

Faith & Oregon Community United Methodist Churches



July 26, 2020 at 10:30AM – 8th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME FRIENDS: We have come together to worship God and to love one another. While worshipping online, we also are aware that we are not alone—for the Holy Spirit gathers us across space and time. You are welcome in this sacred space no matter who you are; from where you have come; or what experiences, struggles, questions or gifts you bring. We are glad you are here...and hope you find what you need in this worship service. May God bless you!

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Jason

Please 'sign in' by liking or commenting on the video or sending an email to JBPerkowski@gmail.com. Let us know who watched the video with you and send in any prayer requests that we can lift up.

A TIME FOR CENTERING & PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jason & God's People

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, and to take him at his word;
Just to rest upon his promise, and to know, "This saith the Lord."
I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, precious Jesus, Savior, friend;
And I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end. Amen!
(UMH #462 Words: Louisa M. R. Stead)

HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

UMH #139 v. 1-3

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

Allen Margerum

This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Jason

HYMN

And Can It Be that I Should Gain

UMH #363

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE & BLESSING OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH #895

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 8:26-39

Allen Margerum

This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Nothing Can Separate Us

Pastor Jason

HYMN

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

UMH #462

BENEDICTION

Pastor Jason

Faith Worship Team Director: Phil Buchanan;

Faith Instrumentalists: Liz Hornberger, Dolly Bankert Haar, Brian Kohler, Nick Margerum
& **the Faith Singers.**

OCUMC Pianist: Jody Wiker & **Cellist, Guitar and Vocals:** Anthony Wiker

Audio / Visual Technology: Dennis Meck, Sr. & Bryan Nelson

Pastor: The Rev. Jason Perkowski **Ministers:** The People of God

Explore FaithUMC.US & OregonCommunityUMC.US for more info about our churches.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PASTOR JASON & CAROL OFFICE HOURS: We are working between home and the office. The best way to reach us directly is by email or cell phone. Pastor Jason: (717) 333-9238 or jbperkowski@gmail.com. Office: (717) 560-0321 or faithumc@hotmail.com

WORKSHOP OF WONDERS VBS VIA ZOOM on Wednesdays through August 12th from 6:30 to 7:15 pm. You can still register at www.vbsmate.com/faithumclititz. If you would like volunteer please contact us at faithumc@hotmail.com.

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK while you are in our building, even if you are just stopping in for a few minutes to drop something off or pick something up. Let's do our part to keep everyone safe.

SPECIAL NEEDS: If someone has special needs that the church can support, please contact Pastor Jason. You can also dial **2-1-1** or visit www.211.org to connect with the **United Way Call Center** which can direct you to social service organizations to provide help. If someone is in crisis, suffering from **severe depression or is suicidal**, call **Crisis Intervention Lifeline: 717-394-2631**

NOTE FROM BRIAN RHODES: *I just want to thank everyone for the beautiful quilt. My family and I will cherish it. Your beautiful thoughts and prayers will help us get through this hard time. We are blessed to have such a strong, loving church family. Right now the chemo is helping me feel better. I'm spending time with my family and taking walks. Praying that the good days continue. Thank you. Love, Brian*

PRAYER SHAWLS AVAILABLE: If you know someone who would appreciate the comfort of a prayer shawl, please call the office to make arrangements to pick some up. *If you would like to donate yarn for this ministry, you may leave it in the green container on the bench by the front door.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

OFFERING TITHES & GIFTS TO THE LORD: If you are able to make an offering to our Ministries or the Debt Reduction Fund, we encourage you to do so. If you are facing economic uncertainties, *please let us know how we can help you*. For those who can give, please mail checks to churches, [give online](#) at [FaithUMC.US](#), or have your bank mail your donations.

BENEVOLENCES: You may give to the **Faith UMC or OCUMC Benevolence Funds** to be used to help people in our church and community on an as needed basis. You can also give to our new **Community Care Ministry** which will be split equally between the 1) Lancaster City / Columbia Food and Tutoring Ministry 2) Anchorage Breakfast Ministry & 3) Long Memorial Friday Night Food Ministry. Please mark *Benevolence* or *Community Care Ministry* in memo.

JUNIOR CHURCH BY ZOOM AT 9:30 AM EACH SUNDAY: Kids up to 4th Grade are invited to join the Junior Church online with Julie Hassara. We are also sending out weekly activity pages *and the Zoom password by email*. If you are interested please email us at faithumc@hotmail.com. **Join Zoom Meeting:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86236612038>

YOUTH GROUP BY ZOOM AT 5 PM EACH SUNDAY:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/421338708> The link & password will be sent by text message.

CHATTING AT THE GENERAL SUTTER/PHILOSOPHERS CLUB EACH MONDAY AT 7 PM BY ZOOM. We discuss various topics—making space for different opinions and for folks to enjoy an interesting conversation. Join us at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518>

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY BY ZOOM AT 10 AM: Click here to join us:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83172825482?pwd=MEFDTVBBQIRIYjRoTm9zcGMyalB1dz09>
One tap mobile: +16468769923,,83172825482#,,351077#
Meeting ID: 831 7282 5482 **Password:** 351077

TO ZOOM BY LANDLINE: +1 646 876 9923 (NY) or +1 301 715 8592 (Germantown, MD)

COMMUNITY CARE MINISTRY: If you are able and would like support your neighbors during this difficult season, we will be equally splitting any gifts labeled “Community Care Ministry” between the following three ministries: The Lancaster City / Columbia Food Ministry and Tutoring Program, Anchorage Breakfast Ministry at First UMC Lancaster, Long Memorial’s Friday Night Share Food Ministry. **You can mail** to Faith UMC, 1290 Fruitville Pike, Lititz PA 17543 or **donate digitally using the *Online Giving*** link at [FaithUMC.US](#).

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE REVISIONS: We will be creating volunteer schedules for the next quarter as we look forward to reopening in the future. We understand that due to the current health situation some of you may not be comfortable in the positions you previously held and there may be others ready to help out. We will be making adjustments to some of the duties based on new safety procedures. Please let us know if you would like to join one of the following teams. **If you are currently on any of the following schedules please let us know if you are willing to continue or not:** Greeter, Usher, Acolyte, Liturgist, Junior Church Teacher, Junior Church Aide, Adult Sunday School Leader, Youth Sunday School Leader, Clean Team, Counting Team, Altar Guild.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

OUR CONCERNS:

The UMC and the delegates to 2021 General Conference as we seek to find a way to make space for all people to be welcomed in God’s kingdom and to address theological differences around human sexuality
President Donald Trump & VP Michael Pence
Presidential and Legislative candidates
All government & military officials and their staff from the US & other nations: wisdom & safety
Veterans and Service Members
Civilians, leaders, and soldiers in war torn regions
Victims of “religious,” white supremacist and racist bombings and shootings
For peace & wisdom in areas of conflict
Police officers and their families
Individuals & families harmed in interactions with police
First responders, emergency personnel, and medical staff
For an end to violence—including gun violence, domestic violence, terrorism, and weapons of mass destruction
Victims & families involved in violent crime, sexual abuse and harassment
Abusers and their families
Repentance from (hetero)sexism & racism
Healing & peace for divisions caused by race, class, gender, sexuality, politics & fears
All affected by the natural disasters
The people of Puerto Rico, Jamaica and other places affected by earthquakes
Refugees & huddled masses yearning to be free
People who are hungry and homeless
Security and immigration reform
Prisoners & Prison Leadership
Schools & Education Reform
Members of AA, NA, & AlAnon
Those struggling with addictions, finances, etc.
Those suffering from depression, suicidal ideation, and other mental health issues
All those caring for sick loved ones
Those grieving the loss of loved ones
Wisdom around natural resources and the environment
Eradication of deadly diseases
Parents raising children—esp. new parents and those educating their children at home
Bishop Johnson, the EPAUMC Staff, and District Superintendent BK Chung and appointments
Coleman Memorial Chapel & Rev. Beverly Andrews
Rev. Dorcas, her UMC ministries in Sierra Leone, and her husband Daniel’s health
Udobo School in Durban, South Africa
Campus Ministry: Ed Weber & the United Campus Ministry at Millersville; Rev. David Piltz & Rev. Diana Esposito at Drexel & West Chester; Rev. Dr. Mel Sensenig & Rev. Ibrahim Bangura at Albright; & Lebanon Valley
Charlotte Garfield
Brian and Tina Grimm

Becky, Angela and Maria Rodriguez – custody
Becky Rodriguez – kidney failure & dialysis
Phil Buchanan – strength & healing in legs/back
Harry & Ella Buchanan – strength & healing
Dottie Sheaffer – healing for back
Eileen Williams – healing for muscles
Shelda’s granddaughter Bella’s health
Bradley McGowan – ALS
Linda Philbin – multi-focal motor neuropathy & sprain
Donna Parmer – ongoing medical conditions
Those with cancer: inc. Brian Rhodes, Cyndi Campbell, Dean Grove, Mark Reitzel, Pat Shenk, Kerry Link, Joe, John Rathvon
Rosemary (Marilyn Jones’ sister) – healing
Noah Boughter – wisdom, safety and recovery
Annette McClarigan & family
Willem Vanhuystee & family
Patrik Reksinska – healing
Curt & Sandy O’Brien (Rhonda’s parents) – healing
Carl Jones – strength & healing
Kristin Reifsnnyder
Heather Lindsey
Don Klos – healing and strength
Michelle Rathvon Mitterer – healing from strokes
Pastor Jim’s Aunt Margaret
Margie Urban – E. coli infection and heart problems
Wagaman/Schroeder family
Kathleen Shifflet – rheumatoid arthritis
Dot Lange – healing from pacemaker surgery
Joetta Henry
Paul Sides – broken bones from a fall and COVID
Bob Jolly’s parents
Katie & Dustin Oakes in Japan
Clarita – kidney issues
Sherry Guard as she makes a new start
Mary Shenk’s sister Eva
All Impacted by COVID-19: patients; healthcare workers & their families; families of the ill; residents, staff and families of those in nursing homes; students, teachers and parents; workers still reporting to jobsites, learning to telecommute, or who lost jobs; scientists and engineers working on cures and devices; native reservations
Shaffer families recovering from COVID-19
Laurel Meck - healing
Diana Valentine – ankle surgery
Justice and true peace regarding racial tensions
Military service members who are deployed

OUR PRAISES:

God’s presence through illness and struggle
Family, friends, and a welcoming church
All who have recovered from COVID-19
Jim Harbison – recovering from neck/back surgery