

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SERMON SERIES BEGINS SEPT 8: Faithful Responses in the Real World. We will address various topics and how we address them in a way that is faithful to the Scriptures and our walk with God, realizing that we are *called to be in the world but not of the world* (John 17:4-7). We will explore how to respond to illness and grief, parenting, challenging issues in our communities, career opportunities, finances, etc. If there are topics that you would like to see addressed in this series, please contact Pastor Jason by email, phone, text message or a note which can be anonymous). This would be a great series to invite friends and family to hear as they seek Godly real world advice.

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 September 8. No Youth Group Sept 1—honor the Labor Day holiday.***

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 peer support. There is a video, 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 September 9 & 23.*** This is open to the church and community.

BIBLE2SCHOOL will be meeting at Faith UMC **beginning on September 17 for 3rd Grade and September 18 for 4th and 2nd Grade** students from Reidenbaugh Elementary. **Volunteers are needed** to assist on Tuesdays or Wednesdays for 60 – 90 minutes. Please contact Pastor Jason if you would like to help.

THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. **Next meeting: September 19 at 5:00 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. (*Sept 18 & Oct. 2*): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVlXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>. Reimagine Justice Lancaster meets online at Noon on Tuesdays of the opposite weeks (*Sept 10 & 24*) at: <https://verainstitute.zoom.us/j/92512144651>

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

THREADS OF FAITH: If you like to knit, sew, crochet or quilt, we would like to invite you to join us from **10am - Noon in the Fellowship Hall of Faith UMC on the first Saturday of each month** for fun, fellowship and crafting! Work on your projects while we chat together. **Our next gathering will be Sat., October 5.**

PUZZLE PALOOZA! DO YOU LOVE JIGSAW PUZZLES? 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 3-4:30pm (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!** 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 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.

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.

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.



Oregon Community United Methodist Church



September 8, 2024 at 9:00 AM – 16th 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, Beloved! Why have you gathered today?

We have come to worship God, who is the maker of us all!

What do you seek from God, our Creator?

We seek God's wisdom to guide us and show us how to live.

Are you ready to follow when God's wisdom leads down unexpected paths?

We will trust, and we will follow wherever God's wisdom leads us.

Well then, Beloved of God, what are you waiting for?

Come! Let us worship and seek God's uncommon wisdom together! Amen.

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

*HYMN

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

UMH #381

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 17:1-26

Dot Lange

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

*HYMN

Take Time to Be Holy

UMH #395

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

UMH #895

OUR OFFERINGS: OF PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

*HYMN

Have Thine Own Way Lord

UMH #382

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 12:1-21

Dot Lange

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

SERMON

Faithful Responses: In the World & Not of It

Pastor Jason

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: September 1 Bob Jolly; 8 Dot Lange; 15 Mike Shifflet; 22 Ralph Stone; 29 Pastor Jason

BIRTHDAYS: September 1 Joan Byrne; 12 Phyllis Weather; 19 Sharon Wilson

PRAYER REQUESTS: Shifflet's friend Valerie with cancer; Gary Sellard, chemotherapy; Bernadine's friend Betty for healing of back; Andrew in treatment; Charles Zablin, broken hip; Tim Garner, cataracts; MaryAnn Unangst – healing after a fall; Kathy Fisher, oral surgery; Vince Habel, heart & kidney problems; Michelle Bame

and her mother Sarah after a stroke; our new Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi; DS Freymoyer & EPAUMC Staff; Laity and Clergy of the UMC; 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 moving back home; 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; Opportunities for education; dedicated teachers and professors. **PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD:** Children, families and teachers in Apalachee High School, Winder, Georgia after school shooting; 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.**

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.**

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.*

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE WELCOME SERVICES FOR OUR NEW BISHOP CYNTHIA MOORE-KOIKOI. Eastern Pennsylvania will gather on Sat., Sept 21, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. at West Lawn UMC, 15 Woodside Ave. West Lawn, PA. The service will also be livestreamed from www.EPAUMC.org

YARD SALE AT FAITH UMC: Sat., Sept 28, 8AM-1PM. 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 of cash or check are due when you arrive. Make checks payable to *Faith UMC*. This outside event will be held rain or shine. **Reservations will be taken through Sept 26, 2024.** We can use donations for the Youth Group tables at the yard sale. There is an area in the room across from the Youth Room for your donations. *We do not take clothing. Books can be donated in the 2nd classroom.* Thank you.

SOUP SALE at FAITH UMC: We are taking orders for Oregon Dairy Soups. Orders will be ready for **pick up on Sat., Oct 12, 10am-Noon** at Faith UMC. **Orders with payment due by Sun., Sept 22.** Walk in purchases for quarts on the 12th as available. You can order Vegetable Beef, Chicken Corn Soup, Tomato Bisque, Creamy Potato Soup, Chicken Corn Noodle and Ham and Bean Soup. \$10/quart. Orders can be placed by calling Faith UMC at 717-560-0321, by email at faithumc@hotmail.com or by visiting us online at faithumc.us and clicking on Online Giving.

TRUNK OR TREAT: Come and join us **Saturday October 26th for our Annual Trunk or Treat event from 6-8pm!** Decorate your car trunks and hand out candy to the kids in our community. We will have pumpkin decorating, lawn games, free hot dogs, and more. **Volunteers are needed.** If you would like to join in by either being a part of the trunk brigade or volunteering with the kitchen, dining room, games or pumpkin decorating, please contact Lisa Baker at 717-615-6707.