

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. Contact Jackie (717) 572-1521 to help with this event.**

TAKEOUT SPAGHETTI DINNER AUGUST 18, 5-7 PM: Faith UMC will host a spaghetti dinner (gluten-free available) with meat sauce, a salad, bread, & a sweet treat. There is also a meatless sauce option available. *To pre-order sign up in the hall, call the church office at 717-560-0321 or email FaithUMC@hotmail.com.* Pay what you want. Donations may be made on our website, www.FaithUMC.us under "Online Giving," or when you pick up your meal. All donations support the ministries of Faith UMC.

THREADS OF FAITH: If you like to knit, sew, crochet or quilt, we would like to invite you to Threads of Faith! Whether experienced or just learning, you are welcome to join us from **10am - Noon the first Saturday of each month** for fun, fellowship and crafting! 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 with plenty of outlets! **Our next gathering will be Sat., Sept 7.** 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. **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 Aug 12 & 26.* 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.*

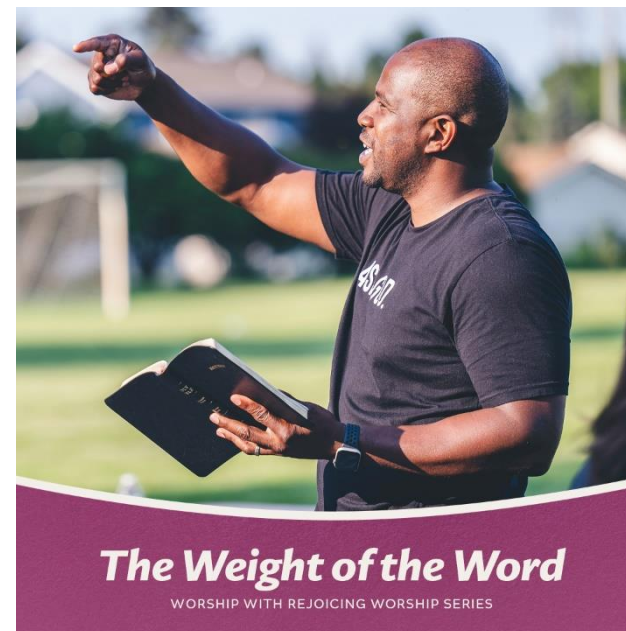
LONG MEMORIAL FREE GROCERIES for those in need every week through their Friday Night Food Ministry at 6pm. You can drive up and receive groceries to help support you through the week. *Volunteers needed.*

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. (Aug 7 & 21): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOeIVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>. Reimagine Justice Lancaster meets online on opposite weeks at: <https://verainstitute.zoom.us/j/92512144651>

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

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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.





August 4, 2024 at 9:00 AM – 11th 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

Family of God, what is our story?
We are part of God’s good creation, created and sustained by the Triune God.
 Family of God, what is our story?
Though created by our loving God, we have sinned and harmed ourselves, one another, and creation.
 Family of God, what is our story?
While we were yet sinners, God sent Jesus to show us how to turn away from sin & toward the love of God.
 Family of God, what is our story?
We carry the weight of the Word in our hearts, our hands, and our voices, proclaiming with our lives the good news of God’s love and the mercy of God’s grace.
 Family of God, this is our story and our song! **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, May 2024

***HYMN**

Take Time to Be Holy

UMH #395

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 14

Bob Jolly

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

CHILDREN’S TIME

Pastor Jason

***HYMN**

What Does the Lord Require

UMH #441

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Samuel 11:1-15, 25-27

Bob Jolly

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

THE PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Pastor Jason

***HYMN**

I Need Thee Every Hour

UMH #397

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Samuel 12:1-21

Bob Jolly

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

SERMON

The Weight of the Word

Pastor Jason

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

***HYMN**

One Bread, One Body

UMH #620

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

UMH #15

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Pastor Jason

***HYMN**

O Jesus I Have Promised

UMH #396

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

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

Liturgists: August 4 Bob Jolly; 11 Dot Lange; 18 Mike Shifflet; 25 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: Vince Habel, heart & kidney problems; Rev. Dorcas’s ministry in Sierra Leone and the death of her husband Daniel; Pastor Hedwige Mutwaly at sister churches; Bishop Schol, DS Freymoyer & EPAUMC Staff; Laity and Clergy of the UMC; 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; 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:** Olympics and safety; The people of Israel, Palestine, Ukraine & Russia; Wisdom & safety for government officials; President Joe Biden and VP Kamala Harris; Donald Trump for 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.**

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.**

ANNUAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS are due August 30. The link and information are available at: <https://www.epaumc.org/charge-conferences/>. There are forms for SPRC, Church Council, Trustees, Finance Team, Auditors, and Lay Leaders to complete. Please contact Pastor Jason to get help accessing the reports that your committees are required to complete online in the Arena Software.

PET PANTRY MISSION PROJECT: 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. *Contact Pastor Jason for items still needed.*

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.**