the week prior.

## **From Pastor Dylan:**

We had a snowstorm last month. Trees fell. Some buildings in the community were damaged. Many of us were out of electricity, water, heat, and communication. I was surprised that nobody logged on to the Zoom gathering on that Sunday morning, only to found out that everyone had lost electricity and internet connection. Many in the congregation stayed in the cold or had taken refuge with their families and loved ones who had working resources. I received a request from somebody from another state asking me to help in reaching out to her niece in our town. There was almost no room in my heart to enjoy this snow, thinking of those people who were suffering and staying in the cold.

In this natural phenomenon, we feel small and helpless. It is frustrating that we cannot do much to help people when there are so many people having a tough time without water, heat, electricity, and communication. This whole situation of helplessness and frustration ties in with the Ash Wednesday message. Our power of existence is so small and futile against the power of nature. We cannot control or overcome the pandemic and the winter storm we have to deal with. We are just a part of nature and are subject to its changing tides - just like dust, we will return to the earth.

Yet, we are the people of faith, the source/force of God's loving presence in this world. We will find a way to support, build up, and recover from these hardships together. We saw many people in the congregation and from the community come together and clean up the fallen trees and broken branches in the parking lot. We see promising signs of life even in the midst of chaos. As we anticipate the risen Christ, we will triumph over all the challenges in front of us. We are the church, a gathering of faithful people. Together, we will bring life to this community and the world.

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## Canby ice storm topples limbs, no building damage

A big thank you to all who helped, and those who prayed, for the clean up efforts from the snow and ice tree damage at the church. We were grateful to have no building damage, but the tree damage was quite an undertaking and we are so grateful for everyone:

Preschool teachers and parents, trucks and trailers.

Extreme Excavating with three men, equipment and dump truck, their services all for free. Twelve Boy Scouts and seven parents with trucks and trailers, Michelle Phillips was the coordinator from the Troop.

Many church members and friends who worked during the week before the Saturday cleanup, and on Saturday who showed up with pole saws, chain saws, trucks and trailers.

City of Canby Public Works Department for the free disposal of tree limbs and brush drop off areas.

Apostolic church volunteers.

And thanks for the donuts and drink crew.



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## Financial report:

We did well in February even though we had a bit of a storm. All bills paid and \$1,000 sent toward apportionments. We plan to contribute a minimum of \$1,000 per month and are praying to be able to realize giving that will allow for more apportionment giving. Thank you for your faithful support. The 2020 review audit has been completed, thank you Bobbie Knapp.

#### **Recycling:**

We had a steady inflow of cans and bottles in February. Everything has been processed. The ice storm damage was significant and we got some amazing volunteer cleanup help. We also hired a bit of help and used our recycling funds to pay them. Thank you for your support in this ministry.

#### -Submitted by Mark Oldenkamp

## **Care Team:**

Care Team has been busy writing cards; 35 went out this month. Calls and texts numbered 38. Thank you to our team: Sharon, Diana and Gerri. Great job.

## **Blessing bags:**

We are still busy trying to find people for our blessing bags. Thank you for all the prayers and help you have given us. When we were without electricity and freezing, we thought, "This is what a homeless person feels everyday. " Then our food in the fridge and freezer went bad. I am so grateful for what God gives us, but it made me appreciate it more.

### UMW:

Sharon and Deanna have been keeping up the books. And have gotten 3 donations in Julies name. We are not yet meeting but are looking forward to start again when it is safe. We need to make a new budget.

#### -Submitted by Deana Johnson

## Have a happy day to our March birthdays:

05 Heidi Laitinen

07 Heidi Oldenkamp

13 Karen Joy

14 Janet Whitcomb

17 Audrey Oldenkamp

27 Curtis Cooley

#### **Church Office Hours:**

Pastor Dylan's office hours are Friday mornings.

The church office is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### Upcoming events

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE Friday, March 5 NOON – 5 p.m. Fellowship Hall

> DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME Sunday, March 14 "Spring Ahead"

CHURCH COUNCIL Zoom meeting Monday, March 15 at 6 p.m.