

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 in the hall or by contacting Pastor Jason. *Youth will also help with the Trunk or Treat from 5-8:30pm on Saturday, October with the games, pumpkin decorating, etc.*

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 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.*

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 Oct 21 & Nov 4.** This is open to the church and community. **We will be starting a new round of classes in the next several weeks. Contact Pastor Jason to register.**

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. 16 & 30): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOeIVlVXQwUk5LR2VFOT09>. Reimagine Justice Lancaster meets online at Noon on Tuesdays of the opposite weeks (Oct 22 & Nov 5) at: <https://verainstitute.zoom.us/j/92512144651>

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

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 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 13, 2024 at 9:00 AM – 21st 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

We gather to listen to the voice of Jesus say, “Come, follow me!” But will you follow when Jesus also calls you to release the hold wealth has on you?

We want to follow Jesus anywhere he leads, and we can with God’s help.

We gather to remember all that God has taught us through scripture, tradition, reason, and experience. But what about when we have to put what we know into action?

We want to put our faith into action, and we can with God’s help.

We gather to live into God’s economy of abundance, recognizing the riches of the prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness that surround us. But what about when the world tempts us back into scarcity?

We want to turn away from scarcity and choose God’s abundance, and we can with God’s help.

We gather to shine as a beacon of a new way of living where following Jesus means sharing in God’s abundant gifts together. But will you keep shining when others try to pull you astray, putting the pursuit of wealth before the pursuit of God? **With God’s help, we will resist the pull of wealth and the fear of scarcity and pursue the way of love, abundance, and flourishing for all creation. Amen.**

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

***HYMN** *Take Time to Be Holy* **UMH #395**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Matthew 10:5-20** **Dot Lange**
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 **1 Timothy 4:6-16** **Dot Lange**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

***HYMN** *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* **UMH #402**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Ecclesiastes 3:1-22** **Dot Lange**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Faithful Responses: Reckoning Time* **Pastor Jason**

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH **Pastor Jason**

***HYMN** *Take My Life, and Let It Be* **UMH #399**

*** 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

PRAYER REQUESTS: Ally Lavery – foot surgery; 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; 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:** Wedding of Zachery Peters and Leah Minnich (grandson of Jane Hess); God’s faithful love ministry for 150 years at Oregon Community UMC. **PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD:** All those suffering from recent hurricanes; 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 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.

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 more 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.** **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 or 717-575-6414.

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.**

HOLIDAY CRAFT BAZAAR at OREGON COMMUNITY UMC on Sat., November 16 from 8am-1pm. We are looking for vendors to sell their items that day. We will also need help to donate food in advance (and perhaps make soup with leftover chicken BBQ), sell food, greet guests, and help set up the night before (Friday at 6pm).