

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*.

YOUTH GROUP, SUNDAYS, 5-7 PM at Faith UMC for 5th-12th graders. **Youth go to Gretna Glen on March 20, 2:30-6pm.** Contact Pastor Jason if interested in being the second adult on a Sunday.

CHATTING CLUB: MONDAYS AT 7 PM BY ZOOM – We will be participating in **The Power of Faith training**. See the article on the next page and use this **registration link to sign up:** <https://secure.everyaction.com/wDF-AY4B3kOnPu1zjJ0hvQ2>. You will be sent a link to the training.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN BIBLE STUDIES at Long Memorial UMC at 7:30 PM in person or online via <https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=long%20memorial%20um%20church>

BIBLE STUDY led by Mike Shifflet on Thursdays at 6:30 PM. Please RSVP to Mike

MORNING BIBLE STUDY – FRIDAYS AT 10AM: You can join in person or by Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83172825482?pwd=VzBkd2p0ci9KZlBqMUZqN1NOamh4dz09>

SERVANT SATURDAY ON APRIL 2: We are asking everyone to show God's love to the world through time, talents & treasures. This includes the **DOWNTOWN MINISTRY** at 2pm to provide meals & personal items for people who are homeless. To help cook, prepare donations, deliver food, etc. call Diana at 717-435-8577. **WISH LIST: Shaving cream packets**, travel-size deodorant and tissues, chapstick, wrapped cough drops, & 2 oz. bottles of hand sanitizer. **See:** https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/18YV4WP0G933L?ref_=wl_share

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.

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY & EGG HUNT at Faith UMC on Sat., April 9th, 8-10:30AM. Join us for a hot pancake breakfast (in fellowship hall or take-out), photos with the Easter Bunny & egg hunts at 8:30, 9:30 and 10:30. *“Pay what you want” to support the ministries.*

UMC SUMMER CAMPS: You can attend or volunteer as a counselor or support staff. Visit: <https://www.epaumc.org/ministry/camp-retreat/> for more info or visit each camp's website. There is a poster and camp schedule for Gretna Glen in the hallway. *For financial aid, contact Pastor Jason.*

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 via our website**. The **General Budget is really behind** so far in this year and we may have to borrow against our reserves that we are hoping to use for the new restroom and future building improvements. Consider if you can begin giving a regular offering, can increase toward a full tithe, or can give a one-time special gift.

HOLY WEEK: Our combined services include:

- **Maundy Thursday, April 14** at 7pm at Salem UMC: Rothsville
- **Good Friday Service, April 15** at Noon at Faith UMC: Manheim Township
- **Good Friday Service, April 15** at 7:30pm at Long Memorial UMC
- **Easter Sunrise Service, April 17** at 6:30am at Oregon Community UMC
- **Easter Service, April 17** at 9am at Oregon Community or 10:30am at Faith UMC

Welcome to

Oregon Community United Methodist Church



Address: 1214 Creek Road, Lititz, PA 17543

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Website: OregonCommunityUMC.us

Facebook: Oregon Community UMC

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 Facebook & church websites.**

OFFICE HOURS: Pastor Jason is generally available Mon-Thurs from about 10-5pm. He is spending time with family from Friday at Noon through Saturday. If there is an emergency, please leave a detailed message by voicemail, text or email.

Oregon Community United Methodist Church

March 20, 2022 at 9:00AM – 3rd Sunday in Lent

WELCOME: We gather together to worship God: The Father, The Son, & the Holy Spirit and to see again the ways in which God is revealed in the world. You are welcome in this space no matter who you are; from where you have come; what experiences, struggles or gifts you bring; or the questions, doubts & beliefs you carry. We are so glad you are here!

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

There are offering plates by the sanctuary doors or give via church website or mail.

GREETINGS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & CENTERING PRAYER Pastor Jason

*CALL TO WORSHIP & CENTERING PRAYER Pastor Jason & God's People

A great teacher once said, "When Jesus Christ calls us, he bids us come and die" (Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*). We are the people who have responded to this call.

Through Christ, we want to die to the fears that keep us from loving.

Through Christ, we want to die to the stubbornness that keeps us from sharing our gifts.

Through Christ, we want to die to seeking our own success and salvation in disregard for the good of all God's children.

This is God's promise, that if we die with Christ, we will also rise with Christ.

God be praised for the glorious promise of new life in Christ. Alleluia.

Ruth C. Duck, in Bread for the Journey, edited by Ruth C. Duck (Pilgrim Press, 1981), 35-36

*HYMN UMH #733

Marching to Zion

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mike Shifflet

Isaiah 55:1-9

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

*HYMN UMH #121

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mike Shifflet

Psalms 63:1-8

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

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH #895

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mike Shifflet

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

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

*HYMN UMH #557

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mike Shifflet

Luke 13:1-9

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

SERMON Pastor Jason

If It Bears Fruit

*HYMN UMH #381

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

** You are invited to stand*

Pianist: Jody Wiker

Bulletin: Dot Lange

Pastor: The Rev. Jason Perkowski

Ministers: The People of God

LITURGISTS: March 6 Christie Jolly; 13 Dot Lange; 20 Mike Shifflet; 27 Ralph Stone

BIRTHDAYS: March Sandy Baird 10th, Shannon Weaver 21st

PRAYER REQUESTS: Katya (from Ukraine) and her fiancée Tom (grandson of Dot) as they try to get her to USA; Pat Dietz; Bob Rinier; Josh Zimmerman (Jackie's grandson); Judy Brivchik – eyesight; Dot's oldest son Jerry, diagnosed with Myeloma; Roseanne – cancer; Sandy Baird's father, Dick; Maria, Angela & Becky Rodriguez; those with cancer; Mike Shifflet's mom; Jackie Black; Erek Perkowski and son, Shaughn; Fred Hess; Campus Ministries; Bishop John Schol & Staff; transition of DSs. **PRAISES:** God's presence & healings **PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD:** Ukraine; Veterans & Service members; the UMC; leaders; police & medical personnel; patients; victims of violence & racism; peace, wisdom & reconciliation; abused persons & abusers; all affected by disasters; refugees & immigrants; the hungry & homeless; prisoners; students, teachers & administration; those struggling with addictions; those suffering from mental illness; seniors; the hospitalized; caregivers; those grieving the loss of loved ones; bishops, pastors & laity; our ministries; our community; & all affected by COVID-19 & disease.

COVID PROTOCOLS: With the COVID numbers in Lancaster County declining to 21 new cases and 2 deaths per day, **we approved OCUMC being "mask optional."** We will still sit every other pew to allow for social distancing. Leaders of meetings may decide their own mask policy.

EASTER FLOWERS ARE AVAILABLE. If you would like to brighten the worship service by ordering flowers in memory of or in honor of someone, please let us know by March 17th. Order forms are in the bulletin. Payment may be made by check payable to OCUMC with "Easter flowers" in the memo or cash submitted with your form. You may take your flowers home on Easter morning.

POWER Interfaith Lancaster County is a statewide group of people of faith making our commonwealth more just including fair funding for public schools, positive interactions between police & communities, a healthier environment, economic justice, etc. See Pastor Jason to learn more.

POWER of Faith Training Sessions: Doing Justice - Getting Beyond Good Intentions

- Monday, March 21, 7 to 8:30 pm -- **The Power of Faith**
- Monday, April 4, 7 to 8:30 pm -- **The Power of Community**
- Monday, April 25, 7 to 8:30 pm -- **The Power of Relationships**

Register for THE POWER OF FAITH: <https://secure.everyaction.com/wDF-AY4B3kOnPu1zjJ0hvQ2>

SPECIAL EVENTS: Let us know about ideas for special social events for the public & /or fundraisers. We want to find new ways to reach our neighbors and to fund ministries.

CARDMAKING CLASS with Jackie Black on Saturday, April 23 from 10AM-2PM at Faith UMC in the Fellowship Hall. The cost for supplies is \$15 and can be paid the day of the event. Please register in advance by calling Jackie at 717-572-1521. Space will be limited.