

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**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).

**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 to experience worship at OCUMC.*

**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 26 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.** Youth who are carpooling with the youth group should be at Faith at Noon and will return to Faith UMC by 6PM. Families are invited to come and be a part of the Fall Fun Day and to help chaperone the whole event. **Please let Pastor Jason know if you are coming and whether you are carpooling with us or will be transporting your students directly there (and home).** November 17th is the next 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. And let Pastor Jason know if you are willing to drive & chaperone.*

**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 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: November 21 at 5:00 PM (3<sup>rd</sup> 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. (Oct. 30 & Nov. 13): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOeIVlVXQWUk5LR2VFQT09>. 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 with Pastor Jason

**PUZZLE PALOOZA!** *Has been postponed until later this winter. Please contact Gwen with any questions.*

**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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**Pastor:** The Rev. Jason Perkowski

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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 20, 2024 at 9:00 AM – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**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**

Welcome all who long to encounter Jesus, the one who loves, tends, sustains, and saves us.  
**Jesus said, “the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve.”**  
 Welcome all who walk the halls of power, who feel pushed and pulled to fight for position, status, and authority. **Jesus said, “the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve.”**  
 Welcome all who feel burned out, who have given more than they have day in and day out and long for someone to notice that you, too, need help and support.  
**Jesus said, “the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve.”**  
 Welcome, followers of Christ, who came to serve and show God’s abundant love and grace among us.  
**We come to worship Jesus who shows us that serving is the fruit of our love and being served by one another is the source of our power as the Body of Christ. Amen.**

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

**\*HYMN**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

**UMH #140**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**Job 1:13-2:13; 42:1-6**

**Mike Shifflet**

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

**CHILDREN’S TIME**

**Pastor Jason**

**\*HYMN**

*Be Still, My Soul*

**UMH #534**

**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**

**Mark 5:14-43**

**Mike Shifflet**

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

**\*HYMN**

*God Will Take Care of You*

**UMH #130**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**Matthew 4:23-25; James 5:13-18**

**Mike Shifflet**

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

**SERMON**

*Faithful Responses: Illness, Death & Loss*

**Pastor Jason**

**BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH**

**Pastor Jason**

**\*HYMN**

*Standing on the Promises*

**UMH #374**

*\* 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](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.

**TRUNK OR TREAT:** Come and join us **Sat., Oct. 26th for our Trunk or Treat event from 6-8pm!** We will have decorated trunks, pumpkin decorating and lawn games, as well as one free meal per person (hot dog, chips and drink) Additional hot dogs, chips and drinks are available at a low cost. Don't miss out on this fun, free community event. **There is still time to sign up to be part of the trunk brigade!** Contact Lisa Baker at 717-615-6707 with any questions or to sign up. We ask cars and volunteers to be there no later than 5:00 p.m. to be set up and ready to go. We are expecting approximately 250 kids to come through. **Donations are still needed and very much appreciated!** Please see the signup sheet for what we still need. **Thank you for helping to make this growing community event a success!**

**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.

**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.**

**FAITH FRIENDSHIP MINISTRIES** is a faith-based group home in Mountville, PA that houses adults with various disabilities. They could use craft supplies for their activity department. See Mission Team for info.