



Our Little Messenger



April 2021

Irrigon Seventh-day Adventist Church

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Photo by Terra Y



When our family moved to Umatilla in November of 2017, I had already fallen in love with running in beautiful outdoor places. So when I found some of the beautiful places to run nearby, I thought "there must be some running groups in the area." I looked on the internet and shoe stores and didn't find any groups. So I decided to create one in January of 2018.

Destry Stewart and I decided to train for a spring marathon in 2018 and in April we ran the Vernonia Marathon. Destry accomplished his goal of running his first marathon and I managed to run my personal best time for the marathon as we finished the race together. I did a couple more marathons in 2018 and a couple in 2019. The running group has fallen off since I had Achilles tendon surgery and Covid hit but there are still a couple of us running together.

February 3rd I found out a race was actually going to happen again (most all races were cancelled last year). This is a 50 mile ultramarathon with 6,500 feet of elevation gain. Eight weeks was definitely not enough time to train but I was so excited that a race was going to happen I decided to challenge myself and go for it.

I mentioned it to Destry and we started training together again with a goal in sight. Two weeks ago we did a long training run on the actual course and ran/walked 26.2 miles of the 50 mile course. By the time we finished, I was wondering, "What did I get myself into and how am I ever going to be able to finish this 50 mile challenge. Don't you remember that you are still coming back from Achilles Tendon surgery?"

I'm not sure how things are going to go on March 26th, but Destry and I are going to give it our best to finish the challenge together. There will be a lot of walking involved and maybe even a couple breaks when the elevation gets really difficult. I don't know how it is going to end, but I know it will be challenging.

When I think about the challenges of this last year and wondering what's coming next, I remember who is with me all the way and has a plan through it all. I remember God's promises like the one in Isaiah 40:30-31, "30 Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; 31 but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." As you walk through the challenges of this life remember who walks with you every step of the way.

Pastor Brian, Terra, Simon, Leah & Mark



Sunset

Friday	Sunset	Sabbath	Sunset
April 02	7:28 pm	April 03	7:29 pm
April 09	7:37 pm	April 10	7:38 pm
April 16	7:46 pm	April 17	7:47 pm
April 23	7:55 pm	April 24	7:56 pm

Offering Schedule



April 03- Church Budget
 April 10 - Christian Record
 April 17- Church Budget
 April 24 - Share the Life



Anniversary Milestones

15 Ray & Dena Clauson (32 years)
 29 JB & Nancy Blank (15 years)



Birthday Blessings

09 Bonnie Brandin
 12 Cheryl Griffiths (WA)
 12 Terra Yarbrough
 19 John Buckner
 19 Christian Martsucelli
 22 Conner Lafferty
 22 Rene Verhaeghe, Florida
 23 Isaiah Hollingsworth
 27 Joy Lancaster (ID)
 30 Shayla Asher (NV)

Save the Date:

Virtual Camp Meeting June 14 - 19

Camp meeting is coming June 14-June 19, 2021! It will be virtual again this year, but we have great speakers and seminars lined up. Main speakers this year are Randy Maxwell, Ron Halvorsen Jr., and Minner Labrador. More information will be coming, and will be posted on our camp meeting page at uccsda.org/campmeeting.



- 03 In Person Church - SS & Church 9:30 am
- 03 Fellowship Lunch, 30 minutes after church
- 06 Family Closet - VOLUNTEERS ONLY - 8 am - noon
- 07 Elder's Meeting, 6:00 pm
- 07 Singing, Prayer, & Bible Study, 6:50 pm
- 09 In Person Vespers, 7 pm
- 10 In Person Church - SS & Church 9:30 am
- 10 Baptism
- 10 Fellowship Lunch, 30 minutes after church
- 11 Church Board, 10 am
- 13 Family Closet - VOLUNTEERS ONLY - 8 am - noon
- 14 Singing, Prayer, & Bible Study, 6:50 pm
- 17 In Person Church - SS & Church 9:30 am
- 17 Fellowship Lunch, 30 minutes after church
- 18 Family Closet - Open to Public - Noon - 5 pm
- 20 Family Closet - VOLUNTEERS ONLY - 8 am - noon
- 21 Singing, Prayer, & Bible Study, 6:50 pm
- 23 In Person Vespers, 7 pm
- 24 In Person Church - SS & Church 9:30 am
- 24 Fellowship Lunch, 30 minutes after church
- 27 Family Closet - VOLUNTEERS ONLY - 8 am - noon
- 28 Singing, Prayer, & Bible Study, 6:50 pm

