

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SCRAPBOOK EVENT will take place on **Sat., Aug. 10 from 9am-5pm at Faith UMC as a joint fundraiser.** For \$25 guests 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. Those links are available at FaithUMC.US. **Register ASAP. We also need volunteers to help with this event. Contact Jackie (717) 572-1521 for details.**

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 3rd.** 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 29 & Aug 12.*** This is open to church & community. See Pastor Jason for info.

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.*

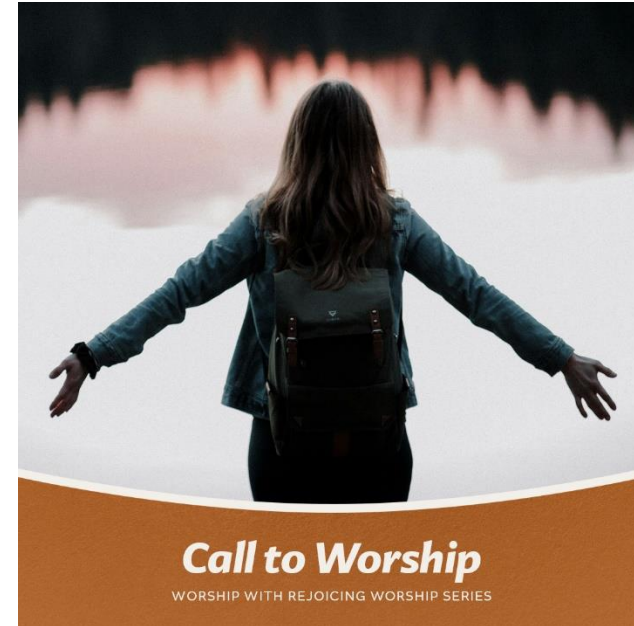
SUB SALE: Faith UMC has certificates from S. Clyde Weaver for \$7.00. Pick up a delicious made-to-order sub at any of their locations. You have 7+ varieties of sandwiches available on a sub roll, bread or wrap or may pick a ready-made sandwich. You can support our ministries while getting a discounted price! See Carol in office.

THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. **Next meeting: August 15 at 5:30 PM (3rd Thursdays).** **Join us by Zoom only at:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82735304374?pwd=eDBSZHRCZVphSnh2TENDZ0xrdG0vQT09>. To learn more, contact Renee Norman. The **Criminal Justice & Bail Reform Team**, meets online at Noon every other Wed. (July 24 & Aug 7): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVXQwUk5LR2VfOT09>.

FAITH FRIENDSHIP MINISTRIES is a Faith based group home in Mountville, PA that houses adults with disabilities & severe mental illnesses. They need craft supplies for their activity department. They are looking for the following supplies: t-shirts of all sizes, white baseball hats, tie dye supplies, stickers, holiday stickers, holiday craft supplies for all holidays, poster board, tissue paper, glitter, sequins, yarn, and any other craft supplies anyone wants to donate. **They can be dropped off at Faith UMC if you want to help.**

REVERBERATE 2024 is Sun., Sept 15, 6-8pm (with food trucks 4-6pm) in Long's Park hosted by Water Street Mission. It will feature powerful testimonies, fellowship, and worship across denominations.

Welcome to Oregon Community United Methodist Church



Address: 1214 Creek Road, Lititz, PA 17543
Church Phone: (717) 656-7198
Website: 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 Sanctuary at 9:00 AM at Oregon Community UMC
BROADCAST ONLINE at 10:30 AM from Faith UMC on Facebook
& church websites under *Online Worship*.

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.





July 21, 2024 at 9:00 AM – 9th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME: Each Sunday we gather together to worship as a communal activity where individuals become one in the Christ. We learn of God together through Scripture and discernment. We support and pray for one another in the journey. We submit together to obey God’s call on our lives. 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

Pastor Jason

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor Jason & God’s People

Welcome! Welcome to the baggage we carry, the joys we share, the griefs we bear, and the worries we hold.

Come! Let us worship!

The voice of God is calling us to come with all that we are and all that we carry to worship.

Come! Let us worship!

God calls us to gather, to receive grace in our gathering, and to reorient us again to the ways of God.

Come! Let us worship!

So, come, members of the family of God! Bring all that you are to be molded by grace, refocused toward Love, and woven together as community in Christ.

Come! Let us worship! Thanks be to God. Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, May2024

***HYMN**

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

UMH #357

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

Dot Lange

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

CHILDREN’S TIME

Pastor Jason

***HYMN**

Children of the Heavenly Father

UMH #141

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

UMH #895

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *Have mercy us on, O God, according to your steadfast love. For we know our sins which are always in front of our eyes. We have not loved you as deeply as our own heartbeat. We have failed to care for your body and for the whole of creation. Forgive us. According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions and cleanse us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain in us a willing spirit. Free us to know joy and gladness and to live our days in praise.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 89:20-37

Dot Lange

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

Ephesians 2:11-22

Dot Lange

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

***HYMN**

The Church’s One Foundation

UMH #545 v. 1, 2, 5

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 96

Dot Lange

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

SERMON

Call to Worship

Pastor Jason

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Pastor Jason

***HYMN**

Sent Forth by God’s Blessing

UMH #664

*** 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

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 Mutwaly at sister churches; Bishop Schol, DS Freymoyer & EPAUMC Staff; Laity and Clergy of the UMC; For Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi who will serve EPA & GNJ starting in September; For unity & love in the church universal & the UMC; Kelly’s hip surgery; Patty’s ALS; Denny Mateer after back surgery; Odette Brown to thrive in body and Spirit; Jane Hess, pain after surgery; Josh Zimmerman, moved to Utah; Denny Armstrong, kidney failure; 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); Kathy Muth, cellulitis; Jack Muth, brain cancer; Chuck Flory, ALS; Bob Rinier; Judy Brivchik, eyesight; all those with cancer; **PRAISES:** God’s presence and healings; God’s faithful love ministry for 150 years at Oregon Community UMC; God’s presence through illness, struggle & loss.

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD: The people of Israel, Palestine, Ukraine & Russia; Wisdom & safety for government officials; President Joe Biden and VP Kamala Harris; Donald Trump for healing and safety in his campaign; Healthy and gentle campaigns and election process for all 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; all struggling with addictions or mental illness; parents, children, teachers, school staff & campus ministries; foster families; 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://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.**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT FAITH UMC: JULY 22-26, 6-8PM Registration is currently closed. If you would like to have your child’s name added to our wait list, please email faithumc@hotmail.com with “VBS Registration” in the subject line. If you let us know your name, phone number and the names & ages of your children, we will call you if space becomes available. **HELP IS NEEDED AT 12:30PM TODAY TO SET UP THE ROOMS AND DECORATIONS. VBS FAMILY PICNIC: July 28 after worship.** The church will provide the hotdogs, Sno-cones & beverages. You may bring a side dish if you wish. We will be eating in the fellowship hall or you may take your food outside. Bring your lawn chairs and spend some time visiting & playing yard games. **Please let us know if you plan to attend.** There is a signup sheet in the hall or email the office.

VBS MISSION PROJECT: Each year during VBS we invite children *and the congregation* to support a **Mission Project.** This year we are supporting the Pet Pantry of Lancaster Co. They are there for animals and their humans during their times of greatest need, providing lifesaving resources through caring community-driven programs. *See the Faith-a-Gram or the poster in the hall for their wish list and consider donating needed items.*

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.**