

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SUNDAY WORSHIP IS IN THE SANCTUARY at 9:00 AM at Oregon Community UMC & BROADCAST at 10:30AM from Faith UMC on FM 89.9, Facebook Live & the church website.

COVID PROTOCOLS: Numbers of COVID cases in Lancaster County have increased to over 10-20 times their numbers from a month ago. So, we are asking everyone to **wear masks inside the building—including throughout the worship service.** Protocols will be relaxed again as we analyze the data and needs of our people. Please show grace as we navigate this pandemic.

BIBLE STUDIES: We have many opportunities available each week:

- **Youth Group on Sundays** at Faith UMC from **5-7 PM will resume on Sept. 12**
- **Wednesday Bible Study w/Mike Shifflet** at OCUMC at **6:30 PM in person**
- **Friday Bible Study** at Faith UMC at **10 AM in person**

JR CHURCH AT 9:00 AM ON SUNDAY via Zoom for Kids 3 years old to 4th Grade. We email activity pages & *the password*. Email faithumc@hotmail.com to be added to list. On Sept. 5 we will resume in person Jr Church at 10:30AM at Faith UMC and the online format will end.

CHATTING CLUB: MONDAYS AT 7 PM via Zoom – This week's theme: Two fundamental truths that are often paired are these: Life is hard; God is good. The 400-meter hurdle races at the Tokyo Olympics as a way to think about the hurdles life puts in our way, and how the goodness of God remains true even as we deal with troubles. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Scripture Readers; Greeters/Ushers; & Clean Team

SERVANT SATURDAY: On the Saturday before Communion Sunday, 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. **Sept 4 is our next Servant Saturday.** This includes helping with the **DOWNTOWN MINISTRY:** We are providing meals, toiletries, blankets, etc. for people who are homeless on Servant Saturdays. To help, contact Diana Valentine at 717-435-8577. **We meet at 2pm.**

IMPACT! MISSIONS is a Christian Housing Ministry restoring and repairing homes for lower-income families To volunteer, contact **Leon Bame** at **717-344-9924** or leonshel37@gmail.com.

DATE SAVER: HOLIDAY BAZAAR, Sat., October 23 hosted by OCUMC at Faith UMC

OFFERINGS: You can direct gifts to the **General Ministry, Building, or Benevolence Funds.** Mark preferences clearly. **You can mail a check** to OCUMC or **donate digitally through our website.**

Welcome to

Oregon Community United Methodist Church



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Mission of Oregon Community United Methodist Church:
**“Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation
of our community and the world.”**

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August 15, 2021 at 9:00 AM – 12th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME: We have been gathered together by the Holy Spirit to worship God the Father & to love one another in the fellowship with Jesus Christ. You're 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're here & hope you find what you need.

OUR OFFERINGS OF PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS

There are offering plates by the doors to the sanctuary. You may also give online or by mail. Presenting our very selves as a living sacrifice is our good and pleasing act of spiritual worship (Rom. 12).

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you're worshipping online, please 'sign in' by commenting on the video & post prayer requests, too.

A TIME FOR CENTERING & PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jason & God's People

Give thanks to God!

We thank God for joy, for laughter, for abundant blessings of every kind.

Give thanks to God at all times and for everything!

We thank God, when we can and as we can, for struggles, for solitude, for fears.

Give thanks to God at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We thank God that, in Christ, our joys as well as our pain,

our losses as well as our laughter, are in God's heart and hands.

(Thom Shuman on Lectionary Liturgies. <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca>)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 111

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

*HYMN

Open My Eyes, That I May See

UMH #454

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God's People

You must shake your head in wonder at our ways, Keeper of the Covenant. How can we say we want wisdom, when we foolishly squander the knowledge we have of your ways? How can we claim to follow you, when we walk the slippery roads of the world not caring where they lead us? How can we desire your great and steadfast love, when the simple seductions of our society are in full view every day? How can you have mercy on such unwise and unfaithful people, Perfect Wisdom? Yet, that is exactly what you do: and our greed turns to gratitude, our pettiness to praise, our tantrums to thanksgiving, as hope and joy become our blessing through the One we call our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH #895

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

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

*HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

UMH #451

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 6:51-58

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

*HYMN

O Spirit of the Living God

UMH #539

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 5:15-20

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

SERMON

Wisdom of God

Pastor Jason

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Pastor Jason

*HYMN

Take Time to Be Holy

UMH #395

** Please stand if you are able*

Pianist: Jody Wiker

Bulletin: Dot Lange

Pastor: The Rev. Jason Perkowski

Ministers: The People of God

ALTAR FLOWERS: To place altar flowers in honor of a loved one, contact Joetta. Cost: \$35.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS: Don Hess on the 20th

ANNIVERSARIES: Don and Jane Hess on the 20th

PRAYER REQUESTS: Don Klos after surgery; Jason, Julie, & Maria (as she has been returned back to Becky's home); Maria, Angela & Becky Rodriguez—for the daughters to thrive; Oaklee & Carson in Pastor Jason and Julie's care—and their parents and family; those with cancer—incl. Mary Kohler; Kathleen McDuffie—rheumatoid arthritis & hip pain; Mike Shifflet's mom and neighbors; Bob Jolly's parents; Katie & Dustin Oakes in Japan; Jackie Black; Erek Perkowski and his son Shaughn – custody; Pat Dietz – healing from a fall; Fred Hess – Physical Therapy; Rev. Dorcas healing for her eye; The Hub Campus Ministry at Millersville U.; Bishop John Schol as he comes to serve EPAUMC and Bishop Johnson as she retires **PRAISES:** God's presence through illness and struggle; slowing of pandemic; & Doris Cooper continuing to heal.

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD: The UMC and theological differences; leaders; veterans; service members, police and medical personnel; patients; victims of violence and racism; peace, wisdom and reconciliation; abused persons & abusers; all affected by disasters; refugees & immigrants; the hungry and homeless; prisoners; students, teachers and administration; those struggling with addictions and/or mental illness; seniors; the hospitalized; caregivers; those grieving the loss of loved ones; bishops, pastors and laity; our ministries; our community; & all affected by COVID-19 and other diseases.