

ANNOUNCEMENTS:



OREGON COMMUNITY UMC 150th ANNIVERSARY COMMUNITY CELEBRATION on June 22 from 2-6PM ending with a 6PM Worship Service and Dessert Reception. There will be live music at 2pm with Tara and Mike, yard games and activities for kids and families, a bounce house, free food, and a worship service to celebrate 150 years of service in the community. Please join us for this event—and invite family, former members as well as your neighbors to celebrate with us.

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 Christie Jolly or Pastor Jason. **Sign-up sheets are in the lobby.**

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—including making side dishes. **Sign-up sheets are in the lobby.** If you have items or books to donate, please contact us to let us know.

NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE at Faith UMC: Join neighbors from Wetherburn North for a neighborhood-wide yard sale on **May 25 from 7am – 1pm.** **Space rentals at Faith UMC are available for \$20** by calling 717-696-5321 or visiting www.FaithUMC.us for a link to sign up.

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. **NO Youth Tonight—we resume next Sunday**

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=cEVDeDljeThaaWVIYjlQWmZjTm5oUT09>.

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

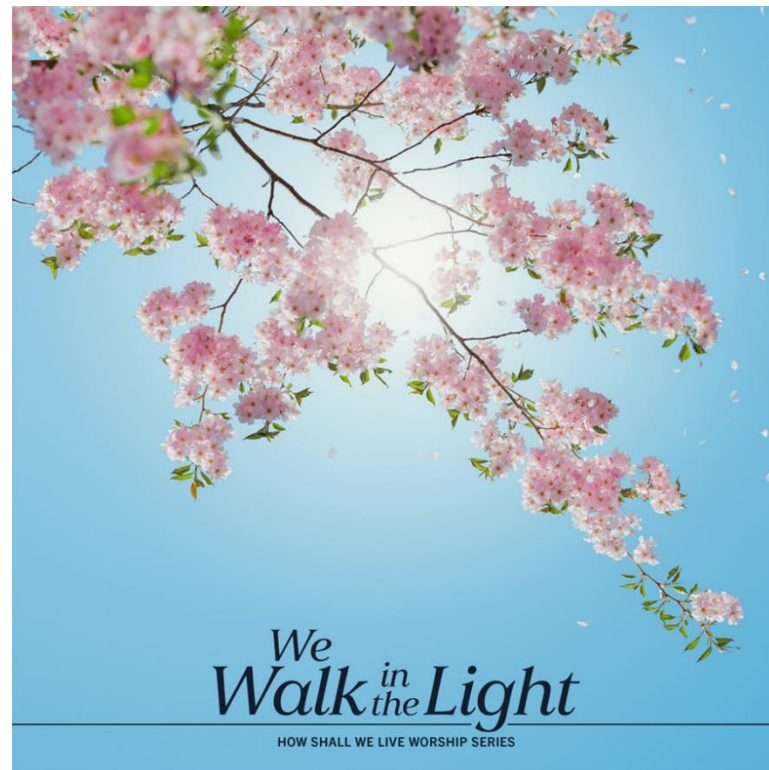
FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY at 10AM in Faith UMC Fellowship Hall.



SUMMER CAMP: REGISTER TO ATTEND A UMC CAMP THIS SUMMER—OR VOLUNTEER AS A COUNSELOR / SUPPORT STAFF. Visit <https://www.epaumc.org/ministry/camp-retreat> for more information or visit each camp's website. **Families with campers in need of financial support should contact the church office.**

THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. **Next meeting: April 18 at 5:30 PM (3rd Thursdays).** We will discuss “Building Power Together.” There are printed copies available from Pastor Jason. **These sessions are by Zoom only at:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82735304374?pwd=eDBSZHRCZVphSnh2TENDZ0xrdG0vQT09>. To learn more, contact Renee Norman. To work on **Criminal Justice & Bail Reform**, join us online at Noon every Wednesday: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOeIVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>

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.



April 7, 2024 at 9:00 AM – 2nd Sunday of Easter

WELCOME: Today we remember and testify to the resurrection of Jesus, God’s Son and our Messiah. He chose to come and live among us, willingly died on the cross for us, and then rose from the dead to redeem our souls. The Father has seated the Son at His Right Hand and sent the Holy Spirit to minister to us powerfully. 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. We are so glad that you are here!

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Jason

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor Jason & God’s People

How shall we live when shadows gather?
Drawn to God’s unquenchable light, we are also drawn into one another’s presence.
 What was hidden has been revealed; we are woven together with all Creation.
When we live in the light, as God is in the light, we are one with each other.
 Let us worship God, who is our Light and Salvation.

Written by Rev. Paul Mitchell, Walla Walla, WA (ancestral homelands of the Cayuse, Umatilla, Palus, and Walla Walla), senior pastor of Pioneer United Methodist Church. He is an elder in full Connection in the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference and is involved in the United Methodist Creation Justice Movement.

***HYMN**

Christ Is Alive

UMH #318 v. 1, 3, 4, 5

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 133; Acts 4:32-35

Bob Jolly

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

CHILDREN’S TIME

Pastor Jason

***HYMN**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

UMH #557 v. 1-3

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:19-31

Bob Jolly

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

THE PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Pastor Jason

***HYMN**

Christ Is Risen

UMH #307

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 John 1:1-2:2

Bob Jolly

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

SERMON

We Walk in the Light

Pastor Jason

***HYMN**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

UMH #420

COMMUNION: CONFESSION, PARDON & PASSING THE PEACE

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

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

UMH #15

***HYMN** *Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast*

UMH #616

***HYMN** *For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

UMH #614

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Pastor Jason

***HYMN**

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

UMH #304 v. 1 & 3

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

Pianist: Jody Wiker **Pastor:** The Rev. Jason Perkowski **Ministers:** The People of God
Liturgists: April 7 Bob Jolly; 14 Dot Lange; 21 Mike Shifflet; 28 Ralph Stone

BIRTHDAYS: April 14 Jackie Black; 14 Hunter Fritsch; 19 Val Cooper;
ANNIVERSARIES: April 2 Dot & Al Lange; 19 Paula and Mike Shifflet

PRAYER REQUESTS: Family of Mark Fahnestock, on his passing; Jane Hess, pain after surgery; Josh Zimmerman, enlisting in Marines; 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; Renia Perkowski, neural stimulator; Brent Rollins, strokes; Denny Armstrong, healing after colon surgery & kidney failure; Shifflet’s neighbors, health; Garner Family, health; 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 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: Bob Perkowski, healing well from neck surgery; 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](#), 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.

PRE-ANNUAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION SESSION: Wednesday, May 8, at 2 p.m. or 7 p.m. Preparations for the 2024 Annual Conference are underway. Check out the [AC2024 webpage](#) to see the agenda and information about registration, hotels, focus groups and volunteer opportunities. And be sure to attend our Pre-Annual Conference Information Session via Zoom May 8, at 2 p.m. or 7 p.m. We’ll send out Zoom access information in advance of the session.