

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 AM meets in the OCUMC Fellowship Hall

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. **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 17** 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. No church van is available.**

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 Sept 23 & Oct 7.** 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=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVXQWUk5LR2VFOT09>. Reimagine Justice Lancaster meets online at Noon on Tuesdays of the opposite weeks (Sept 24 & Oct 8) at: <https://verainstitute.zoom.us/j/92512144651>

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

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.

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.

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.**

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 15, 2024 at 9:00 AM – 17th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME: We gather together to worship as a communal activity where individuals become one in the Christ. We learn of God together through Scripture & discernment. We support & 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! 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

Beloved, the voice of Wisdom calls to us from the street corner, the grocery store aisle, the noisy dinner table, and the quiet places of our hearts. Will you listen? **Yes, with God's help, we will listen!**

Wisdom calls to us with hard truths, showing us where we've strayed in our hearts and as a community and urging us back onto God's path. Will you follow? **Yes, with God's help, we will follow!**

Wisdom's call persists through the twists and turns, the rough patches, the barely discernible paths forward, and the moments we feel completely lost. Will you hold onto Wisdom wherever she takes you?

Yes, with God's help, we will hold onto Wisdom!

Then Beloved, let us worship God together as we cling to wisdom on our journey along the path of salvation paved with God's love. **Yes! Let us worship God together! Amen.**

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

*HYMN

Trust and Obey

UMH #467

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 14:10-31

Mike Shifflet

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 16:1-5

Mike Shifflet

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

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

Open My Eyes, That I May See

UMH #454

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Numbers 13:17-14:10

Mike Shifflet

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

SERMON

Faithful Responses: Changes

Pastor Jason

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

*HYMN

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

UMH #474

** 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: Joetta Henry, health and comfort; Shifflet's friend Valerie with cancer; Gary Sellard, chemotherapy; Bernadine's friend Betty for healing; 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 Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi; DS Freymoyer & EPAUMC Staff; Laity and Clergy; unity & love in the church; Kelly's hip surgery; Patty's ALS; Odette Brown to thrive; Jane Hess, healing; 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; Kathy Muth, cellulitis; Jack Muth, brain cancer; Chuck Flory, ALS; Bob Rinier; Judy Brivchik, eyesight; **PRAISES:** God's presence and healings; God's faithful love ministry for 150 years at Oregon Community UMC; all those who serve others faithfully. **PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD:** Apalachee High School in Winder, Georgia after school shooting; NarSarah Clinic in Sierra Leone; Udobo School in Durban, South Africa; 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; civil 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; schools; 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 or place a gift in the offering plate. 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.**

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: <https://forms.gle/uChbsWVYThMgZkf46>. Questions? Call/text Gwen @ 717-696-5321. Payments of cash or check (payable to *Faith UMC*) are due on arrival. This outside event will be held rain or shine. **Reservations will be taken through Sept 26.** You can donate items for the Youth Group to sell or books for the book sale that day. *We do not take clothing.* Contact the office at 717-560-0321 to drop off items.

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 on Oct 12 as available. You can order Vegetable Beef, Chicken Corn Soup, Tomato Bisque, Creamy Potato Soup, Chicken Corn Noodle, & 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 on Sat., Oct 26 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.** To help with the decorated cars, food, games or pumpkin decorating, please contact Lisa Baker at 717-615-6707.

TRUTH & JUSTICE FORUM: RACIAL EQUITY & THE \$400 MILLION JAIL on September 24, 6-8PM. We're hosting an important discussion on how we can reimagine criminal justice in our communities. Let's come together to ask: How do we care for our citizens? How can we invest our resources to break the cycle of incarceration? This community conversation is presented by YWCA Lancaster's Racial Equity Profile Action Team, Lancaster Bail Fund, POWER Interfaith Lancaster County, and the Lancaster Bail Reform Coalition. **Location: Brightside Opportunities Center, 515 Hershey Ave, Lancaster, PA 17603.** Dinner provided. Spanish/English interpretation and Childcare available by request. Add your voice to our collective effort toward healing justice! Register at <https://ywcalancaster.org/events/the-price-of-justice-racial-equity-and-the-400-million-dollar-jail/>