

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**FAITHFUL RESPONSES IN THE REAL WORLD** is our current sermon series. We will address various practical topics and how we respond in ways that are faithful to the Scriptures and our walk with God. If there are topics that you would like to see addressed in this series, please contact Pastor Jason by email, phone, or text message. This would be a great series to invite your friends and family.

**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 by contacting Pastor Jason. ***We need someone to provide a meal on Oct. 6.***

**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 and to then help chaperone during the Youth Group Night following. Please let Pastor Jason know if you are coming and will be transporting your students directly there (and home). November 17th is Youth Group Night from 3:30-7:00pm. ***Please sign up 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 don't have access to a church van, 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 Oct 7 & 21.*** This is open to the church and community.

**BIBLE2SCHOOL** is meeting at Faith UMC on Tuesdays for 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and on Wednesdays for 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays). Join us by Zoom only at:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82735304374?pwd=eDBSZHR CZVphSnh2TENDZ0xrdG0vQT09>. To learn more, contact Renee Norman. The **Criminal Justice & Bail Reform Team**, meets online at Noon every other Wed. (Oct. 16 & 30): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZG00LzBOelVlVXQwUk5LR2VfOT09>.

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 Threads of Faith! Join us from **10am - Noon the first Saturday of each month** for fellowship and crafting! Work on your projects while we chat and share talents in our Fellowship Hall! **Our next gathering will be Sat., November 2.**

**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. There are registration forms in the hall or 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.

**NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS:** Pastor Jason will be teaching another new membership class for those who are interested in learning more about Faith UMC and the denomination. We will answer your questions and help you explore whether or not you would like to officially become a member. **We will meet on October 27, November 3 & 10 at Noon at Faith UMC. Please contact Pastor Jason if you are interested in being a part of this class.**

# 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.





October 6, 2024 at 9:00 AM – 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost & World Communion Sunday

**W**ELCOME: 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**

**How good and pleasant it is for Christians to live together in unity!**

Open the doors and shout greetings to the church across the pike in East Petersburg.

**How good and pleasant it is for Christians to live together in unity!**

Carry greetings across the railroad tracks to those we never meet.

**How good and pleasant it is for Christians to live together in unity!**

Send messages and e-mails to Good Christian Friends in Africa and Asia, South America and Europe!

**How good and pleasant it is for Christians to live together in unity!**

Extend your hand of fellowship to both the shelters and the mansions, to the projects and the gated communities. **How good and pleasant it is for Christians to live together in unity!**

Reach out your arms to gather in the little ones and the not-so-little, the vulnerable and the ones who think they have to do it all on their own. **How good and pleasant it is for Christians to live together in unity!**

Remember that we are one huge family! **How good and pleasant it is for Christians to live together in unity!**

*Adapted from Saftiyah Fosua, The Africana Worship Book, Year B (Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 2007), 237.*

**\*HYMN**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

**UMH #400**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**Psalms 51**

**Bob Jolly**

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

**CHILDREN’S TIME**

**Pastor Jason**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**Psalms 103**

**Bob Jolly**

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

**THE PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE**

**Pastor Jason**

**\*HYMN**

*There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy*

**UMH #121**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**Luke 19:1-10**

**Bob Jolly**

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

**SERMON**

*Guilt & Grace*

**Pastor Jason**

**COMMUNION: CONFESSION, PARDON & PASSING THE PEACE**

**UMH #12-13**

*All are invited to the Lord’s Table to receive God’s forgiveness and grace through Communion*

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

**\*Doxology**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**UMH #95**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING & THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**UMH #13-14 & #895**

**RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

**\*HYMN**

*Amazing Grace*

**UMH #15**

**UMH #378**

**BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH**

**Pastor Jason**

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

**Pianist:** Jody Wiker **Pastor:** The Rev. Jason Perkowski **Ministers:** The People of God  
**Liturgists:** **October 6** Bob Jolly; **13** Dot Lange; **20** Mike Shifflet; **27** Ralph Stone

**BIRTHDAYS:** **October 1:** Jane Hess & Paulette Bledsoe; **3:** Jody Wiker; **15:** Gene Denlinger  
**ANNIVERSARY October 13:** Bob & Christie Jolly

**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; 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; Jane Hess, healing; 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:** Charles Zablin, broken hip has healed well; God’s faithful love ministry for 150 years at Oregon Community UMC.

**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; peaceful election process; 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.

**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. **LONG MEMORIAL FRIDAY NIGHT FREE GROCERIES** for those in need every week at 6pm.

**ATTENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS & MEMBERS OF OCUMC:** Our Charge Conference is scheduled for **Saturday, Oct 19 at 10:00AM at Lititz, UMC.** Please make every effort to attend.

**SOUP SALE at FAITH UMC:** 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 at Faith UMC on **Sat., Oct. 26th for our 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, etc. **Volunteers are needed.** If you would like to be a part of the trunk brigade or to volunteer to help with the kitchen, dining room, games or pumpkin decorating, please contact Lisa Baker at 717-615-6707 or **TODAY.** We especially need another 5-10 cars to be decorated and handing out candy.

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY: On November 3,** we would like to honor all of our loved ones that have passed away since last year. **VETERANS DAY: On November 10** we would like to honor all of our church members and their family who have served in the armed services. **Please send info about your loved ones to the church no later than the Monday before each service** (Oct 28 / Nov 4) so that their names can be read during the service. Include their full name, date of birth/death, and for veterans their military branch and rank. You can also bring in photos to display that Sunday morning. We will have a table set up to display the pictures in their honor.

**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 in need. **For info contact Leon at 717-344-9924 or [leonshe137@gmail.com](mailto:leonshe137@gmail.com).** **IMPACT MISSION LUNCH CREW needs volunteers on Thursdays, 10AM-Noon** (or some Wednesdays) *to help make bagged lunches for Impact volunteers* at Christ UMC, 935 E. Walnut St., Lancaster. Contact Sue Grimm Mattox at [sgrimm1028@gmail.com](mailto:sgrimm1028@gmail.com) or 717-575-6414.