



Lake Oswego United Methodist Church, Lake Oswego, OR – website www.lakeoswegoumc.org

Our service oriented and welcoming community of faith strives to live our vision statement—
“Connecting to God, to each other and to the world”

We connect to God through our two worship services; one traditional and one contemporary. Sundays typically attract 250 worshippers from our active and committed members, and seekers from the surrounding area. First time visitors often comment on our wonderful music program that glorifies God with our adult choir, two bell choirs, praise band, junior and angel choirs all supported by our excellent music staff and organist/pianist. Many say they keep coming back due to the warm welcoming church family. Our two year confirmation program with study, mentors and retreats encourages our youth to explore and develop their love for God. We want *all* to experience God’s love and grace.

We connect to each other the Wesleyan way through small groups. There are a variety of ongoing, onetime or seasonal studies for adults to challenge each other and to share their spiritual journeys. Potlucks and other social activities for all age groups also strengthen our bonds. Our youth programs offer kids in our community a safe way to relate to each other while learning to connect with one another through fun social and service opportunities.

We connect to the world with our big heart for service. We engage and support the needs of our local community, the greater Portland area and worldwide global efforts. We have a transitional apartment on site—one of two in our community supported by several congregations—that is used on a regular basis. We host the Chinese International American School—an immersion program for pre-school and kindergarten students—on our campus. We support numerous outreach programs including weekly meals for Portland homeless adults, meals for homeless youth, the Metro Alliance for the Common Good, Grief Watch, Operation Night Watch, Habitat for Humanity, and various food pantries to help needy families in our and neighboring towns. We host many community groups including a weekly AA meeting. Beyond the local area, we have a covenant relationship with United Methodist missionaries in Ketchikan Alaska, and we regularly send mission teams to work in UMCOR warehouses in Louisiana and Utah. Our youth group raises the funds needed to take an annual mission trip, functioning as a work party that assists communities in need.

Lake Oswego UMC is located a short distance from Metropolitan Portland, in a community of 37,000 known to have the best public school district in the state. Our location also draws members from the surrounding area; West Linn, Oregon City, Wilsonville, Tigard and Portland, making us the second largest UMC in the Portland metro area. Our pastor is supported by two ordained deacons and a paid staff that includes a Christian Education and Youth Director, Finance Director, Communications Director and Administrative Assistant. The church office is staffed by a group of well-trained and enthusiastic volunteers. We are looking for a full time clergy person who can love us and lead us. We pray for and expect a dynamic spiritual leader who can inspire our faith journey and make John Wesley's teachings a reality in our lives. We are a congregation that supports the Methodist discipline and traditions; we welcome all into our family of faith. Although we are a mixture of progressive and traditional views, above all else we believe in Christ as our Savior. We pray that our next pastor will encourage and support the needs and hopes of our faith family. We expect our pastor to be able and willing to do member visitation. Because we are likely to embark on a capital campaign soon, someone with relevant experience would be welcome.

For more information or to express an interest in Lake Oswego UMC, please contact the Columbia District Superintendent, Erin Martin (erin@umoi.org).