

Faith & Oregon Community United Methodist Churches



February 28, 2021 at 10:30AM – 2nd 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

Jesus said: "Pick up your cross and follow me." (Mark 8:34)

What does it mean to carry a cross?

"Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it." Your way is the road less traveled. (Matt 7:13)

How shall we carry this cross?

Jesus said: "go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor... then come, follow me." (Mark 10:21)

We are called to love one another and to be willing to give something of ourselves to others.

It takes strength to carry a cross; more than we have, sometimes more than we want.

God of Mercy, give us the strength to walk in your way, to carry the cross, to walk in the footsteps of Jesus. Amen.

(Safiyah Fosua, *Pick Up Your Cross and Follow Me*, on UMCDiscipleship.org)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 22:23-31

Rhonda Leese

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

HYMN

O Worship the King

UMH #73 v. 1, 2, 4, 5

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

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

UMH #895

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Rhonda Leese

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

HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

UMH #451

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Jason

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 8:31-38

Rhonda Leese

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

HYMN

My Tribute

UMH #99 (2x)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 4:13-25

Rhonda Leese

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SERMON

*Rend Your Hearts: Claiming the Promise
Walk Before Me*

Pastor Jason

HYMN

Standing on the Promises

UMH #374

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.

NEW: FELLOWSHIP TIME BY ZOOM EACH SUNDAY, 11:45 AM - 12:15 PM after worship <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88148879997?pwd=ZnBzeDRPMmpBTIBUblVwaGRWZko4dz09>

COMMUNION: We will offer a no-contact Communion Service in the Faith UMC parking lot at 1pm on every First Sunday at 1pm, including March 6. 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.**

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.

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY BY ZOOM AT 10 AM: We discuss the scriptures from the [Common Lectionary](http://CommonLectionary). 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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.

CHATTING CLUB: MONDAYS AT 7 PM BY ZOOM at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518>.
This Week's Topic: *Artist Creates Giant Drawing on Snowy Finnish Golf Course.* Join us as we reflect on how connecting with nature and art, in solitude and in community, can nourish our souls. We will discuss the connection of change in nature and in life. For more info: www.Chattingatthegeneralsutter.us

TRIVIA NIGHT: Bored & tired of not seeing your friends at church socials? Here is an opportunity for you. 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. There will be a prize awarded for the winner! Use this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86505277044>

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, blankets, scarves, gloves, toiletries, etc. for people who are homeless at 2pm on the Saturday before Communion Sunday. If you'd like to help **March 6th** contact Diana at 717-435-8577. We need people to cook, prepare donations, deliver food, pray, etc.
WISH LIST: cough drops, travel size toothpaste, individually wrapped panty liners and feminine cleansing wipes. Donations may be placed in the "drop-off box" on the bench by the front door. **AMAZON 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 Church as your charitable organization, they'll get a percentage of your purchase with no additional cost to you.**

SERVANT SATURDAY: On the Saturday before Communion Sunday (March 6), 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 2 Saturdays a month and would love to have some people from Faith UMC join him. For more information, please contact Leon at 717-344-9924 or leonshel37@gmail.com.**

PRAYER SHAWLS AVAILABLE: During these trying times you may know someone who would appreciate the comfort of a prayer shawl or quilt. Please call the office to make arrangements to pick some up. *If you would like to donate yarn, you may leave it in the green container on the bench by the front door.*

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**

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 from the comfort of your own vehicle with an interactive scavenger hunt, a treat & take-home activities. Pre-Orders by March 24th are highly suggested but we'll accept others as quantities last. When ordering, indicate # of adults/children meals & if you want sausage or not. More info is in the Faith-a-gram & website. *Volunteers and donations are also needed.*

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 – muscles & healing from a fall & COVID
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, Bob (Valente family), Priscilla Rice (& healing from surgery)
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 & hip pain
Healthy pregnancy for Mark and Christi 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 Eisenhower's Dad
Mike Loechner – heart problems
Sebastian—recovery
Jason Hurst— grandson of Judy Hurst
Sandy Patschke – healing after back surgery
Sherry Guard
Buni Harbison's father – ongoing need for healing
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
Mike & Brenda Hardwig – healing
Glenn Slater
Grandview UMC
Bricker family—loss of loved ones

OUR PRAISES:

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