

Faith & Oregon Community United Methodist Churches



March 14, 2021 at 10:30AM – 4th Sunday in Lent

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

Rend your hearts and not your clothing, Return to the Lord your God,

For he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession.

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin!

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness,

So that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Amen.

(Joel 2:13 & Hebrews 4:16, BOW #328-329)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Numbers 21:4-9

Mike Shifflet

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

HYMN

Lift High the Cross

UMH #159

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS OF PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS
THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

UMH #895

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22

Mike Shifflet

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HYMN

Amazing Grace

UMH #378 v. 1-4

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Jason

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 2:1-10

Mike Shifflet

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HYMN

Grace Greater than Our Sin

UMH #365

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 3:14-21

Mike Shifflet

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SERMON

*Rend Your Hearts: Claiming the Promise
Look Up and Live*

Pastor Jason

HYMN

Victory in Jesus

UMH #370

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

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:

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.

FELLOWSHIP TIME BY ZOOM EACH SUNDAY, 11:45 AM - 12:15 PM after worship
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88148879997?pwd=ZnBZeDRPMmpBTIBUb1VwaGRWZko4dz09>

COMMUNION: We will offer a no-contact Communion Service in the Faith UMC parking lot **at 1pm on every First Sunday at 1pm, including April 4.** 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 our vehicles to keep one another safe. **We will broadcast the service on FM 89.9.**

YOUTH GROUP, SUNDAYS, 5-7 PM (in person or by Zoom w/link sent by text message). **On 3rd Sundays (March 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 Sunday, Mar 14 about Gretna Glen**

BIBLE STUDY led by Amy Boughter on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM in Faith UMC Welcome Center. Masks & distancing are required.

BIBLE STUDY led by Mike Shifflet on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM at Oregon Community UMC. Masks & distancing are required. **NO meeting March 17.**

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY BY ZOOM AT 10 AM: We discuss the scriptures from the **Common Lectionary.** Join us: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83172825482>.

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

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**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

This Week's Topic: *Law Professor Joins Local Police Force to Better Understand the Challenges of Policing.* Join in our discussion as we explore some biblical perspectives on what this professor discovered when she joined a local police department. The law professor shares her own experiences, suggestions, and ideas. For more info: www.Chattingatthegeneralsutter.us

TRIVIA NIGHT: Fri, March 19th from 6:30-8:00pm we will have a St Patrick's Day Zoom Trivia Night hosted by Pastor Jason. Test your knowledge on all kinds of topics. This is an opportunity for you to determine knowledge from blarney! It will be fun for all ages. So, get out your thinking caps, grab your snacks, and log on. Winning team earns a prize. Use this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86505277044>

BREAKFAST W/ THE EASTER BUNNY: On Sat, March 27th we'll host a drive-thru pancake & sausage breakfast from 8-10am. Meet the Easter Bunny & do a scavenger hunt from the comfort of your own vehicle. There will be treats and take-home activities for kids! Pre-Orders are suggested. When ordering, indicate # of meals, if you want sausage, # of children, and your arrival time (8-9am or 9-10am). More info is in the Faith-a-gram & website. *Contact the office if you would like to volunteer to help.*

HOLY WEEK SERVICES: *Please stay tuned for upcoming details on Holy Week and the format / location for those services. In the meantime you can add the days/times to your calendar.* We will have Sunday morning services at 10:30AM for Palm Sunday and Easter. We will also offer a Sunrise Service at 6:30AM on Easter Sunday. There will be a 7pm Maundy Thursday and 7pm Good Friday Service as well.

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 providing meals, toiletries, blankets, etc. for people who are homeless at 2pm on the Saturday before Communion Sunday. To help, contact Diana at 717-435-8577. We need people to cook, prepare donations, deliver food, etc. **WISH LIST:** cough drops, travel size toothpaste, individually wrapped panty liners and feminine cleansing wipes. Place donations in the "drop-off box" by the front door. **WISH LIST:** https://smile.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/5zDLQnj?ref_=wl_share **If you shop on AmazonSmile for this (or for yourself) & select Manheim Township Faith United Methodist as your charitable organization, they'll get a percentage of your purchase (no cost to you).**

SERVANT SATURDAY: On the Saturday before Communion Sunday (April 3), we are asking everyone to make an effort to show God's love to the world around you—giving of your time, talents and treasures locally or across the world. There is info on the church website with some suggestions to get you started.

IMPACT! MISSIONS is an interdenominational Christian Housing Ministry. They align homeowners in need of a warm, safe, and dry home with groups and individuals who are willing to serve to make that happen. Use your skills to help Impact! Missions restore houses for those in need. **Leon Bame volunteers on the first and third Saturdays and would love to have some people from Faith & Oregon Comm. UMC join him. For more info, please contact Leon at 717-344-9924 or leonshel37@gmail.com.**

CREATE CARE PACKAGES TO GIVE TO MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AT THE HUB MINISTRY for their exam week. Donate shoe boxes, wrapping paper, highlighters, sticky notes, pens, pencils, cookies, candy, snack crackers, granola bars, popcorn, hot chocolate mix, etc. by Sun., March 29th in the drop-off box by the front door. Contact the office to volunteer to help package the goodies or wrap boxes.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

OUR CONCERNS:

The UMC and delegates to the 2021/2022 General Conference as we seek God's will regarding human sexuality & our mission to make disciples of Jesus
President Joe Biden and VP Kamala Harris
Wisdom & safety for all government officials and their staff- from the US & other nations
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 DS 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
Norm Whiteley (Ella's brother) – health
Charlotte Garfield
Dottie Sheaffer – healing for back
Eileen Williams – muscles, healing, & search for new home
Shelda's granddaughter Bella's health
Bradley McGowan – ALS
Linda Philbin – motor neuropathy & healing from shingles
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, Bob (Valente family), Priscilla Rice (& healing from surgery)
Noah Boughter – wisdom, safety and recovery
Annette McClarigan & family
Carl Jones – strength & healing and health of siblings
Frank (Marilyn Jones's brother) – had back surgery
Rosemary (Marilyn Jones' sister) – healing
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 & hip pain
Healthy pregnancy for Christi and Mark Shifflet
Mike Shifflet's mom—physical therapy
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, Harry (Smith's son-in-law), Ruthie, Deanna Brivchik, Ken, Dennis Meck Sr.'s mom, Marcia Eisenhour's Dad
Sebastian—recovery
Jason Hurst— grandson of Judy Hurst
Sandy Patschke – healing after back surgery
Sherry Guard
Buni Harbison's father – ongoing need for healing
Jenkins Family (Buni's granddaughter)—fire in a neighboring unit in their row home
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
Steven Valente – healing of heels after a fall
Mike & Brenda Hardwig – healing
Glenn Slater
Grandview UMC as they disaffiliate from UMC
The family of Harry Buchanan on his passing
Margie & Terry Urban's granddaughter Analise—in hospital
Annette McClarigan – heart and shoulder problems

OUR PRAISES:

God's presence through illness and struggle
Recent healing for so many from COVID-19
New vaccines