

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 join us on March 23 at 10AM in Fellowship Hall.

SCRAPBOOK PLANNING MEETING on Monday, March 18 at 6:30PM in Fellowship Hall to discuss options for a shared scrapbook fundraiser between Oregon Community & Faith UMC. Please join us if you are interested in helping to plan this event sometime this summer or fall.

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=cEVDeDljeThaaWVlYjIjQWmZjTm5oUT09>.

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).** We will discuss the Feb 7, LNP article, "Immigrants Make US a Stronger, Richer Nation." There are printed copies in the hall. **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 us online at Noon every Wednesday: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOeIVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQ09>

PREVENTING CAREGIVER BURNOUT WORKSHOP via Zoom. Thursday, March 21, 2024 from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. You will learn skills to help prevent burnout, including how to discern your boundaries, effectively and kindly communicate those boundaries, recognize signs of caregiver burnout, and use mindful self-compassion practices to stay centered. We will also talk about how to recover from burnout in caregiving roles. To register, visit [Parish Resource Center \(connectprc.org\)](https://connectprc.org) or call 717-299-1113.

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 \(donorperfect.net\)](https://connectprc.org). *Tickets are NOT available at the door.*

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



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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 17, 2024 at 9:00 AM – 5th Sunday in Lent

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, how long have you traveled this road with your gaze pointed down at the dust and gravel and asphalt as you walk or limp or roll down the path?

Sometimes it is easier to look at the road than at the people who share the journey with us.

Lift up your heads! Look, listen, reach out a hand. Who are your neighbors on this road?

We lift our heads and look to our Savior who journeys with us and helps us notice our neighbors all around us.

This is the Lenten journey—to learn to love God and love our neighbors just as Jesus showed us.

Our journey teaches us to lose our lives to God as we find and follow Christ in our service to others.

Come, let us worship God who caravans with us on this road to the cross. **Come, let us worship! Amen.**

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

*HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

UMH #140

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Mike Shifflet

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Jason

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 51:1-12

Mike Shifflet

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

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

Pastor Jason

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

*Offertory Prayer

*HYMN

Have Thine Own Way, Lord!

UMH #382

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 5:5-10

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

Lift High the Cross

UMH #159

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 12:20-33

Mike Shifflet

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

SERMON

Whoever Serves

Pastor Jason

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Pastor Jason

*HYMN

Nothing but the Blood

UMH #362

** 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; Jason & Julie Perkowski & their 3 foster boys and sister who returned to their parents this week; 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.*

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](#). Help is needed--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 DS Freymoyer.**

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED FOOD AND TRANSPORTATION FOR THE CONGOLESE FAMILY: The Pendacheke family arrived to the US on Tuesday and we were able to provide them with lots of groceries, prepared meals from Church World Service and to transport them to their hotel. They were extremely grateful for your generosity and warm welcome to Lancaster County.

WORKDAY AT OCUMC on May 4 from 10AM to 2PM. Come out to help organize the shed, organize items for the Community Yard Sale, paint, tear out flooring, etc.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE & CHICKEN BBQ on May 11 at OCUMC. We need help to run the event.

150th ANNIVERSARY COMMUNITY CELEBRATION on June 15 from 4-6PM ending with a 6PM Worship Service and Desert Reception. There will be games and activities for kids and families, food, and a worship service with leaders from the UMC to celebrate 150 years of service in the community.