

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING on Saturday, August 17 from 10AM-1PM. All church officers should attend with voice and vote but everyone is invited to come and participate with new ideas and input.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS are due August 30. The link and information are available at: <https://www.epauc.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.

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 at 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 in the hall or by contacting Pastor Jason. ***We need a second adult to chaperone and provide a meal on August 25. Youth wishing to help with the spaghetti dinner on Aug 18th may arrive at 3pm or 5 pm.***

YOUTH AT GRETNA GLEN: Fall Fun Day is October 20th from 12:00-4:00 with Youth Group Night immediately following from 4:00-5:30 PM. Families are invited to come and be a part of the Fall Fun Day. **November 17th is Youth Group Night from 3:30-7:00pm.** *Please sign up in the church hallway or by contacting Pastor Jason if you will be attending. We need adults who are willing to drive and chaperone for these monthly events for 2023. We will not be using the van from another church, so help is needed.*

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 meet every other Monday from 5-6:30 PM in the first classroom in the Education Wing at Faith UMC.** *Our next meetings are August 12 & 26.* This is open to the church and community. Contact Pastor Jason for more info or to register.

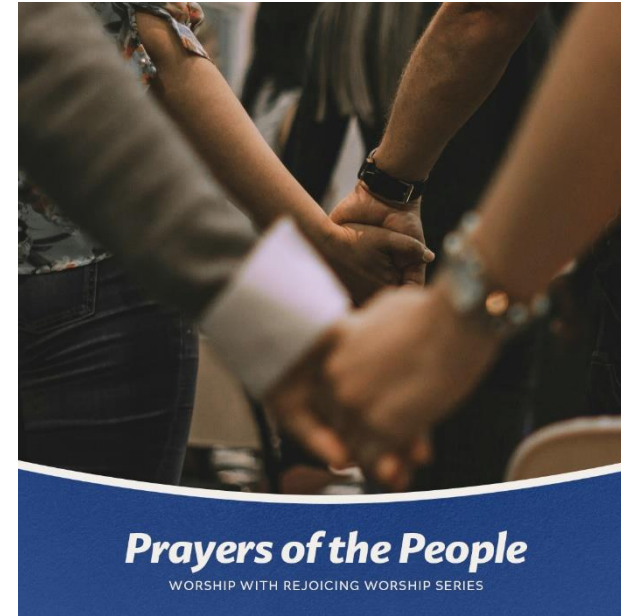
FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY at 10 AM in Faith UMC Fellowship Hall.

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.*

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=K2ZiZGQ0LzBOeIViVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>. Reimagine Justice Lancaster meets online on opposite weeks at: <https://verainstitute.zoom.us/j/92512144651>

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 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 11, 2024 at 9:00 AM – 12th 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

We gather today knowing there are people in our world who are surrounded by violence and conflict on every side. **Our work of peace begins with prayer.**

We gather today knowing there are people in our community who feel lost, alone, abandoned, and forgotten.

Our work of love begins with prayer.

We gather today knowing there are people in this place, this neighborhood, this world that we all share who experience overwhelming grief, despair, and sorrow. **Our work of hope begins with prayer.**

We gather not to look away from the world but to witness the needs of our neighbors through the lens of God’s love. **May we be a people who pray and, out of our praying, do the work of bringing peace, love, and hope to all we encounter. Amen.**

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

***HYMN**

It’s Me, It’s Me, O Lord

UMH #352

SCRIPTURE LESSON

James 5:13-20

Dot Lange

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

CHILDREN’S TIME

Pastor Jason

***HYMN**

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

UMH #404

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

UMH #895

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 130

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

2 Chronicles 7:12-20

Dot Lange

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

***HYMN**

Sweet Hour of Prayer

UMH #496

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Thessalonians 5:16-22

Dot Lange

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

SERMON

Prayers of the People

Pastor Jason

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Pastor Jason

***HYMN**

Seek Ye First

UMH #405

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

BIRTHDAYS: August 6 Cheryl Cooper; 20 Don Hess

ANNIVERSARIES: August 20 Don & Jane Hess

PRAYER REQUESTS: Vince Habel, heart & kidney problems; 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, healing and pain relief; 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; 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:** NarSarah Clinic in Sierra Leone; Udobo School in Durban, South Africa; 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 was discontinued at the end of July—please cancel those donations 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://umcmission.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.**

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.*

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.**

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.**

REVERBERATE 2024 will take place on Sunday, September 15th, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm (with food trucks from 4:00 to 6:00 pm) in Long’s Park, and Water Street Mission would love for us to join them. This free, one-night event will feature powerful testimonies from members of our community, joyful fellowship, and worship from various denominations. It’s an opportunity to unite Lancaster County believers in worship to lift one another up.