

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FAITHFUL RESPONSES IN THE REAL WORLD is our current sermon series. 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). So, 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 in the prayer basket (which can be anonymous). This would be a great series to invite your friends and family to hear as they seek Godly advice on the real life situations and struggles.

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 Oct 7 & 21.*** This is open to the church and community.

BIBLE2SCHOOL is meeting at Faith UMC on **Tuesdays for 3rd Grade and on Wednesdays for 4th and 2nd Grade** students from Reidenbaugh Elementary. **Volunteers are needed** to assist on **Tuesdays or Wednesdays for 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: October 17 at 5:00 PM (3rd Thursdays).** *Join us by Zoom only at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82735304374?pwd=eDBSZHRCZVphSnh2TENDZ0xrdG0vOT09>.* To learn more, contact Renee Norman. The **Criminal Justice & Bail Reform Team**, meets online at Noon every other Wed. (Oct. 2 & 16): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOeIVlVXQwUk5LR2VFOT09>. Reimagine Justice Lancaster meets online at Noon on Tuesdays of the opposite weeks (Oct 8 & 22) 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 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, Oct. 19 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** 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. There are registration forms in the hall or 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. Individual team member substitutions are allowed.

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



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.



Oregon Community United Methodist Church



September 29, 2024 at 9:00 AM – 19th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME: We gather together to worship communally so 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

O God, just as we look into a mirror to see any spoiled spots on our face, so let us look to you in order to understand the things that we have done amiss.

We are like a reed shaken in the wind; we are inexpressibly weak.

Leave us not to ourselves, but dwell in our hearts and guide our thoughts and actions. Amen

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*HYMN

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

UMH #383 v. 1-4

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 31:36-55

Pastor Jason

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Jason

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 32:22-33:12

Pastor Jason

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

*HYMN

Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown

UMH #386

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:21-26; 38-48

Pastor Jason

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

SERMON

Faithful Responses: Relationship Conflicts

Pastor Jason

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Pastor Jason

*HYMN

Freely, Freely

UMH #389

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

Guest Pianist: Dolly Bankert **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: Ally Lavery – foot surgery; Joetta Henry, health and comfort; Joanne (Jackie's sister), scleroderma and other significant health issues; Shifflet's friend Valerie with cancer; Gary Sellard, chemotherapy; Bernadine's friend Betty for healing; Andrew in treatment; Charles Zablin, broken hip; MaryAnn Unangst – transition to new apartment; Vince Habel, heart & kidney problems; Shirley Baker, Cheryl Cooper and Larry Cooper for healing; Michelle Bame and her family on the passing of her mother Sarah; 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; 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: School shootings and threats; NarSarah Clinic in Sierra Leone; Udobo School in Durban, South Africa; The people of Israel, Palestine, the Middle East, 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://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.

SOUP SALE at FAITH UMC: We took pre-orders for Oregon Dairy Soups through Sept 22. Pre-Orders will be ready for **pick up on Sat., Oct 12, 10am-Noon** at Faith UMC. **Walk in purchases on Oct 12 available while supplies last.** Soups: Vegetable Beef, Chicken Corn Soup, Tomato Bisque, Creamy Potato Soup, Chicken Corn Noodle, & Ham and Bean. \$10/quart.

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 by Oct 6.**

FAITH FRIENDSHIP MINISTRIES is a Faith based group home in Mountville, PA that houses adults with disabilities, especially severe mental illnesses. **They need craft supplies for their activity department.** As we are such a generous congregation, the missions committee said we would help! 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 other craft supplies you want to donate.

MEDICINE BOTTLE COLLECTION: We send *small* prescription pill bottles to clinics in poor countries. **Please remove all labels and sticky residue.** A basket is under the table as you enter the Sanctuary.

IMPACT! MISSIONS is a Christian Housing Ministry that helps create warm, safe, and dry homes to be sold to lower-income families and does repairs on homes for existing homeowners without means to do the work themselves. Impact! Missions needs volunteers who are willing to use their skills to help restore houses for those in need. **Leon Bame volunteers on the first and third Saturdays** and would love to have some people from Faith & Oregon Community UMC join him. **For more information please contact Leon at 717-344-9924 or leonshe137@gmail.com.**

IMPACT MISSION LUNCH CREW needs volunteers on Thursdays, 10AM-Noon. Volunteer for 1 or more Thursdays a month (or some Wednesdays). **Help make bagged lunches for Impact volunteers** at Christ UMC, 935 E. Walnut St., Lancaster. Contact Sue Grimm Mattox at sgrimm1028@gmail.com or 717-575-6414