

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**POWER Interfaith Lancaster County** is part of a statewide faith-based group working to make our commonwealth more just for education, policing, the justice system, environment, etc. **We would like to see our church officially engage in this work through a Board of Church and Society or registering as a member of POWER Interfaith.** Contact Pastor Jason to get involved at 717-333-9238.

You are encouraged to **join the Freedom Express on Thursday, Nov. 3** when it arrives in Lancaster for a Day of Prayer, Rallying, Training, encouraging people to Vote, and an evening concert. Pastor Jason will be riding the Freedom Express Bus from Oct 31-Nov 4 (third week of the bus tour) promoting peace, justice, voting rights, reconciliation, and human dignity for ALL people. Please keep the tour in prayer.

**YOUTH GROUP ON SUNDAYS, 5-7 PM at Faith UMC** for 5th-12th graders. Volunteers needed as the 2nd adult or to provide a meal—incl. for Oct 23. We offer dinner, games and a lesson. **Youth will go to Gretna Glen Camp from 3:30-7:00 PM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month (inc. 10/16).** Church van will leave from / return to Faith UMC. For more info or to help contact Pastor Jason.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS will meet at Faith UMC from 7:30-9:00 pm every other Monday for students in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade.** Please let Pastor Jason know at (717) 333-9238 if you are interested in participating as a student or mentor. We will have classes, retreats, field trips, etc. led by Pastor Andrea from Long Memorial and Pastor Jason. (Next meetings: Oct 17, Nov 7 & Nov 21—no meeting Oct 31)

**\*NEW\* GRIEF SHARE GROUP** led by Pastor Jason and Tina Miller to help people process the loss of loved ones and to find support from peers. There are materials that we will work through together in addition to mutual support. To learn more or sign up, please contact Pastor Jason. **This group is meeting every other Monday, 5-6 PM in the Fellowship Hall at Faith UMC (Oct. 24, Nov. 7 & 21).**

**CHATTING VIA ZOOM MONDAYS AT 6:30 PM (NOTE NEW TIME)** Everyone is invited to join us. at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518?pwd=cEVDeDljeThaaWVlYjIjQWmZjTm5oUT09>

**BIBLE STUDY led by Mike Shifflet on WEDNESDAYS at 6:30 PM** at Oregon Community UMC.

**MORNING BIBLE STUDY – FRIDAYS AT 10AM:** Join us **in person** at Faith UMC or Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83172825482?pwd=VzBkd2p0ci9KZlBqMUZqN1NOamh4dz09>

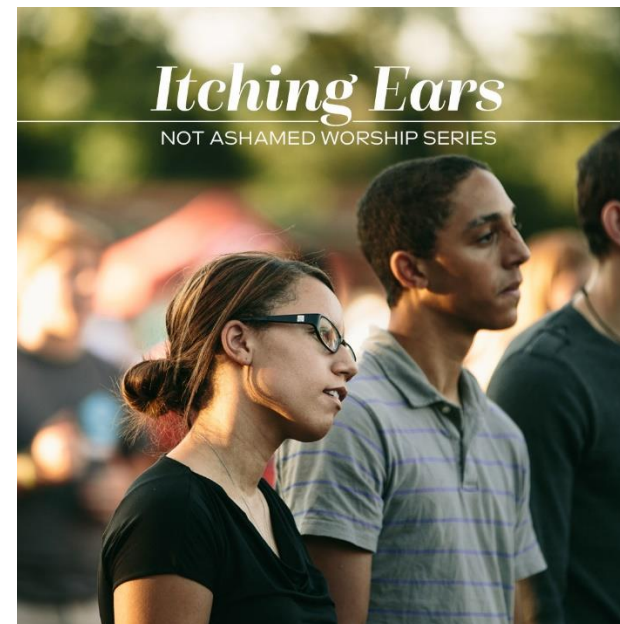
**IMPACT! MISSIONS restore homes** to be sold to low-income families & does repairs for those in need. **To volunteer** on 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, **contact Leon** at 717-344-9924 / [leonshe137@gmail.com](mailto:leonshe137@gmail.com).

**SERVANT SATURDAY on FIRST SATURDAYS EACH MONTH.** We are asking everyone to find ways to show God's love to the world. **DOWNTOWN MINISTRY:** At 2pm on Servant Saturdays, we meet at Faith UMC to cook and deliver meals & personal items for people who are unhoused. To help, call Diana at 717-435-8577. We need people to cook, prepare donations, deliver food, etc.

**BIBLE2SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS:** If you are interested in working with Pastor Jason and other volunteers to teach the Bible2School students from Reidenbaugh Elementary School please let Pastor know. We are hosting this religious education program for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students every Tuesday and Wednesday morning at Faith UMC and could use small group leaders. Over 20 students show up each day.

**OREGON COMMUNITY HOLIDAY CRAFT BAZAAR** held at Faith UMC on **Saturday, November 5.** If you (or someone you know) would like to rent a space to sell their crafts, can help with set up, can bake, will sell hot dogs and drinks, can gather gift baskets for the raffle, etc. please contact Joetta Henry or Christie Jolly.

## Welcome to Oregon Community United Methodist Church



**Address:** 1214 Creek Road, Lititz, PA 17543

**Church Phone:** (717) 656-7198

**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.

# Oregon Community United Methodist Church

October 16, 2022 at 9:00 AM – 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**W**ELCOME: We come together to worship the loving God who has chosen to be revealed as the Father Creator, the Son who lived among us, and the Holy Spirit who ministers powerfully within us. You are welcome in this sacred 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 – and pray you find what you came looking for!

## GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### A TIME FOR CENTERING & PRAYER

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jason & God's People

We gather here to worship seeking a focus for our being. **God calls us to worship the Word made flesh.**

We gather here to worship, though we feel drawn in too many directions, overwhelmed with too many tasks, chasing after something we can't quite name. **God calls us to worship leaning into the Spirit of Truth**

We gather here to worship, wondering and hoping, doubting and uncertain, frustrated and afraid. But we are here. **God calls us to worship with our whole selves. We are here; let us worship with joy.**

*Derek Weber, Discipleship Ministries, March 2022*

#### \*HYMN

*Be Thou My Vision*

UMH #451

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Psalm 119:97-104**

Mike Shifflet

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

#### \*HYMN

*Lord, Speak to Me*

UMH #463

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Luke 18:1-8**

Mike Shifflet

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

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

#### \*Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH #95

#### \*Offertory Prayer

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Jeremiah 31:27-34**

Mike Shifflet

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

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

UMH #895

#### \*HYMN

*How Great Thou Art*

UMH #77

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**2 Timothy 3:14-4:5**

Mike Shifflet

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

#### SERMON

*Itching Ears*

Pastor Jason

#### \*HYMN

*This Is My Fathers' World*

UMH #144

### BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

\* *You are invited to stand*

OCUMC Pianist: Jody Wiker

Pastor: The Rev. Jason Perkowski Ministers: The People of God

Liturgists: Oct 2 Dot Lange; 9 Christie Jolly; 16 Mike Shifflet; 23 Ralph Stone 30 Pastor Jason

**BIRTHDAYS:** Oct. 1 Jane Hess; 2 Paulette Blesdoe; 3 Jody Wiker

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Oct. 13 Bob and Christi Jolly

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Maria, Angela and all foster children; Shirley Gehr – healing after a fall; Bible2School Program for 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> graders; Roberta Stone; Donald Stone; Nicole Wise; Lee Manifold, Marcia's father; Doris Cooper, health; Joetta's sister; Kuzmenko family; Kathy Muth, cellulitis; Jack Muth, brain cancer; Chuck Flory, ALS; Garner family; Pat Dietz; Bob Rinier; Joanne Steinmetz (Jackie's sister), health; Josh Zimmerman (Jackie's grandson); Judy Brivchik, eyesight; Dot's oldest son Jerry, Myeloma; Roseanne, cancer; Sandy Baird's father, Dick; those with cancer; Fred Hess; Campus Ministries; Bishop John Schol & Staff; District Superintendent Jenny Freymoyer & Pastors. **PRAISES:** God's presence and healings; Babies born into our extended church family; Pastoral Ministry of Ian Solodky & Shannon Weaver; **PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD:** Victims of gun violence; The UMC and disaffiliations; Ukraine; Veterans & Service members; leaders; police & medical personnel; the sick and their caregivers; 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 or mental illness; seniors; those grieving loved ones; our ministries; our community; & COVID.

**OFFERINGS:** You can direct gifts to the **General Ministry, Building, or Benevolence Funds. You can mail a check to OCUMC or via our website.** The General Budget is behind. **Consider if you can help. UKRAINIAN HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT** can be sent via: <https://umcmmission.org> or thru OCUMC marked "For Ukraine"

**IN NEED OF HELP:** Contact Pastor Jason, or dial 2-1-1 (or visit [www.211.org](http://www.211.org)) to reach the **United Way Call Center for social services. The Crisis Intervention Lifeline is (717) 394-2631 or 9-8-8.**

**CHRISTMAS CANTATA** with Long Memorial, Faith, and OCUMC. Practices are at 7:45PM every Wednesday, at Long Memorial or Faith UMC. Contact Shannon Edwards, Worship Director, for more info. **You are welcome to join us** as we prepare a musical worship service for Sun., Dec. 18 at Faith (9AM) & Long Memorial UMC (11AM). *There will NOT be a service at Oregon Community UMC that morning.*

**YARD SALE:** Faith UMC is offering yard sale sites for **Sat., Oct 22, 7AM-1PM.** Sites are 20'x20' for \$20. Reserve a space by Oct. 21. Payment due at set up. No rain date. To reserve a spot call 717-560-0321.

**TRUNK OR TREAT:** Faith is looking for volunteers for our Trunk or Treat event on **Oct. 29, 5-8PM.** **We need to have a final count of volunteers** for the event—especially people who will decorate their car trunks for Halloween. Cars will line up and volunteers will hand out candy to kids as they come to each car. This community event will have pumpkin decorating, fall games for the kids, trunk-or-treating, free hot dogs, chips and drinks. To volunteer or for more info, contact Lisa Baker at 717-615-6707 or [lisa.baker2294@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.baker2294@gmail.com).

**ALL SAINTS DAY:** On **October 30**, we would like to honor all of our loved ones that have passed away since last year. **VETERANS DAY:** On **November 13** we would like to honor all of our church members and their family who have served in the armed services. **Please drop off a photo of your loved ones to the church no later than the Sunday before each service** (Oct 23 / Nov 6). Include their full name, date of birth/death, and for veterans their military branch and rank. We will create a display honoring them as part of the service.

**PRAYER SHAWLS AVAILABLE:** Perhaps you or someone you know would appreciate the comfort of a prayer shawl or quilt. **Please help yourself to a prayer shawl** from the rack in the front of the Sanctuary. **You are invited to knit or crochet prayer shawls or you are always welcome to donate yarn for this ministry.** Each month Faith UMC delivers prayer shawls and lap quilts to nursing homes, hospice centers, hospitals, etc. You can be a part of that ministry if interested. Thank you for your support!