

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 adults, 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: We are planning for special celebrations throughout this year. If you have ideas or want to be a part of these events, contact Christie Jolly or Pastor Jason. **Sign-up sheets are in the lobby.**

planning

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.

BINGO NIGHT AT FAITH UMC: May 10 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Hosted by SMO (Shepherding, Missions, & Outreach Committee). Refreshments will be provided. Bring a friend!

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.** You can also donate items or books.

NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE at Faith UMC: Join us and our neighbors from Wetherburn North for a neighborhood yard sale on **May 25 from 7am – 1pm.** **Space rentals at Faith UMC are available for \$20.** You may make a reservation for a space 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.

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 started a new group in April. We meet every other Monday from 5-6:30 PM in the first classroom in the Education Wing at Faith UMC** *Our next meetings are April 29 & May 13.* 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. We meet on **Zoom** at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82735304374?pwd=eDBSZHRRCZVphSnh2TENDZ0xrdG0vQT09> on the **3rd Thursdays (inc. May 16 at 5:30 PM).** To learn more, contact Renee Norman.

SUB SALE: Faith UMC has S. Clyde Weaver Certificates for \$7.00 to use for a made-to-order sub at any of their locations. You have 7+ varieties of sandwiches. Support ministry while getting a discount. Contact Carol, 560-0321.

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.



April 28, 2024 at 9:00 AM – 5th 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

Easter people, we have been saved by the Risen Christ, the life-giving Vine.

We abide in Love, the life-giving Vine.

We are branches of the Vine—sustained, nurtured, and pruned by Love.

We have no life apart from Love, the life-giving Vine.

When we make our home in the Vine, and the Vine makes a home in us, we bear the fruit of Love.

We produce the fruit of Love, the life-giving Vine.

Easter people, how shall we bear the fruit of Love, the life-giving Vine?

We will love and learn to love as we rest, play, work, and build community with God and one another.

Amen.

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

***HYMN**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

UMH #89

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 22:25-31

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

CHILDREN’S TIME

Pastor Jason

***HYMN**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

UMH #384

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 8:26-40

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

UMH #95

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 15:1-8

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

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

UMH #895

***HYMN**

I Need Thee Every Hour

UMH #397 v. 1, 3, 4, 5

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 John 4:7-21

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

SERMON

We Bear Fruit

Pastor Jason

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Pastor Jason

***HYMN**

Lord, I Want to be a Christian

UMH #402 v. 1, 2, 4

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

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

BIRTHDAYS: April 14 Jackie Black; 14 Hunter Fritsch; 19 Val Cooper;

ANNIVERSARIES: April 2 Dot & Al Lange; 19 Paula and Mike Shifflet

PRAYER REQUESTS: Birth of Odette Brown and healing for prenatal health issues; Pastoral transitions for Long Memorial, Emmanuel and Salem: Rothsville UMC; The UMC, Conference Delegates and Bishops as they meet for General Conference April 23-May 4; Jane Hess, pain after surgery; Josh Zimmerman, enlisting in Marines; Brent Rollins, strokes; Denny Armstrong, healing after colon surgery & kidney failure; Frank & Charlene, health; Alfred Byrd, lungs; Joanne, scleroderma; Dustin Oakes, esophagus; those in mourning; Vince Habel, Shirley Baker, Cheryl Cooper and Larry Cooper for healing; 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:** Pastor Hedwige Mutwale coming to serve and for final month at Drew Seminary; Rev. Dorcas, healing from cancer and travels to Sierra Leone; Rev. Sally Ott - spinal surgery; Bob Perkowski, healing well from neck surgery; Renia Perkowski, doing well with neural stimulator; 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; 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; all struggling with addictions or mental illness; seniors; those grieving; etc.



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.**

WEST DISTRICT CONFERENCE: Sunday, May 5 at 2:00 PM at Ruhl’s UMC in Manheim. All are welcome to learn more about what is happening on our district and what will be happening at Conferences this summer.

PRE-ANNUAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION SESSION: Via Zoom Wednesday, May 8 at 2 p.m. or 7 p.m. Check out the [AC2024 webpage](#) to see the agenda and more information .

2024 EPA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, May 21-23, at Wildwoods Convention Center. To see the agenda, hotel options and other information, visit the [AC2024 webpage](#). Volunteers are needed to serve as an usher, minute taker or tellers. If you are interested in being an equalizing lay delegate, please contact Pastor Jason or DS Freymoyer.

FAITH IN ACTION: Church World Services has found permanent housing for the Pendacheko family who moved here from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. They are hoping to move items into the house on Ruby St in Lancaster the evening of Mon., April 29 or Tues April, 30. Thank you for your generous donations to help get them started. Please have your items at the church by Sunday morning. We will be in touch with people who offered furniture to make arrangements for drop off. **If you are available to help or still want to donate household items or furniture, please contact the church office or Diana Valentine at 717-283-6099.**

LANCASTER COUNTY NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER on MAY 2 at 6:15PM at Calvary Church, 1051 Landis Valley Rd, Lancaster, PA. This year’s theme is: **Lift up the Word. Light up the World** (2 Samuel 22:29-31). Featured guest is Charles Billingsly. For more info and other participating venues go to www.lancasterndp.com.