

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:



**SCRAPBOOK EVENT** will take place on **Sat., Aug. 10 from 9am-5pm** at Faith UMC as a joint fundraiser. **NEXT PLANNING MEETINGS on July 8 at 6:30PM at Faith UMC.** All are invited to help. For \$25 you will have a 4' x 30" table to work on scrapbooking. You can choose a person to share the other half of your table. We will help carry in your supplies from your car. There will be door prizes. Food available to buy. You may pay via "[Online Giving](#)" and selecting "Scrapbook Crop" or by mailing a check to the church made out to "Faith UMC." [REGISTER ONLINE](#) or by mailing a form to Faith UMC, 1290 Fruitville Pike, Lititz 17543. Register now.

**THREADS OF FAITH:** If you like to knit, sew, crochet or quilt, Faith UMC would like to invite you to Threads of Faith! Whether you are experienced or just learning, you are welcome to join us from 10am - Noon the first Saturday of each month for a time of fun and fellowship! Bring your sewing machines and supplies and work on your projects or start a new one while we chat and share talents in our brightly lit, spacious room! Our first gathering **will be Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Signups appreciated but walk-ins welcome! We look forward to meeting you all!

**YOUTH GROUP ON SUNDAYS, 5-7 PM at Faith UMC** for 5th-12th graders. Each week there is dinner, games & a lesson. Any students are invited to join us—you don't have to be a member of one of our churches. Sign up to be the 2nd adult and/or provide a meal by contacting Pastor Jason. ***NOW THAT IT IS SUMMER, THOSE ENTERING 5TH GRADE IN THE FALL ARE INVITED TO START ATTENDING YOUTH GROUP!!***

**GRIEFSHARE** helps people process the loss of loved ones and to find support. There is a video curriculum, discussion & mutual support. **We meet every other Monday from 5-6:30 PM in the Education Wing at Faith UMC.** ***Our next meetings are July 15 & 29.*** This is open to church & community. See Pastor Jason for info.

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY at Oregon Community UMC *on break for this summer—will restart in Fall.***

**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/-retreat> for more information or visit each camp's website. **Families with campers in need of financial support should contact the church office.**

**MEDICINE BOTTLE COLLECTION** for clinics in poor countries. ***Please remove all labels and sticky residue.*** A basket is in the lobby. ***We can only use bottles that are about 1.25 inches in diameter by 3 inches tall.***

**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.***

**THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM** engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. **Next meeting: July 18 at 5:30 PM (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays).** **Join us by Zoom only at:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82735304374?pwd=eDBSZHRhZVphSnh2TENDZ0xrdG0vQT09>. To learn more, contact Renee Norman. The **Criminal Justice & Bail Reform Team**, meets online at Noon every other Wednesday: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVXQwUk5LR2VFOT09>.

**MANDATED REPORTER/SAFE SANCTUARIES TRAINING:** You are required to attend this training ***annually if you have any interaction with children, youth or vulnerable adults.*** Please provide us with a certificate proving that you have done this training or plan to join us on **Monday, July 15 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm for training led by Pastor Jason** —for youth & adults. If you are not able to attend that day training is available online.

## Welcome to Oregon Community United Methodist Church



**Address:** 1214 Creek Road, Lititz, PA 17543

**Church Phone:** (717) 656-7198

**Website:** [OregonCommunityUMC.us](http://OregonCommunityUMC.us)

**Facebook:** Oregon Community UMC

**Pastor:** The Rev. Jason Perkowski

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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



July 7, 2024 at 9:00 AM – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**W**ELCOME: God is beyond our understanding but comes to us in many different ways to be revealed so that we may know the love of God more. May the Spirit of God inspire & fill us as we worship together today! 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 you are here!

## GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bob Jolly

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Jolly & God's People

Beloved, when our bodies feel unable and incapable, and the voices all around us disparage and criticize our bodies as weak and worthless, God calls to us... **Open your heart to your weakness and my strength.**

When we persist in the false belief that we should and must do everything on our own, never asking for help and persisting in our drive for full independence, God calls to us...

**Open your heart to your weakness and my strength.**

When we feel shame because we need help, and the deep vulnerability of our needs pierces our hearts, God calls to us... **Open your heart to your weakness and my strength.**

Listen! Pay attention! God calls to us in our weakness, not to erase our frailties or bemoan all the things society may tell us we lack, but to empower us within the vulnerability of our humanness, naming us Beloved in the fullness of who we are.

**May we open our hearts in worship to receive the goodness in our weakness and the power in the strength of God's love for all of God's vulnerable creation. Amen.**

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, April 2024*

## \*HYMN

*Amazing Grace*

UMH #378 v. 1-4

## THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Bob Jolly

## \*HYMN

*Freely, Freely*

UMH #389

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Matthew 21:23-32**

Bob Jolly

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

## SERMON

*Who's in Charge Here?*

Pastor Rimert

## 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

## BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Pastor Rimert

## \*HYMN

*Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

UMH #382

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

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

**Liturgists:** July 7 Bob Jolly; 14 Mike Shifflet; 21 Dot Lange; 28 Ralph Stone

**WELCOME TO PASTOR RICHARD RIMERT:** We are grateful for him bringing us the sermon and Communion today. He is a retired Elder in the UMC having faithfully and lovingly served multiple churches in Eastern PA. He is an avid reader and bicyclist, enjoys working at Hershey Park in retirement, and can often be found with his beloved wife enjoying the beauty of Longwood Gardens. Please make him feel welcome as he joins us in worship today. *Pastor Jason is with Pastor Hedwige Mutwale serving at Salem, Emmanuel and Long Memorial this morning and bringing them communion. He will be back at OCUMC next Sunday.*

**BIRTHDAYS:** July 14 David Fritsch; 16 Christie Jolly; 21 Al Lange; 30 Bob Jolly

**ANNIVERSARIES:** July 4 Jody & Anthony Wiker; 11 Julie & Jason Perkowski

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Pastor Hedwige as she begins her ministry serving our 5 churches; Kelly's hip surgery; Tornado recovery in Paula's hometown; Patty's ALS; Denny Mateer after back surgery; Twin baby boys in foster care with Jason & Julie; Birth of Odette Brown; Bishop Schol, DS Freymoyer & EPAUMC Staff; Laity and Clergy of the UMC; Jurisdictional Conference Delegates & Bishops as they provide leadership & communication and prepare for the July Session; For unity & love in the church universal & the UMC; Pastoral transitions for Long Memorial, Emmanuel and Salem: Rothsville UMC; Jane Hess, pain after surgery; Josh Zimmerman, moving to Utah; Denny Armstrong, kidney failure & Dixie Armstrong, COVID; Frank & Charlene, health; Alfred Byrd, lungs; Joanne, scleroderma; Vince Habel, Shirley Baker, Cheryl Cooper and Larry Cooper for healing; All those battling cancer; Shirley Gehr; Kevin's kidneys (Joetta's grandson); Foster families; Kathy Muth, cellulitis; Jack Muth, brain cancer; Chuck Flory, ALS; Bob Rinier; Judy Brivchik, eyesight; all those with cancer; Campus Ministries.

**PRAISES:** Kaly finding a home church; God's presence and healings; Renovations being done to OCUMC and those doing the labor; God's faithful love that is new every morning; God's presence through illness, struggle & loss; Beauty of blooming flowers. **PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD:** The people of Israel, Palestine, Ukraine & Russia; Wisdom & safety for government officials; President Joe Biden and VP Kamala Harris; Healthy and gentle campaigns and election process; political candidates; victims of gun violence; 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; library 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. *The online giving through the conference discontinues at the end of July—please cancel your donations before then and identify new ways to give directly to OCUMC.* You can direct gifts to the **General Ministry, Building Funds, or UMCOR relief efforts (via <https://umcmision.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.**

**CALLING ALL KIDS AGES 4-10!!! Vacation Bible School is July 22-26 from 6-8 PM.** This year we are going on a deep-sea adventure – **Operation Overboard!** Come and join us for a fun-filled week of skits, games, music, crafts, and snacks. We will meet people of deep faith from both the Old & New Testaments as we invite you into a deeper relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Sign up now: <https://forms.gle/aqZ6Hi75EUUo7ofN8>.

**LONG MEMORIAL UMC VBS:** *Christmas in July: The Real Story*, July 7-11, 5:30 TO 8:00 PM.

**VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Adults & youth are invited to volunteer for *Operation Overboard* VBS! Contact Carol Kennedy ([faithumc@hotmail.com](mailto:faithumc@hotmail.com) or 717-560-0321) for opportunities to serve, lead & have fun with children from our church and the community! We often have our folks volunteer in this ministry with our sister church.

**IN NEED OF HELP?** Contact Pastor Jason, dial 2-1-1 or visit [www.211.org](http://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.**