

Faith & Oregon Community United Methodist Churches



January 31, 2021 at 10:30AM – 4th Sunday after Epiphany

WELCOME FRIENDS: We gather together to worship God: The Father, The Son, & The Holy Spirit. You are welcome in this space no matter who you are; from where you have come; or what experiences, struggles, questions or talents you bring. We are so glad you are here and hope that you find what you came seeking!

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

Brothers and sisters in Christ, what hopes do you bring to worship?

We bring hope for health and wholeness. What afflictions do you bring to worship?

Physical pain? **From illness and injury.**

Emotional pain? **From sad and scary life situations.**

Mental pain? **From dis-ease of many kinds.**

With all of these afflictions, it's a miracle that any of us have made it to worship this morning! **But where else would we be?**

We yearn to know God's powerful love and to know that wholeness is possible.

In today's gospel, a person with an "afflicting spirit" interrupts Jesus & **Jesus frees him.**

And where does the miracle of his story and our stories begin? **When we bring all of who we are—hopeful, afflicted, bold—into relationship with the Divine.**

So come, let us enter this sanctuary with our whole selves—**hopeful, afflicted and bold!**

Come, let us worship! **Amen!**

(The Rev. Dr. Ginny Brown Daniel, [Holy, Whole-y One](http://HolyWhole-yOne.com) on UMCDiscipleship.org)

HYMN

O Worship the King

UMH #73 v. 1, 3-5

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 111

Faith Meier

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Jason

HYMN

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

UMH #57 v. 1-5

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Faith Meier

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

TITHES AND OFFERINGS OF PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS

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

UMH #895

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 1:21-28

Faith Meier

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

HYMN

I Love to Tell the Story

UMH #156

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Faith Meier

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

SERMON

Power and Truth

Pastor Jason

HYMN

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

UMH #569

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

Faith Worship Team Director: Phil Buchanan Faith Instrumentalists: Liz Hornberger & Dolly Bankert

Audio / Visual Technology: Bryan Nelson

Pastor: The Rev. Jason Perkowski

Ministers: The People of God

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

WORSHIP SERVICES ARE BROADCAST at FM 89.9 each Sunday at 10:30AM as well as on Facebook Live through the churches' and Pastor's Facebook pages & church websites.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

COMMUNION: We will offer a no-contact Communion Service in the Faith UMC parking lot at 1pm on every First Sunday at 1pm, including February 7. We will broadcast from inside in the Welcome Center—so please park on that end of the building. *Bring your own bread and juice.* We will also need to stay in vehicles with windows closed to keep one another safe. **We will broadcast the service on FM 89.9.**

JR CHURCH AT 9:30 AM EACH SUNDAY: Kids up to 4th Grade may join us *via Zoom* with Julie Hassara. We are emailing activity pages *and the password*. If interested, email faithumc@hotmail.com.

NEW: FELLOWSHIP TIME BY ZOOM EACH SUNDAY, 11:45 AM - 12:15 PM after worship
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82208663239?pwd=Qk4vK2FRQmZoRTV4R2c1Q2hGZmlFQT09>

YOUTH GROUP, SUNDAYS, 5-7 PM (in person or by Zoom w/link sent by text message). On 3rd Sundays (**Feb 21**) youth go to **Gretna Glen**, leaving Faith UMC at 1:30PM & back by 5PM. Wear a mask & dress warmly. RSVP & permission slips required. **RSVP by Thurs., Feb 14 regarding Gretna Glen!**

BIBLE STUDY led by Amy Boughter on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM in the Faith UMC Welcome Center. Masks & distancing are required. Bring your favorite daily devotional or source of inspiration.

***NEW* BIBLE STUDY** led by Mike Shifflet on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM at Oregon Community UMC. Masks & distancing are required. All are invited!

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY BY ZOOM AT 10 AM: We discuss the scriptures from the [Common Lectionary](http://CommonLectionary.com). Join us: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83172825482>.

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WE ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK AND TO PHYSICALLY DISTANCE (AT 6 FEET APART) while in our building, even if just stopping in for a minute. Let's keep everyone safe.

CHATting CLUB: MONDAYS AT 7 PM BY ZOOM at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518>.

This Week's Topic: *No Single Word Sufficient for Oxford's 2020 Word of the year; Many Words Instead.*

Our words help shape us—and Jesus began to try to reshape his disciples when he redefined terms in his Sermon on the Mount. **Check out [ChattingAtTheGeneralSutter.US](https://www.chattingatthegeneralsutter.us)**

THE WOMEN OF FAITH WILL MEET on Wednesday, February 3rd in the Welcome Center at 11:30 AM. Please wear a mask (except when you are eating), sit 6 feet apart, and bring your own lunch. If you would like to participate by phone, please let the office know in advance. *RSVP by Feb 2nd. Thank you!*

OFFERING TITHES & GIFTS TO THE LORD: You can direct gifts to the churches in four areas: **General Ministry, Debt Reduction/Building Fund, the Benevolence Funds** or the **Community Care Ministry** (which is sent to three local food ministries). Mark your preference clearly in the memo. **You can mail a check** to Faith UMC, 1290 Fruitville Pike, Lititz PA 17543 or Oregon Community UMC, 1214 Creek Rd, Lititz, PA 17543 or **donate digitally through the churches' websites.**

DOWNTOWN FOOD MINISTRY: We are now providing meals, blankets, scarves, gloves, toiletries, etc. for people who are homeless on the Saturday afternoon before our Sunday Communion Services. If you'd like to help on **February 6th at 2pm** contact Diana Valentine at 717-435-8577. We need people to help cook, prepare donations, deliver food, pray, etc. **UPDATED WISH LIST FOR OUR DOWNTOWN MINISTRY:** Fabric for masks, feminine hygiene products (small packs of panty liners or larger packs of individually wrapped panty liners, disposal bags, hygiene wipes), white athletic socks, large bags of individually wrapped cough drops, individually packaged tooth brushes, travel sized tooth paste, and 2-ounce hand sanitizers. **Use this link for our AMAZON WISH LIST:**

https://smile.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/5zDLQnj?ref_=wl_share

If you shop on AmazonSmile and select *Manheim Township Faith United Methodist Church* as your charitable organization, they'll get a percentage of your purchase with no additional cost to you.

DRIVE-THRU VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER FUNDRAISER: Sun., Feb. 14th from 4 to 6 pm. The meal will include spaghetti, sauce (meat or plain), salad, bread, a sweet treat, a beverage, flowers and candlelight. *Pre-orders are encouraged by calling the church office at 717-560-0321.* Donations accepted—pay what you can (online at FaithUMC.us→Online Giving or at pick up). If you would like to help, please contact Michelle Bame at leonshe38@gmail.com or Diana Valentine at valentine_diana@yahoo.com. Also, donations would be wonderful: spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, ground beef to put in some of the sauce, parmesan cheese, bread. Come out & invite your friends & neighbors.

SPECIAL NEEDS: If someone has needs the church can support, please contact Pastor Jason. You can also dial **2-1-1** or visit www.211.org to reach the **United Way Call Center** who can direct you to social service organizations. You can also reach the **Crisis Intervention Lifeline: 717-394-2631**

UMC CAMPS are struggling due to COVID. Donations can be made to: Treasurer's Office, Eastern PA Conference, P.O. Box 820, Valley Forge, PA 19482 with *Camp & Retreats* in the memo, or <https://www.epaumc.org/administration/finance/giving/> or by texting CAMP to 610-463-0244

TOOLS FOR MINISTRY: Sat., March 13, 2021 from 8:30 am to 12:30pm via Zoom. Cost: \$5. All church members should consider attending to grow in your discipleship and ministry skills. [Click here for the full brochure with workshop descriptions.](#) or [register online now!](#) Tech help available via Faith UMC.

PASTOR JASON & CAROL OFFICE HOURS: We are sometimes telecommuting. Contact us directly: **Pastor Jason:** (717)333-9238 / jbperkowski@gmail.com. **Office:** (717)560-0321 / faithumc@hotmail.com

PRAYER REQUESTS:

OUR CONCERNS:

The UMC and delegates to 2021 General Conference as we seek God's will regarding human sexuality & our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ
President Joe Biden and VP Kamala Harris
Peace & safety during transitions
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 violence
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, & weapons of mass destruction
Victims & families involved in violent crime, sexual abuse and harassment
Abusers and their families
Healing & peace for divisions caused by race, class, gender, sexuality, politics & fears
All affected by natural disasters
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 & 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—including COVID-19
Bishop Johnson, the EPAUMC Staff, and District Superintendent BK Chung
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 at Millersville; Rev. David Piltz & Rev. Diana Esposito at Drexel & West Chester; Rev. Dr. Mel Sensenig & Rev. Ibrahim Bangura at Albright; & Lebanon Valley
Becky, Angela and Maria Rodriguez – custody
Becky Rodriguez – kidney failure & dialysis
Phil Buchanan – strength & healing in legs/back
Harry & Ella Buchanan – strength & healing
Norm Whiteley (Ella's brother) – health
Charlotte Garfield
Dottie Sheaffer – healing for back
Eileen Williams – healing after a fall & for muscles
Shelda's granddaughter Bella's health
Bradley McGowan – ALS
Linda Philbin – motor neuropathy & strength
Donna Parmer – ongoing medical conditions

Those with cancer: Cyndi Campbell, Dean Grove, Mark Reitzel, Pat Shenk, Kerry Link, Joe, John Rathvon, Glen (friend of Harbisons), Duane Lehman, & Amy Boughter
Rosemary (Marilyn Jones' sister) – healing
Noah Boughter – wisdom, safety and recovery
Annette McClarigan & family
Carl Jones – strength & healing and health of siblings
Marilyn Jones – healing & joint pain
Heather Lindsey
Michelle Rathvon Mitterer – healing from strokes
Chuck Flory – ALS
Darlene Brown – Abdominal surgery
John – Cardiac Issues
Laurie – Recovery from surgery
Lorraine Jones - arthritis
Kathleen (Shifflet) McDuffie – rheumatoid arthritis
Healthy pregnancy for Mark and Christi Shifflet
Neighbors of Shifflets
Bob Jolly's parents
Katie & Dustin Oakes in Japan
Clarita – kidney issues
All Impacted by COVID-19 – incl. Quinn, Leon Bame's mother, Laurel Meck, Harry (Smith's son-in-law), Ruthie, Deanna Brivchik, Ken, the Day family (inc. infant), Buni's extended family, Michelle's extended family, Shelda's family (Bella, Stefan, Grethen, Randy), Eileen Williams
Mike Loechner – heart problems
Wagaman/Schroeder family after a house fire
Sebastian—recovery
Jason Hurst— grandson of Judy Hurst
Sandy Patschke – healing after back surgery
Sherry Guard
Buni Harbison's father – ongoing need for healing
Margie Urban's infection & heart surgery recovery
Jackie Black – continued healing
Don Klos – ongoing healing and strengthening
Erek Perkowski and his son Shaughn – custody
Ray – recovering from Strokes
Smith's nephew Mark with leukemia
Janet – nodules in lungs
Wendy Schroeder— healing after a fall
Steven Valente – healing of heels after a fall
Don Campbell – healing of foot after a fall
Linda Eckman – healing & testing
Families of those who passed away: Laura S.; Ted Shenk (Mary's bro-in-law); Ben Nordmark (Allison Bricker's father); Deanna Brivchik's sister; & Brian Rhodes
Mike & Brenda Hardwig – healing
Glenn Slater

OUR PRAISES:

God's presence through illness and struggle