

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BIBLE STUDIES: We have many opportunities available each week:

- **Wednesday Bible Study w/Mike Shifflet** at OCUMC at **6:30 PM**
- **Friday Bible Study** at Faith UMC at **10 AM**

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. We will continue to offer Junior Church via Zoom thru the fall at 9AM. **We will kick off our new curriculum, *Celebrate Wonder*, on September 12.** Each child that joins our Zoom session that day will be **mailed a coupon for a free ice cream at Son's Ice Cream Shop. Please join us! No Session on Labor Day Sunday, Sept 5.**

CHATting CLUB: MONDAYS AT 7 PM via Zoom – **NO MEETING** on SEPT 6 due to Labor Day. Next week's theme: *To Be Decided. Below is the NEW LINK with a password v. Waiting Room*
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518?pwd=cEVDeDljeThaaWVIYjlQWmZjTm5oUT09>

YOUTH GROUP, SUNDAYS, 5-7 PM at Faith UMC. Youth will resume meeting on **September 12.** On **September 19** we go to **Gretna Glen Camp** from 3-5:30pm (van will leave Faith UMC at **2:30pm**). **September 25**, we go to **Outdoor Bash** (*see below*). **No meeting Sept 26.** All 5th-12th Grade are invited.

WELCOME BACK FALL TAILGATE PARTY AT LITITZ UMC, Sat., Sept. 11, at 5:30pm: **ALL are invited** to join us in the LUMC parking lot. Bring your tailgating games, food, grills & chairs. **At 7pm** we are watching, "Facing the Giants" on an outside screen. Contact Pastor Jason if you are interested. **Youth are encouraged to attend, and can meet Pastor Jason at Lititz UMC. Permission slips are needed if you come without parents (youth must be signed in on arrival). Pick up youth by 9pm.**

HEMPFIELD COMMUNITY OUTDOOR BASH at Hempfield COB (1186 Stevens St., Manheim) will be held on **September 25th**. Live bands, speakers, food trucks and games throughout the event. We will leave Faith UMC at Noon and return by 7pm for those who want to come with the youth group (adults and families are invited to attend on their own). Permission Slips are needed for all off-campus events. ***This event will be instead of Youth Group on Sunday, Sept. 26th***

DRIVE-THRU CHICKEN BBQ with a half BBQ chicken, a side and a sweet treat. Cost is \$10 per meal. Choose your preferred side. **Come by Faith UMC on Saturday, September 18th from 12pm to 2pm** or while supplies last. *Pre-orders are encouraged.* Call 717-560-0321 or email faithumc@hotmail.com.

HAITI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF THROUGH UMCOR: Donations are being received at International Disaster Response UMCOR #982450 and <https://umcmision.org/give-to-umcor/>. You may also give a check to Oregon Community UMC and put UMCOR Haiti in the memo and we will forward the donation.

SERVANT SATURDAY, SEPT 4: On the Saturday before Communion, we are asking everyone to show God's love by giving of your time, talents & treasures. This includes the **DOWNTOWN MINISTRY** providing meals and supplies for the homeless. To help, contact Diana at 717-435-8577. **We meet at 2pm.**

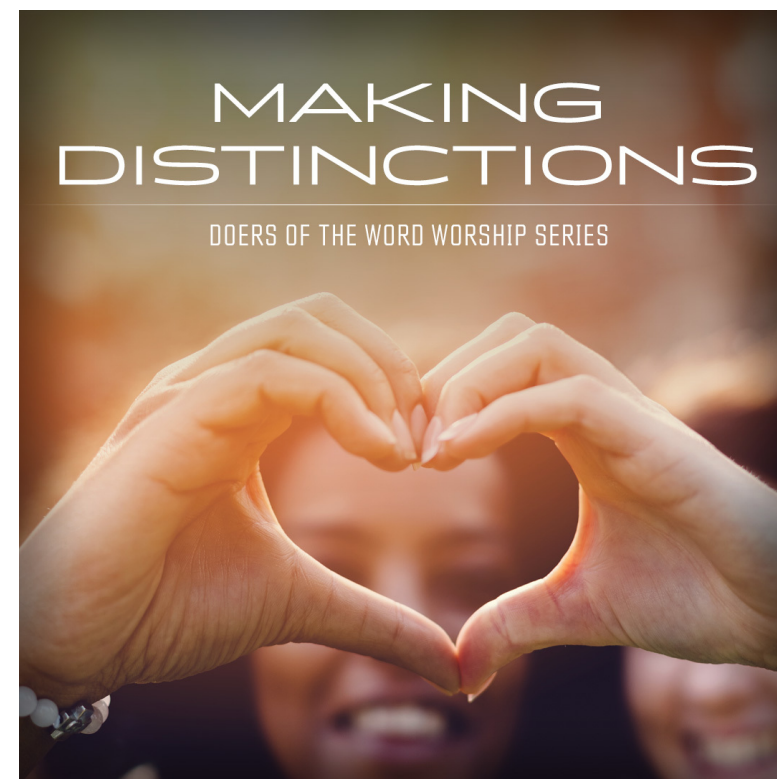
IMPACT! MISSIONS is a Christian Housing Ministry restoring and repairing homes for lower-income families To volunteer, contact **Leon Bame** at 717-344-9924 or leonshel37@gmail.com.

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



Address: 1214 Creek Road, Lititz, PA 17543

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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.”**

Oregon Community United Methodist Church

September 5, 2021 at 9:00 AM – 15th 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

We can trust God. **God is like the mountain: rock solid.**

God loves all the people: **the poor, the disabled, the outcast, the stranger.**

We can depend on God. **God feeds the hungry, heals the sick, and restores relationships.**

Praise our Loving God. **Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.**

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*HYMN *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* UMH #57 v. 1-4

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23** Christie Jolly
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE UMH #895

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Psalms 125** Christie Jolly
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

*HYMN *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* UMH #526

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Mark 7:24-37** Christie Jolly
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

*HYMN *In Christ There Is No East or West* UMH #548

SCRIPTURE LESSON **James 2:1-17** Christie Jolly
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

SERMON *No Longer Making Distinctions* Pastor Jason
Sermon Series: Doers of the Word

COMMUNION UMH #12-15

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH Pastor Jason
*HYMN *Sent Forth with God's Blessing* UMH #664

** 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.

LITURGISTS: September 5 Christie Jolly; 12 Dot Lange; 19 Bob Jolly; 26 Mike Shifflet

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS: 20th: Don Hess

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES: 20th: Don and Jane Hess

PRAYER REQUESTS: Don Klos after surgery; 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; Mike Shifflet's mom and neighbors; Bob Jolly's parents; Katie & Dustin Oakes in Japan; Jackie Black; Erek Perkowski and his son Shaughn – custody; Fred Hess; 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; Kathleen McDuffie—healing of hip pain. 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.

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

COVID PROTOCOLS: Confirmed COVID cases in Lancaster Co. have increased from single digits/day on July 4 to 180 new cases/day. While a high percentage of our congregation is vaccinated, only 48% of the county is. This increases the odds for COVID to be brought into our church. Please wear a mask inside the building & throughout the Worship Service (especially as you enter/exit & while singing). At this time, we will NOT turn anyone away because they are not wearing a mask, but simply ask you to consider the needs of those around you who may be at high risk. This is based on clear science and recommendations from our Bishop. Families / close friends may sit together with 2 empty seats between groups & using every other row of chairs. Protocols will be adjusted as we analyze new data.