

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

YOUTH GROUP, SUNDAYS, 5-7 PM at Faith UMC for 5th-12th graders. Sign up to be the 2nd adult and/or to provide a meal. Each week there are dinner, games and a lesson. **No Meeting Dec. 25 or Jan. 1.**

CONFIRMATION CLASS will meet at Faith UMC from 7:30-9:00 PM every other Monday for students in 6th-12th grade. This is led by Pastor Andrea & Pastor Jason. **Next Mtg: Dec. 19 & Jan. 2.**

GRIEFSHARE GROUP: Pastor Jason and Tina Miller lead a GriefShare Group to help people find support and process the loss of loved ones. To learn more, please contact Pastor Jason ASAP. This group meets every other **Monday from 5-6 PM** at Faith UMC. **Next Meeting: Dec. 19 and Jan. 2.**

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

BIBLE2SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS: If you are interested in working with Pastor Jason and other volunteers to teach the Bible2School students from Reidenbaugh Elementary School on Tue and Wed please call Pastor.

BIBLE STUDY on WEDNESDAYS at 6:30 PM with Mike at Oregon Community UMC. **Next Meeting: Jan 11.**

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY AT 10AM at FAITH UMC: We explore the week's scriptures. You can prepare at: <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning>. **No session Dec 23 or 30**

LIGHT OF THE WORLD with Rev. Jim Garner. This book study written by Amy-Jill Levine will help participants prepare their hearts for Christmas. She is a New Testament Professor who is Jewish, and writes from this particular historical & Biblical context. This is on Thursday evenings at 7 PM by Zoom. Last session on Dec. 22: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85939667466?pwd=bHkreUNyNTZGVWNicmUwUnNzazhXQT09>

CHRIST HOME FOR KIDS & BLACKFEET UMC PARISH: Each year we collect gifts through Christmas (inc. the Christmas Eve offering) to support these two ministries. You can send a check made out to *Oregon Community UMC* with the ministry in the memo and we will send one donation to support their work.

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE – WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21 AT 7:00 PM at Long Memorial UMC. “The light shines in the darkness” ~ John 1:5. For many of us, Christmas is a bittersweet time of year. It is a time for remembering both persons and events that have been a part of our lives in the past but are now changed or gone. This is the time of year with the longest nights, so around this time, we offer a quiet, meditative worship service that allows time and space for remembering, sharing our hurting places with God, and preparing our hearts to celebrate anew the coming of Christ. You are invited to join us for a time of special music, scripture, stories, silent reflection, healing prayer, and communion. Pastors Andrea and Jason will share in guiding this service and you are invited.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE at Faith UMC at 7pm on Dec. 24th (or **5pm at Oregon Community UMC** if that better suits your schedule). Families will worship together in this service of carols and a retelling of the Christmas story. We will also share in Communion.

CHRISTMAS MORNING SERVICE at Faith UMC at 10:30am on Dec. 25th (or **9am at Oregon Community UMC** if that better suits your schedule). Join us for a simple hymn sing and celebration of the birth of Christ.

POWER INTERFAITH LANCASTER COUNTY is working on justice issues in our community—inc. public schools, prison & bail reform, police & community interactions, etc. Visit <https://powerinterfaith.org> to learn more or contact Pastor Jason

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 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

December 18, 2022 at 9:00 AM — 4th Sunday of Advent

WELCOME: We gather in this Advent Season to remember the Alpha & Omega—God who has always been and always will be. The Creator, Son and Holy Spirit have worked together throughout time to create, bless, and redeem the universe. We prepare ourselves for the second coming of Jesus to gather His people home. 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

Pastor Jason

LIGHTING THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE: LOVE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jason & God's People

In the hushed anticipation of your coming, O Lord, remind us that you are always with us, that like Joseph we might always be eager to fulfill your will, and be eager to pray: O God, in days to come the mountain of your house will be established, and your joy shall reign. We pray for the church (*especially...*), that you might teach us your ways and that we might walk in your paths.

Come Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer.

Out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and you, O God, shall judge between the nations. We pray for our nation, and all nations, that your peace would be manifest in every corner of the earth.

Come Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer.

In your Kingdom, O Lord, wolves lie down with lambs and children play with serpents without fear. We pray for the sick, the suffering, and those in distress of any kind (*especially...*); that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs.

Come Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer.

In your Kingdom, O Lord, even the wilderness and dry land are glad and rejoice. We pray for those who rejoice this week as they celebrate their birthday (*especially...*) and anniversaries (*especially...*); that they might obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing might flee away.

Come Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer.

In the fulness of time, O God, you sent your son, to be born of our sister Mary. And his name was Emmanuel: God With Us. We thank you for your Presence with us, and we pray that you might be always present with those whom we love but see no longer.

Come Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer.

O Christ, hear our prayers, restore us, and show us the glorious light of your countenance, that we might be saved. Come Lord Jesus. Amen.

Rick Morley, on his A Garden Path blog. Reposted: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/12/prayer-of-intercession-advent-4.html>.

*HYMN

Once in Royal David's City

UMH #250

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 7:10-16

Mike Shifflet

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

*HYMN

Great is Thy Faithfulness

UMH #140

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19

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

*HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

UMH #577

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 1:1-7

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

People, Look East

UMH #202

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 1:18-25

Mike Shifflet

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

SERMON

Give You a Sign

Pastor Jason

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

*HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

UMH #89

* You are invited to stand

OCUMC Pianist: Jody Wiker

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

Liturgists: Dec. 4 Dot Lange; 11 Christie Jolly; 18 Mike Shifflet; 25 Ralph Stone

BIRTHDAYS: Dec. 7 Paula Shifflet; 19 Sharon Garner; 27 Annabelle Fritsch; 30 Ralph Stone;

PRAYER REQUESTS: Family of Pat and Bob Dietz on their passing; Beth Perkowski, testing & healing; Harmony Chiccarine & family, Leukemia; Fred Kohler, healing after bypass surgery; Josh (Jackie's grandson); Shirley Gehr – healing after a fall; Bible2School Program for 2nd-4th graders; Roberta Stone; Donald Stone; Nicole Wise; Lee Manifold (Marcia's father), health; Doris Cooper, health; Joetta's sister; Kuzmenko family; Maria, Angela and all foster children; Kathy Muth, cellulitis; Jack Muth, brain cancer; Chuck Flory, ALS; Garner family; Bob Rinier; Joanne Steinmetz (Jackie's sister), health; 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, Conference Staff, DS Jenny Freymoyer, Pastors and Laity. **PRAISES:** God's presence and healings.

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD: Victims of gun violence; The UMC & disaffiliations; Ukraine; Veterans & Service members; 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; libraries and staff; those struggling with addictions or mental illness; seniors; those grieving loved ones; our ministries; our community; elected, appointed and community based leaders; & COVID.

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

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"

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 717-344-9924 / leonshel37@gmail.com.

SERVANT SATURDAY DOWNTOWN MINISTRY on 1st Sat. of the month at 2pm. Meet at Faith UMC to cook / deliver meals & personal items for people who are unhoused. To help, call Diana at 717-435-8577.