

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

JR CHURCH AT 9:00 AM ON SUNDAY via Zoom for Kids 3 years old to 4th Grade. Email faithumc@hotmail.com to get the activity pages & *password*. **NO meetings Dec 19 & 26.**

YOUTH GROUP ON SUNDAYS, 5-7 PM at Faith UMC. 5th-12th graders are invited to join us. Jan. 16, Feb 20 & March 20 we meet at 2:30-6PM to go to **Gretna Glen Camp**. Permission Slips are on church website & needed whenever we travel off property. **NO Youth on Dec 26 or Jan 2.**

CHATTING CLUB: MONDAYS AT 7 PM via Zoom – Topic: “Pronoun Referring to God Become a Point of Contention.” There was criticism aimed at a church that had "Godself" on its website where others might have written "Himself." It gives us a chance to talk about how we picture God and how he cannot be contained by characteristics that define humankind.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518?pwd=cEVDeDljeThaaWVlYjIjQWmZjTm5oUT09>

BIBLE STUDY: WEDNESDAYS w/Mike Shifflet at OCUMC at **6:30 PM.**

BIBLE STUDY: FRIDAYS at Faith UMC at **10 AM – NOT Dec 24 or Dec 31**

SERVANT SATURDAY: 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 & supplies for the homeless starting at 2pm. To help, contact Diana at 717-435-8577.

IMPACT! MISSIONS restore homes to be sold to low-income families & does repairs for those in need. **To volunteer** on 1st & 3rd Saturdays, **contact Leon** at 344-9924 / leonshel37@gmail.com.

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 online through our website.**

CHRISTMAS CANTATA on Sunday, Dec 19 at Faith (9:00 AM) and Long Memorial (11:00 AM)

CHRIST HOME FOR KIDS & BLACKFEET UMC PARISH: We will send a financial contribution to these ministries as we do each Christmas. If you are interested in helping you can send a check made out to Oregon Community UMC with the specific ministry in the memo line.

ANNUAL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA & CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE ON DEC 11th. To help with the event please contact Lisa Baker at 717-615-6707 or lisa.baker2294@gmail.com or Sandy Patschke regarding cookie baking at 717-844-3530 or stpatschk@msn.com. Most cookies freeze well so you can get an early start with baking. There are also signup sheets in the hall. We need people to bake cookies, run cookie room, cook pancakes and sausage, package and hand out food, run craft table for kids, collect money, set up / tear down tables & chairs in sanctuary, decorate, sanitize tables between groups, clean up, etc. **If you can help, let us know ASAP so that we know we have the volunteers for the full event—otherwise we will need to reconsider aspects of it.**

ONE-BEDROOM APARTMENT NEEDED: Dennis from Faith UMC is a non-smoker with no pets. He would like to pay about \$800 rent per month. Location is not important. If you hear or know of an apartment that is available, please call Dennis Meck at 717-413-1504 and leave a message.

COVID PROTOCOLS: Please wear a mask inside the building & throughout Worship (esp. to enter/exit & sing). We will NOT turn anyone away for not wearing a mask, but simply ask you to consider the needs of those who are at high risk. Please socially distance.

Welcome to

Oregon Community United Methodist Church



Address: 1214 Creek Road, Lititz, PA 17543

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Pastor: The Rev. Jason Perkowski

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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.”**

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

Oregon Community United Methodist Church

December 5, 2021 at 9:00 AM – 2nd Sunday of Advent

WELCOME: In Advent we prepare ourselves for Christmas, worshiping Jesus the Christ who came as a child in Bethlehem to remind us of God's abiding love. We are aware of the mystery of the Holy Spirit gathering us across space & time into a loving God's presence now & for eternity. You are welcome in this sacred space of seeking the Savior, no matter your past relationship with God. This is a Holy Season to experience God's love anew. We are glad you are here & hope you find what you need, today.

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

There are offering plates by the doors to the sanctuary. You may also give via church website or mail.

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

If 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

O come, O come, Immanuel, and be light for our darkness.

Be comfort in our grief, be a friend for our loneliness, an oasis for our searching.

O come, O come, Immanuel, restore our joy, heal our wounds, and bring us peace.

Dr. Derek C. Weber, Director of Preaching Ministries, *Discipleship Ministries of the UMC*

LIGHTING THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE: PEACE

Bob and Christie Jolly

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Malachi 3:1-4

Christie Jolly

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

*HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

UMH #211 v. 5-7

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Philippians 1:3-11

Christie Jolly

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

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Pastor Jason

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 1:68-79

Christie Jolly

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

*HYMN

Lift up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

UMH #213

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 3:1-6

Christie Jolly

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

SERMON

The Fear of Home

Pastor Jason

*HYMN

Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast

UMH #616 v. 1, 3, 4

CONFESSION AND PARDON

God in this season suspended between hope and fulfillment, let us never forget what you have done. May we be overwhelmed by your mercy, which flows in wave after wave. May we be honest about the darkness within us, and perceptive of the light around us. May we make straight the path for the Lord, that together we may see God's glory revealed. Amen

Mark Pierson, <http://adventinart.org>

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH #13-14

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH #895

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP (*Communion Cups & Bread in back*)

UMH #15

All are invited to receive the bread and the cup, as God's grace and love extend to everyone!

*HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

UMH #593

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

** 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: Dec. 5 Christie Jolly; 12 Dot Lange; 19 NO SERVICE; 26 Ralph Stone

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS: 6 ??; 13 ??; 20 ??

PRAYER REQUESTS: Sonja Kipp – COVID; Zell family – COVID; Roseanne – healing from cancer; Sherry Lynn (Dean's sister); Kathy St. Clair—aneurysm (friend of Bernie); Sandy Baird's father; Lydia Erk's pregnancy; Maria, Angela & Becky Rodriguez—for the daughters to thrive; Izabel, Oaklee, Carson, Matthew & their parents; those with cancer; Mike Shifflet's mom and neighbors; Bob Jolly's parents; Jackie Black; Josh Zimmerman; Erek Perkowski and his son Shaughn; Fred Hess; The Hub Campus Ministry at MU; Bishop John Schol & UMC Staff; Katie & Dustin Oakes. **PRAISES:** God's presence through illness and struggle; slowing of pandemic; healings. **PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD:** Veterans and Service members; the UMC and theological differences; leaders; 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.