

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.

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 from 8AM-1PM at OCUMC. We need help to run the event. And if you have items or books to donate, please contact us to let us know.

OREGON COMMUNITY UMC 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 to celebrate 150 years of service in the community. **SCRAPBOOK EVENT will take place on Sat., August 10 from 9am-5pm at Faith UMC as a joint fundraiser. NEXT PLANNING MEETINGS on Monday, May 13 & July 8 at 6:30PM at Faith UMC** Please join us if you are interested in helping to plan this event and to serve on the day of the event. Sign-up sheets coming soon.

YOUTH GROUP ON SUNDAYS, 5-7 PM at Faith UMC for 5th-12th graders. Each week there is dinner, games & a lesson. Sign up to be the 2nd adult and/or to provide a meal. **Trips to Gretna Glen will resume next Fall.**

GRIEFSHARE helps people process the loss of loved ones and to find support from peers. There is a video curriculum, discussion and mutual support. **We will start a new group in April with a series of 13 classes (spread across 26 weeks) using a brand-new curriculum.** People are also invited to go through the program a second time. **We meet every other Monday from 5-6:30 PM in the first classroom in the Education Wing at Faith UMC beginning on April 15.** This is open to the church and community. Contact Pastor Jason for more info or to register.

CHATTING on Mondays at 6:30 PM: This member-led, discussion group meets online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518?pwd=cEVDeDljeThaaWVIYjQWmZjTm5oUT09.>

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

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

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.*

HOLY WEEK SERVICES ARE LISTED BELOW— Please email FaithUMC@hotmail.com or Pastor Larry Kipp (lkipp19@aol.com) to let us know if you are coming to Maundy Thursday so we can plan for food.

HOLY WEEK:

Sunday, Mar 24	Palm Sunday and the Triumphal Entry
Thursday, Mar 28	Maundy Thursday Service at Salem UMC: Rothsville, 6:30 PM (RSVP)
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 24, 2024 at 9:00 AM – Palm 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

We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips; we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts.

Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow, for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.

We wave palm branches in anticipation; we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.

Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes: modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.

Written by Thom Shuman and posted on his Lectionary Liturgies blog. Re-posted on the re:Worship blog at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/02/contemporary-call-to-worship-palm.html>.

*HYMN

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Ralph Stone

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Jason

*HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

UMH #280

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 11:1-11

Ralph Stone

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

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

UMH #895

*HYMN

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

UMH #277

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 12:12-16

Ralph Stone

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

SERMON

Blessed is the One

Pastor Jason

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Pastor Jason

*HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

UMH #64

* You are invited to stand in body or in Spirit

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 sisters who returned to their family 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; Dustin Oakes, esophagus; Cynthia Kelly's mother, dementia; all those in mourning; Vince Habel, healing; Shirley Baker, healing; Cheryl Cooper healing from surgery & MS; Larry Cooper, continued healing of back; 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.**

THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. **Next meeting: April 18 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 us online at Noon every Wednesday: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOeIVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>

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 \(connectprc.org\)](#) or call 717-299-1113.

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