

# Church receives 1,000 cranes in memory of Umpqua shooting

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News-Review

ROSEBURG — About three weeks ago, First Christian Church in Roseburg received an unusual gift.

It came via Federal Express, in a package about three feet wide and three feet long, and weighing almost nothing.

Office manager Diane Welch recalls wondering what it was. They hadn't ordered anything.

She opened it up to discover lots of pieces of colorful folded paper. Lifting a string at the top she pulled and pulled, and pulled some more. What came out was a string of 1,000 origami peace cranes — a gift from the First Congregational Church of Santa Barbara, California.

As in Roseburg, the residents of Santa Barbara know what it is like to experience a community tragedy.

Six people were murdered in May 2014, when a deranged gunman stabbed three people at his apartment before rampaging through the beach community of Isla Vista, killing three more and, finally, himself.

It's a story that sounds all too familiar here in Roseburg, a community still healing from the Oct. 1 shooting at Umpqua Community College, in which eight students and a teacher were murdered by a gunman who also



In this photo taken on Dec. 24, First Christian Church pastor Daniel Mallipudi holds a string of origami cranes displayed at the Roseburg church. The cranes, 1,000 in all, were folded by members of the First Congregational Church of Santa Barbara and sent as a symbol of support following the mass shooting at Umpqua Community College on Oct. 1.

turned his gun on himself.

"As a community that has gone through our own journey of pain and sorrow after the shooting in Isla Vista ... we stand with you in this difficult time," the Rev. Allysa De Wolf of the Santa Barbara church wrote in a letter accompanying the cranes. "We are sending you these peace cranes as a sign and testament to our hope for peace in our world and belief that violence does not

have the last word."

The cranes have been placed on top of a coat rack in the First Christian Church's sanctuary, and draped down the rack forming a shape that resembles a small Christmas tree. They have been folded from papers in a rainbow of colors and many patterns.

"It's amazing that someone cares so much for our community that they would put so much work into

this just so we could feel their love and prayers for peace," Welch said.

"You can almost feel the prayers when you look at it. When you're just quiet, looking at it, you feel it," Welch said. "I picture them saying a prayer with each fold."

"It was kind of overwhelming when we received it," said First Christian's pastor, the Rev. Daniel Mallipudi. He said he thought of all the hands and all the time it took to make them, as well as the prayers they said when they made them.

Peace cranes are an international symbol originating from the story of a little girl born in 1943 in Hiroshima, Japan. Sadako Sasaki was 2 years old when the atom bomb was dropped on her city. She died of leukemia 12 years later. While hospitalized at the Hiroshima Red Cross Hospital before her death, Sasaki folded 1,000 of the cranes because she was told of an old Japanese legend that anyone who folds 1,000 paper cranes will be granted a wish. The cranes have since become a symbol of a wish for peace.

The Santa Barbara church's gift is part of a more recent tradition of churches supporting each other in the wake of a series of the kind of tragedies that have become all too familiar in recent years.

De Wolf, the minister of the First Congregational Church of Santa Barbara, brought 1,000 paper cranes with her when she moved

there from a church in Newtown, Connecticut. Newtown is the city where 20 children and six adult staff members were murdered at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

According to the letter sent to the Roseburg church, De Wolf's church in Newtown had received 1,000 cranes from Pilgrim Christian Church in Chardon, Ohio, which had experienced yet another tragic shooting at a high school where three students were slain in 2012. The Newtown church sent those cranes to a Boston church after the Boston Marathon bombing in 2013, and it folded a new set to send with De Wolf to Santa Barbara. Then, after the UCC shooting, the Santa Barbara church folded yet another set to send to Roseburg.

Mallipudi said in about a week the Roseburg church will send its cranes on to San Bernardino, where 14 people were killed Dec. 2 by a couple who had apparently been radicalized by propaganda from the Islamic State.

Perhaps what De Wolf wrote best sums up the cranes' meaning.

"We pray that these cranes remain with you as long as needed but also trust that you will let them fly away when another congregation or community faces an act of violence," she said. "Together we hope that one day these cranes will no longer have to migrate for peace."

## Repairing landslide damage on Highway 42 could take months

EUGENE (AP) — It might take several months to repair the road damage caused by a giant landslide at the Douglas and Coos county line that left 200,000 to 300,000 cubic yards of debris, authorities said Tuesday.

One lane might reopen to traffic in the next few weeks, but it will take much longer to fix all the damage from the Dec. 23 slide, including broken and collapsed pavement, Oregon Department of Transportation spokesman Jared Castle said.

It occurred in a curvy, 5-mile stretch of Highway 42 that ODOT crews have been working to straighten for two years. At some point during the project, crews cleared trees from the hilly site, Castle said.

Heavy rainfall may have loosened the soil and sent debris tumbling onto the highway. "Obviously the amount of rain that occurred in December had something to do with it," Castle told *The Register-Guard*. "Certainly we believe some of the slide movement was occurring due to our project as well."

As part of the ODOT realignment project, about three acres of steep hillside

rising next to Highway 42 were logged. The site previously was heavily timbered.

A private engineering company, Foundation Engineering Inc. of Corvallis, completed a geotechnical evaluation of the project. It noted that the new realignment route runs "through a geologically complex valley with steep slopes and extensive areas of slope instability."

The department planned to start clearing the roadway during Tuesday's window of dry weather, Castle said. The state plans to release water trapped in the pavement as a result of the slide and then begin fixing the broken and chipped sections of the roadway.

A drone video released by the agency shows an aerial view, revealing significant breakage and shifting in the pavement, as well as a huge pile of debris lying on the roadway.

Southwestern Oregon has numerous roadway needs after heavy December rains. Along the Oregon coast, one lane of Highway 101 south of Port Orford sank 10 inches due to shifting sediments, officials said.

## BRIEFLY

### Early prisoner release fix was delayed 16 times

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — Corrections officials say that a software fix that would have prevented the erroneous release of thousands of prisoners early was delayed 16 times since it was first discovered in 2012.

Corrections Secretary Dan Pacholke said Tuesday that it's still uncertain why that fix never occurred, but that an ongoing independent investigation will work to determine that.

Officials have said that as many as 3,200 offenders have been wrongly released early since 2002. So far, they've apprehended 24 people who need to serve additional time, but an additional 44 former prisoners are being reviewed

and potentially need to be brought into custody. Twenty-five arrest warrants have been issued, Pacholke said. On Monday, the agency revealed that one of the prisoners released early because of the coding error was charged with killing his girlfriend in a car crash when he should have been behind bars.

### Couple identified in apparent murder-suicide

COTTAGE GROVE, Ore. (AP) — Lane County sheriff's officials have identified the victims of an apparent murder-suicide



that took place near Cottage Grove on Christmas Eve.

*The Register-Guard* reports that 65-year-old Edda "Sue" Kimberling was killed by a single gunshot wound and 70-year-old Kenneth Kimberling died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Detective Carl Wilkerson says an initial investigation suggests Kenneth Kimberling killed Sue Kimberling before shooting himself.

Wilkerson says the investigation is ongoing.

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TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
FOG	COLD	COLD	COLD	COLD
Freezing fog; cold	Freezing fog; quite cold	Freezing fog; very cold	Freezing fog; very cold	Freezing fog; very cold
<b>26° 15°</b>	<b>22° 13°</b>	<b>22° 11°</b>	<b>22° 11°</b>	<b>25° 13°</b>
PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
<b>30° 18°</b>	<b>26° 17°</b>	<b>24° 14°</b>	<b>25° 12°</b>	<b>26° 13°</b>
HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
<b>30° 18°</b>	<b>26° 17°</b>	<b>24° 14°</b>	<b>25° 12°</b>	<b>26° 13°</b>

### ALMANAC

#### PENDLETON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	32°	26°
Normals	39°	26°
Records	65° (1975)	-13° (1990)

#### PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m. Trace  
Month to date 2.28"  
Normal month to date 1.50"  
Year to date 10.09"  
Last year to date 13.24"  
Normal year to date 7.17"

#### HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	35°	29°
Normals	39°	27°
Records	59° (1965)	-14° (1990)

#### PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"  
Month to date 1.78"  
Normal month to date 1.37"  
Year to date 7.17"  
Last year to date 7.60"  
Normal year to date 9.84"

#### SUN AND MOON

	Last	New	First	Full
Sunrise today	7:36 a.m.			
Sunset tonight	4:20 p.m.			
Moonrise today	10:15 p.m.			
Moonset today	10:36 a.m.			

### REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Partly sunny today. Clear to partly cloudy tonight. Sunny to partly cloudy tomorrow.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Mostly cloudy today. A bit of snow in the south; freezing fog across the north.

Western Washington: Partly sunny today; patchy fog in the morning. Clear tonight.

Eastern Washington: Low clouds and freezing fog today, but partly sunny in the north and central sections.

Cascades: Mostly cloudy today; however, areas of low clouds and fog across the north; a snow shower in the south.

Northern California: Partly sunny today; frigid in the interior mountains. Clear and cold tonight.

### REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	44	30	pc	45	30	s
Baker City	20	0	c	18	1	s
Bend	28	11	c	26	7	s
Brookings	49	34	pc	49	34	s
Burns	20	-3	c	14	-4	pc
Enterprise	24	3	c	19	-1	s
Eugene	44	25	c	39	22	s
Heppner	26	12	c	24	13	c
Hermiston	30	18	c	26	17	c
John Day	31	12	c	31	6	s
Klamath Falls	33	7	c	25	2	s
La Grande	27	2	c	22	0	s
Meacham	25	2	c	25	1	s
Medford	45	24	c	42	22	s
Newport	45	31	pc	43	33	s
North Bend	51	35	pc	51	34	s
Ontario	23	6	c	20	5	pc
Pasco	30	19	c	26	17	c
Pendleton	26	15	c	22	13	c
Portland	40	27	pc	37	25	s
Redmond	30	11	c	27	8	s
Salem	41	25	c	39	23	s
Spokane	22	13	c	19	7	c
Ukiah	25	0	c	23	4	c
Vancouver	38	25	pc	36	24	s
Walla Walla	27	16	c	22	13	c
Yakima	28	13	c	26	11	c

### WORLD CITIES

	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	40	16	s	40	19	s
Hong Kong	64	59	c	67	60	s
Jerusalem	54	43	sh	48	40	sh
London	55	44	r	50	34	sh
Mexico City	77	47	pc	76	49	pc
Moscow	20	15	sf	17	5	c
Paris	51	44	pc	51	36	pc
Rome	54	35	pc	53	38	pc
Seoul	41	28	sh	38	23	pc
Sydney	76	62	s	78	63	pc
Tokyo	51	41	pc	50	41	pc

### WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Thursday
Boardman	NE 3-6	NNE 4-8
Pendleton	NNE 3-6	NNE 3-6

### UV INDEX TODAY

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8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.

0-2, Low 3-5, Moderate 6-7, High; 8-10, Very High; 11+, Extreme

The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index™ number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

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### NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

showers t-showers rain flurries snow cold front warm front stationary front high low

National Summary: Areas of rain and spotty thunderstorms will extend from the Gulf Coast to the mid-Atlantic today. Snow showers will occur from eastern Iowa to northern Maine and across the northern and central Rockies.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)  
High 88° in Plant City, Fla. Low -21° in Driggs, Idaho

### NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Thur.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	34	15	s	34	19	s
Atlanta	66	52	r	59	45	c
Atlanta City	56	48	r	53	39	pc
Baltimore	56	42	r	52	34	pc
Billings	23	18	sf	27	16	pc
Birmingham	58	46	r	58	42	c
Boise	23	10	c	20	8	pc
Boston	40	38	c	47	33	c
Charleston, SC	78	68	c	76	61	t
Chicago	58	37	c	45	30	c
Chicago, WI	33	25	sn	28	14	c
Cleveland	41	30	c	35	26	sf
Dallas	53	35	pc	49	36	c
Denver	26	6	pc	24	5	s
Detroit	36	29	c	34	25	sf
El Paso	45	27	c	48	33	c
Fairbanks	35	23	pc	33	14	pc
Fargo	20	9	c	18	9	c
Honolulu	81	70	pc	82	68	s
Houston	60	47	c	57	46	r
Indianapolis	38	26	c	32	21	c
Jacksonville	85	70	c	82	65	c
Kansas City	28	16	pc	29	13	pc
Las Vegas	48	31	s	49	29	s
Little Rock	52	34	pc	49	33	c
Los Angeles	63	42	c	66	42	c
Louisville	48	32	c	42	27	c
Memphis	54	37	pc	50	35	c
Miami	84	77	pc	84	77	pc
Millwaukee	30	20	sn	27	12	c
Minneapolis	25	13	sf	18	11	c
Nashville	56	37	c	49	31	c
New Orleans	64	56	t	62	50	r
New York City	52	44	r	51	37	pc
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