

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

150th ANNIVERSARY OF OREGON COMMUNITY UMC: This is the 150th anniversary of worship taking place at the Oregon Community Church. We are planning for some special celebrations throughout this year. If you have ideas or want to be a part of planning for these events, please contact Pastor Jason or Christie Jolly.

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: Meet on Feb 11 at Noon. If you are interested in learning more about the UMC and 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 or to help, please contact Pastor Jason. **No Youth Group on Feb 4 due to retreat. The next Gretna Glen trip is Feb 18 (3:30-7 PM).**

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: February 5 & 19.**

CHATTING on Mondays at 6:30 PM: This member-led, discussion group meets online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518?pwd=cEVDeDljeThaaWVIYjlQWmZjTm5oUT09.>

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

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

THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. **Next meeting: Feb 15 at 5:30 PM (3rd Thursdays).** **These sessions will now be by Zoom only at:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82735304374?pwd=eDBSZHRCZVphSnh2TENDZ0xrdG0vQT09.> 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=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVXQwUk5LR2VFOT09>

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).

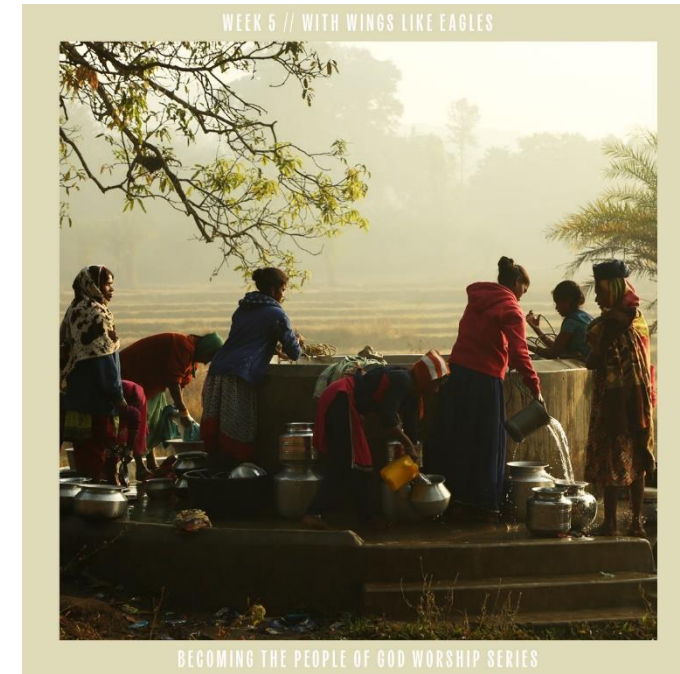
SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY is Feb11th. Wear your favorite football jersey to church and bring some canned soup to share with our local food bank.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE is on Feb 14 at Oregon Community UMC, 7:00 PM

TOOLS FOR MINISTRY: February 24 at Salem UMC, 140 N Penn St, Manheim, PA 17545. Registration and workshop descriptions coming soon! **Mark your calendar now!** There will be workshops for leaders who serve as Trustees, on Finance, Church Council, SPRC, etc. There will also be training on ministry for Seniors and Youth, how to get grants and low-cost technology, trainings on creative outreach, etc. **Stay tuned for more info!**

LITITZ DAY OF PRAYER: Friday, March 1, 2024 at 7:00 PM with music beginning at 6:30 pm. St. Paul Lutheran Church, 200 W Orange St, Lititz. Featured Speaker: William Zee, attorney. A free-will offering will be taken in support of Warwick Release Time Program. Special Music by: Lititz Moravian Trombone Choir & St James Folk Group

Welcome to Oregon Community United Methodist Church



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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

February 4, 2024 at 9:00 AM – 5th Sunday after the Epiphany

WELCOME: We gather together to worship the God who calls us—who spoke everything into creation, who spoke from the mountain tops and the burning bush, who spoke through the law and the prophets, who speaks into our spirit as the Holy Spirit, and who is the Word made flesh. 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 listen to hear God speak to us anew as individuals and as community.

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bob Jolly

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Jolly & God's People

People of God, welcome! Surely God is in this place! **We come to worship and to rest in God's presence.**

Breathe deep for the goodness of God surrounds us. **The Holy One who sustains the universe is near.**

When we are tired, worn down, and carrying heavy burdens, God is with us.

God strengthens us that we might help carry one another's burdens.

So, let us join together in wonder and thanksgiving for God's love that lifts us up on wings like eagles.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, August 2023

*HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

UMH #103

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 40:21-31

Ralph Stone

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

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

Bob Jolly

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

*Offertory Prayer

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 147:1-11, 20c

Ralph Stone

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

*HYMN

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

UMH #349 (Repeat 2x)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Ralph Stone

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

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

Bob Jolly

*HYMN

God of the Ages

UMH #698

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 1:29-39

Ralph Stone

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

SERMON

Paying Attention

Mike Shifflet

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Mike Shifflet

*HYMN

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

UMH #526

** You are invited to stand in body or in Spirit*

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

Liturgists: February 4 Ralph Stone; 11 Bob Jolly; 18 Mike Shifflet; 25 Ralph Stone

BIRTHDAYS: February 11 Roberta Stone; 15 Bernadine Spoo; 20 Mike Shifflet; 23 Shirley Baker

PRAYER REQUESTS: Dot Lange, replacement of ICD on Monday; Tracy and Eddie Dean (Pastor Jason's cousins) for healing from foot surgery and broken leg; Perkowski Family and 3 foster boys; Shifflet's neighbors, health; 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; Dustin Oakes, esophagus; Dot's family on the passing of her sister, Margaret; Bob Perkowski, upcoming neck/back surgery; Renia Perkowski, healing after spinal stimulator surgery; Cynthia Kelly's mother, broken hip & dementia; all those in mourning; 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.**

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 week through their Friday Night Food Ministry at 6pm. You can drive up and receive groceries to help support you through the week. *Volunteers needed.*

PASTOR JASON ON HALF-TIME PATERNITY LEAVE UNTIL EASTER: Pastor Jason & Julie have welcomed three boys into their home through foster care. Pastor Jason will continue to preach, lead the Youth Ministry & Grief Share, teach Bible2School & Friday Bible Study, and provide pastoral care. **If committees want Pastor Jason to attend meetings, contact him in advance. For pastoral needs, call, email or text with a detailed message for Pastor Jason. He will primarily be available 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.**

PASTOR JASON IS AWAY ON THE YOUTH RETREAT at Gretna Glen this weekend. He will be back at Noon. Please pray that the youth have a safe return and that the messages they heard this weekend grow in their hearts

OUR GUEST PREACHER TODAY IS MIKE SHIFFLET: We are grateful for him bringing us the message today. He and his wife Paula are part of the Oregon Community UMC where they lead the weekly Wed. Bible Study and also serve on the Conference Committee on Native American Ministry (CONAM).