

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

DRAMATIC READINGS FOR GOOD FRIDAY @ 7PM: If you are interested in doing a dramatic performance on Good Friday portraying one of the people who experienced Jesus in his last days, please contact Pastor Jason, ASAP. You will be given a script to prepare for the evening service on March 29.

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.

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. **The next Gretna Glen trip is March 17 (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: March 18 & April 1. April 1 will be the beginning of a new series of 13 classes (spread across 26 weeks) using new materials. If you or someone you know is interested in joining as we start the new series, please contact Pastor Jason.**

CHATTING on Mondays at 6:30 PM: This member-led, discussion group meets online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518?pwd=cEVDeDljeThaaWVlYjIOWmZjTm5oUT09>.

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: March 21 at 5:30 PM (3rd Thursdays). These sessions are by Zoom only at:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82735304374?pwd=eDBSZHRCZVphSnh2TENDZ0xrdG0vQT09>. To learn more, contact Renee Norman. To be a part of the team working on **Criminal Justice & Bail Reform**, join the us online at Noon every Wednesday: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOeIVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>

THE LANCASTER FAMILY YMCA 69TH ANNUAL GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST will be held Friday, March 29 at The Farm and Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, PA @ 7:30 am (Doors open at 7 am) The speaker will be Rev. Jennifer Mattson from Saint Thomas Episcopal Church in Lancaster, PA, along with live music and a buffet-style breakfast. Tickets are \$20 per person and are required. They may be purchased online at [Registration Options \(donorperfect.net\)](#). *Tickets are NOT available at the door.*

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY AND EGG HUNT at Faith UMC! We are celebrating Spring and the good news that Christ has risen! Come and join us on **Sat., March 16th from 8:00 to 10:30 AM with Egg Hunts at 8:30, 9:30 & 10:30 AM.** We will be serving a hot breakfast to enjoy in our dining room or for take-out, with pancakes, sausage and various toppings. Gluten free option available! **Cost is by donation.** The Easter Bunny will be available for photos.

COLLECTING ITEMS FOR YARD SALE: While you are doing that spring cleaning, Faith can always use donations for the Youth Group tables at the yard sale at Faith UMC on May 26. There is an area in the room across from the Youth Room for donations. No clothing please. You can donate books in the library room. Thank you.

EASTER SUNDAY:

Thursday, Mar 28

Maundy Thursday Service at Salem UMC: Rothsville, 6:30 PM (NEW TIME)

Friday, Mar 29

Good Friday Service at Long Memorial UMC: Neffsville, Noon

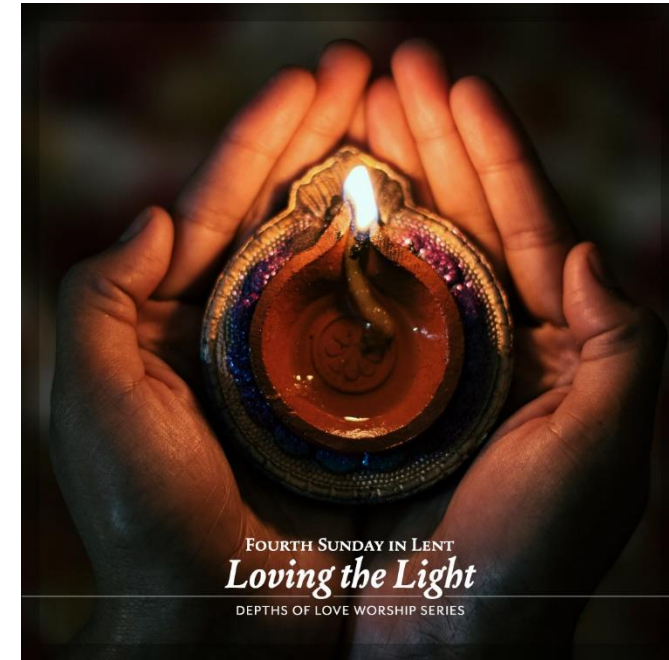
Good Friday Service at Faith UMC, 7:00 PM

Sunday, Mar 31

Easter Sunrise Service at Oregon Community, 6:30 AM

Easter Services at Oregon Community, 9:00 AM / Faith UMC, 10:30AM

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 9-3pm. 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

March 10, 2024 at 9:00 AM – 4th Sunday in Lent & UMCOR Sunday

WELCOME: For forty days, Jesus wandered the wilderness in prayer and fasting in preparation for his ministry. We gather this morning as part of our journey to follow Jesus more closely and to prepare ourselves for remembering his death and resurrection at Easter. We are so glad that you have joined us on the path. 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

Pastor Jason

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jason & God's People

Lenten travelers, the journey is long. Let us take a moment to rest and breathe. **Only in God do we find our rest.**

Sometimes the road is easy, and we bask in the warmth of the Light who guides us.

Other times the road is hard, and we hide from the Light, afraid for our actions to be made known in public. Somedays we delight in the joy of journeying together on this road.

Other days we struggle with the temptation to judge and condemn one another as we travel this path.

Today, let us come into the Light together as we learn to love God and one another through the twists and turns of our Lenten journey. **Come, let us worship God together! Amen.**

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

*HYMN

God Is Here

UMH #660

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Numbers 21:4-9

Bob Jolly

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Jason

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22

Bob Jolly

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

Pastor Jason
UMH #95

*Offertory Prayer

*HYMN

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

UMH #206

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 2:1-10

Bob Jolly

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

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

UMH #895

*HYMN

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

UMH #297

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 3:14-21

Bob Jolly

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

SERMON

Loving the Light

Pastor Jason

*HYMN

Grace Greater than Our Sin

UMH #365 v. 1-3

RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP

Jean Zablin

UMH #35-39

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Pastor Jason

*HYMN

Grace Greater than Our Sin

UMH #365 v. 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: March 3 Dot Lange; 10 Bob Jolly; 17 Mike Shifflet; 24 Ralph Stone; 31 Pastor Jason

BIRTHDAYS: March 10 Sandy Baird; 20 Kathy Fisher

PRAYER REQUESTS: Rev. Sally Ott - spinal surgery; Tracy and Eddie Dean (Pastor Jason's cousins) for healing from foot surgery and broken leg; Perkowski Family and 3 foster boys; Bob Perkowski, neck surgery; Renia Perkowski, neural stimulator; Brent Rollins, strokes; Denny Armstrong, healing after colon surgery & kidney failure; 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; Dustin Oakes, esophagus; Cynthia Kelly's mother, dementia; all those in mourning; Vince Habel, healing; Shirley Baker, healing; Cheryl Cooper healing from surgery & MS; Bruce, hamstring; Rev. Dorcas, healing from cancer and travels to Sierra Leone; Cynthia from NJ, battling cancer; Shirley Gehr; Kevin's kidneys (Joetta's grandson); 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 & staff; libraries & staff; those struggling with addictions or mental illness; seniors; those grieving; our ministries & 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.*

UMCOR SUNDAY is March 10. Gifts given on UM Committee on Relief Sunday strengthen The United Methodist Church's global humanitarian response to urgent needs and disasters by underwriting UMCOR's administrative costs so the agency can use 100% of Advance funds where they are needed most in the world.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE 2024 EPA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, May 21-23, at Wildwoods Convention Center. To see the agenda, hotel options and other information, visit the [AC2024 webpage](#), which will be updated as more information becomes available. Also, volunteers are needed for the 2024 Annual Conference. Please complete and submit the form provided to serve as an usher, minute taker or tellers. See descriptions on the [Volunteers Needed](#) webpage. Church delegates and equalizing lay delegates should sign up ASAP. If you are interested in being an equalizing lay delegate please contact Pastor Jason or District Superintendent Freymoyer.

PASTOR JASON ON HALF-TIME PATERNITY LEAVE UNTIL EASTER: He will continue to preach and teach and provide pastoral care. **If committees want Pastor Jason to attend meetings, contact him in advance. For pastoral needs leave a detailed message. He will primarily be available when the boys are in school.** Sundays are focused on worship service and youth ministry. **9am-3pm Monday-Thursdays are the best time to reach him.**