

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**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!

**OREGON COMMUNITY UMC ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL at 8:00 AM** meets in the Fellowship Hall of OCUMC beginning on September 8, 2024.

**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 & September 8. No Youth Group Sept 1.***

**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 2024. 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 26 & September 9.*** 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.*

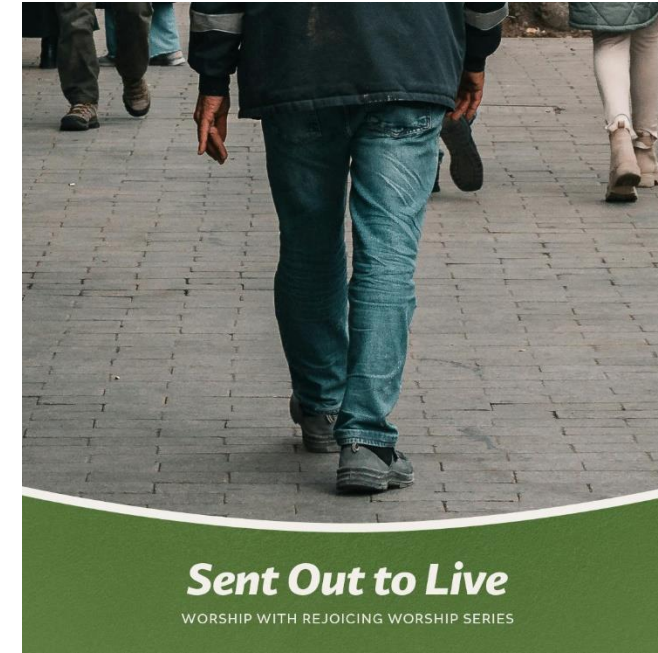
**SUB SALE:** Faith UMC has certificates from S. Clyde Weaver for \$7.00. Pick up a delicious made-to-order sub at any of their locations. You have 7+ varieties of sandwiches available on a sub roll, bread or wrap or may pick a ready-made sandwich. You can support our ministries while getting a discounted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

**THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM** engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. **Next meeting: September 19 at 5:00 PM (3<sup>rd</sup> 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. (Sept 4 & 18): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVXQwUk5LR2VFOT09>. Reimagine Justice Lancaster meets online at Noon on Tuesdays of the opposite weeks (Aug 27, Sept 10 & 24) at: <https://verainstitute.zoom.us/j/92512144651>

**PUZZLE PALOOZA! DO YOU LOVE JIGSAW PUZZLES?** Are you looking for screen-free fun with your family? Are you looking for a wholesome, slightly competitive activity to do with your friends on a Saturday? Join us at Faith UMC on Saturday, October 19, 2024 from 3:00pm to 4:30pm (check-in at 2:30pm). Get your team of 2-4 together and **let's race to complete a 500-piece puzzle. The winning team gets a prize** along with bragging rights! ALL teams get to keep their puzzles after the event. Pre-registration is required. Only 20 teams will be able to participate. The cost is \$40 per team, due at time of registration. Go to [www.FaithUMC.us](http://www.FaithUMC.us) under "Events & Activities" to find a registration form or under "Online Giving" to register & pay online. No refunds available if a team cannot make the event. You will still receive your puzzle to keep. Individual team member substitutions are allowed.

**BIBLE2SCHOOL** will be meeting at Faith UMC beginning in September. **Volunteers are needed** to assist on Tuesdays or Wednesdays for 60 – 90 minutes. *Please contact Pastor Jason if you would like to help.*

# 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 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 25, 2024 at 9:00 AM – 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**W**ELCOME: 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

Disciples of Christ, why have you gathered today?  
**To worship God, who lives among us.**  
 God lives among us all the time, so why have you gathered today?  
**To remind one another that God lives among us as we worship.**  
 When you scatter from this place, what will you take with you?  
**Hearts open to recognize God living among us.**  
 Then, come! Let us worship together!  
**We come to worship with rejoicing the Triune God who lives, loves, and moves among us as we gather and as we are sent from this place! Amen.**

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

**\*HYMN**

*Marching to Zion*

UMH #733

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43**

Ralph Stone

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

**CHILDREN’S TIME**

Pastor Jason

**\*HYMN**

*'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

UMH #462

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

UMH #895

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**Psalms 84**

Ralph Stone

*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 6:10-20**

Ralph Stone

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

**\*HYMN**

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

UMH #103

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**John 6:56-69**

Ralph Stone

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

**SERMON**

*Sent Out to Live*

Pastor Jason

**BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH**

Pastor Jason

**\*HYMN**

*Lead On, O King Eternal*

UMH #580

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

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

**BIRTHDAYS:** August 6 Cheryl Cooper; 20 Don Hess

**ANNIVERSARIES:** August 20 Don & Jane Hess

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Shifflet’s friend with cancer; Bernadine’s friend for healing; Dot’s friend in treatment; Charles Zablin – work injury; Vince Habel, heart & kidney problems; Michelle Bame & coworkers after death of a colleague and her mother Sarah after a stroke; 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 healing after back surgery; Odette Brown to thrive; Jane Hess, healing and pain relief; Josh Zimmerman, in 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; Para-Olympics and safety; The people of Israel, Palestine, Ukraine & Russia; Wisdom & safety for government officials; President Joe Biden and VP Kamala Harris; Donald Trump & JD Vance for safety in their campaign; healthy and gentle campaigns and election process; victims of gun violence; veterans & military 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; design of new prison and its programs; 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://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.**

**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](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.**

**PET PANTRY MISSION PROJECT:** We are supporting the Pet Pantry of Lancaster Co who care for animals and their humans during their times of greatest need, providing lifesaving resources. *Contact 717-560-0321 for info.*

**REVERBERATE 2024** on Sun., Sept. 15, 6-8pm (with food trucks 4-6pm) in Long's Park hosted by Water Street Mission. This free, one-night event will feature testimonies from the community, joyful fellowship, and worship from various denominations. It's an opportunity to unite Lancaster County believers in worship.

**COLLECTING ITEMS FOR YARD SALE:** We can use donations for the Youth Group tables at the yard sale held at Faith UMC on Saturday, Sept. 28. There is an area in the room across from the Youth Room for your yard sale donations. *We do not take clothing. Books can be donated in the 2nd classroom. Items may be donated after August 25.* Thank you.

**YARD SALE: Saturday September 28 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM.** *Volunteers and baked goods will be needed. Watch for signup sheets.* You can rent a 20'x20' space for \$20. Proceeds benefit our ministries. To reserve a space click: <https://forms.gle/uChbsWVYThMgZkf46>. Questions? Call/text Gwen @ 717-696-5321. Payments are due when you arrive. Cash or checks only. Checks may be made payable to *Faith UMC*. This outside event will be held rain or shine, and all monies are non-refundable. **Reservations will be taken through Sept 26, 2024.**