

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

OCUMC SECRET SISTER PROGRAM: Women will secretly send their “sister” notes of encouragement & small gifts all year long—as well as praying for one another. If you are interested, please contact Jackie Black (717) 572-1521 or Bobbi Ann Stone (717) 844-1574. Please turn in your info sheets to them ASAP.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS: *January 14 class postponed.* Meet on Jan 21 & Feb 11 at Noon at Faith UMC. If you are interested in learning more about the UMC & our church, and are considering membership, contact Pastor Jason.

YOUTH GROUP ON SUNDAYS, 5-7 PM at Faith UMC for 5th-12th graders. Each week there are dinner, games & a lesson. Sign up to be the 2nd adult and/or to provide a meal. For more info contact Pastor Jason. **The next Gretna Glen trip is Jan. 21 (3:30-7PM).**

GRIEFSHARE GROUP to help people find support and process the loss of loved ones meets every other Monday from 5-6 PM at Faith UMC. **Next Meetings: January 22 & February 5.**

CHATTING on Mondays at 6:30 PM: This member-led, discussion group meets online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518?pwd=cEVDeDljeThaaWVlYjIjQWmZjTm5oUT09>.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY at Oregon Community UMC, 6:30PM.

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY at 10AM in Faith UMC Fellowship Hall.

YOUTH WINTER RETREAT: On Feb. 2-4 the Youth will go to Gretna Glen for the Winter Blast Youth Retreat. Please sign up by the Youth Bulletin Board. Permission Slips are needed. Cost is \$120, but \$60 will be covered from Youth Fundraisers. **\$30 is due when you sign up and \$30 is due by January 15, 2024.**

YOUNG ADULTS WINTER RETREAT: On Feb. 23-25 the Young Adults (HS Grad-30 years old) will go to Gretna Glen for the Winter Blast Youth Retreat. Cost is \$120, but scholarships are available from the camp. **Register directly through the camp.** Info is available at: <https://gretnaglen.org/event/18460122-2024-02-23-young-adult-retreat/>

THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. **Next meeting: Jan 17 at 5:30 PM (3rd Thursdays).** To learn more, contact Renee Norman. **Roadmap For Justice: POWER Interfaith Convention in Harrisburg on Feb 19.** To be a part of the team working on **Bail Reform & Representation for persons accused of crimes**, join the Zoom Session at Noon every Wednesday: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVXQWUk5LR2VFQT09>

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS FOR SPRING/EASTER WREATH MAKING at Faith UMC on Sat., Feb. 10, 9AM-1PM. Cost is \$40.00 to cover the cost of supplies and instructor’s time—due by Wed., Feb 7. Bring small wire cutters, and/or scissors if you have them. Samples are on display near the sign-up sheet. Pre-registration required and spaces is limited. This craft is not appropriate for children. **For more info, email/text Amy Boughter at thamno@live.com or 717-371-2302** (incl. your name in text).

CHILI FUNDRAISER AT FAITH UMC: We are trying a new FUNdraiser in 2024. On January 28, Noon through 2pm, you may stop by Fellowship Hall at Faith UMC for a warm bowl of chili with toppings. We hope to include a choice of 3 bases (Tator tots, rice, or spaghetti), 2 types of chili (regular or vegan), and plenty of toppings to make it just to **your** spice level. Like our spaghetti fundraiser, this will be a goodwill offering. You can also buy pints to-go for those who wish to eat it during your favorite sports events later in the day. If you have any questions, please contact Tim Patschke or Gwen Newell. **WE’RE NOT COLD, WE’RE JUST A LITTLE CHILL.**

IN NEED OF HELP? Contact Pastor Jason, 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 dial 9-8-8.**

LONG MEMORIAL FREE GROCERIES for those in need every Friday Night at 6pm.

Welcome to Oregon Community United Methodist Church



Address: 1214 Creek Road, Lititz, PA 17543

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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

January 7, 2024 at 9:00 AM – 1st Sunday after the Epiphany

WELCOME: We gather together to worship God: The Father, The Son, & the Holy Spirit. We celebrate that The Holy Spirit came upon the Virgin Mary, the Word of God became flesh within her, & she brought the only begotten Son, Jesus, into the world. This birth gathered together angels, shepherds, and magi. It brought together people of all nations and classes. So, 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. Together, we seek to honor & understand the gift of the Christ Child!

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Jason

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jason & God's People

O God, you made of one blood all nations, and, by a star in the East, revealed to all peoples him whose name is Emmanuel.

Enable us who know your presence within us so to proclaim his unsearchable riches that all may come to his light and bow before the brightness of his rising,

Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Written by Laurence Hull Stookey, United Methodist Publishing House, 1989.

*HYMN

O Come All Ye Faithful

UMH #234 v. 1, 3, 6

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6

Dot Lange

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

*HYMN

Sing We Now of Christmas

UMH #237 v. 1, 4, 5

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Jason

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14

Dot Lange

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

*HYMN

The First Noel

UMH #245 v. 1, 3, 4, 5

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 3:1-12

Dot Lange

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

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*HYMN

We Three Kings

UMH #254

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

Dot Lange

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

SERMON

Epiphany: An Aha Moment

Pastor Jason

COMMUNION

UMH #12-13

All are invited to the Lord's Table to receive God's forgiveness and grace through Communion

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

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH #13-14 & #895 & BOW #58-59

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

UMH #15

*HYMN

Let Us Break Bread Together

UMH #618

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

*HYMN

Joy to the World

UMH #246 v. 1 & 4

* You are invited to stand in body or in Spirit

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

Liturgists: January 7 Dot Lange; 14 Bob Jolly; 21 Mike Shifflet; 28 Ralph Stone

BIRTHDAYS: January 9 Joetta Henry; 24 Shirley Gehr

PRAYER REQUESTS: Perkowski Family and 3 foster children who have come into care this week; Garner Family, health; Mark Fahnestock, cancer; Frank & Charlene, health; Alfred Byrd, lungs; Joanne, scleroderma; Larry Cooper, continued healing and relief from back surgery, pain and an infection; Gene Denlinger, healing; Ralph's brother, infection; Dustin Oakes, esophagus; Dot's sister, Margaret; Bob Perkowski, upcoming neck/back surgery; Cynthia Kelly's mother, broken hip; all those in mourning; Kathy Fisher, healing from hip surgery; Vince Habel, healing; Shirley Baker, healing; Cheryl Cooper healing from surgery & MS; Bruce, hamstring; Fritsch & Stone family; Rev. Dorcas, healing from cancer; Cynthia from NJ, battling cancer; Shirley Gehr; Kevin's kidneys (Joetta's grandson); Brent Rollins, healing after spinal surgery; Denny Armstrong, healing after colon surgery; Josh & Megan (Jackie's grandkids); Foster families; Kathy Muth, cellulitis; Jack Muth, brain cancer; Chuck Flory, ALS; Bob Rinier; Judy Brivchik, eyesight; all those with cancer; Campus Ministries; Bishop John Schol, Conference Staff, DS Jenny Freymoyer, Pastors and Laity. **PRAISES:** God's presence and healings. **PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD:** The people of Israel, Palestine, Ukraine & Russia; Wisdom & safety for government officials globally; President Joe Biden and VP Kamala Harris; Healthy and gentle campaigns and election process; Prayers for all political candidates—safety & wisdom; Victims of gun violence; The UMC & disaffiliations; Veterans & Service members; police & medical personnel; the sick & caregivers; victims of violence & racism; peace, wisdom & reconciliation; abused persons & abusers; all affected by disasters; refugees & immigrants; the hungry, homeless & incarcerated; students, teachers & administration; libraries & staff; those struggling with addictions or mental illness; seniors; those grieving; our ministries & our community.



OFFERINGS: Thank you to everyone that supports our ministries. **Please consider if you are able to make a gift.** You can set up recurring donations through your own financial institution or at www.OregonCommunityUMC.US or via the QR Code. You can direct gifts to the **General Ministry, Building Funds,** or **UMCOR relief efforts (via <https://umcmmission.org>.)** We are able to receive gifts from **Required Minimum Distributions** from tax deferred **Retirement Accounts** (of those over 73 years of age), **Stocks, Bonds, Investments, Foundations, IRAs, etc.**

PASTOR JASON ON PATERNITY LEAVE: Pastor Jason & Julie have welcomed three boys into their home through foster care. In the UMC (BOD ¶355), pastors receive 8 weeks of full-time paid leave for maternity/ paternity leave that can also be spread out. So, he will begin to work half-time over the next 3 months instead of full-time paternity leave. He will continue to preach, lead the Youth Ministry & Grief Share, & teach Bible2School & Friday Bible Study. He will also respond to needs for pastoral care. However, there are other aspects of the ministry that he will not participate in as actively. Laity will fill in these gaps or there may simply be a delayed response. **If committees want Pastor Jason to attend their meetings, they should let him know in advance.** Otherwise, he will simply read the minutes afterwards. If you **have a pastoral need, please call, email or text with a detailed message for Pastor Jason so that needs can be prioritized and responded to efficiently.** Calls may go to voice mail. Leave a **detailed message.** During this important time in the lives of these children, Pastor Jason and Julie need to be available to get them to and from school, to visits and appointments, and to have time in the evenings to help with meals, homework, evening routines, etc. It is important to establish routines and connections, now. **Pastor Jason will primarily be working on church ministry when the boys are in school.** Sundays are focused on worship service and youth ministry. **So, 9am-3pm Monday-Thursdays are the best time to reach him.**