

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FAITH UMC JOB OPPORTUNITIES: Seeking maturing Christian candidates. Details visit www.FaithUMC.US
OFFICE MANAGER / ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT for approx. **20 hours per week in-office** to provide administrative support for Pastor, Finance Committee, and church ministries. This includes managing communications, developing weekly worship materials and digital newsletters, and supporting financial accounting with the Treasurer. Strong tech and communication skills necessary. **PIANIST to help lead worship on Sunday Morning** at 10:30AM as well as a one-hour midweek rehearsal. Stipend is \$100/week. Able to play at a blended service with contemporary and traditional elements.

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. All students are invited to join us. Sign up to be the 2nd adult and/or provide a meal in the hall or by contacting Pastor Jason. **We will go to Gretna Glen Camp on Sun, Jan. 19 (3:30-7pm).**

GRIEFSHARE helps people process the loss of loved ones and to find support from peers. This is open to the church and community. **We will be starting a new round of classes after the New Year. Let Pastor Jason know if you are interested in participating and when would be the best time for the group to meet.**

BIBLE2SCHOOL is meeting at Faith UMC **on Tues. for 3rd Grade & Weds. for 4th and 2nd Grade** students from Reidenbaugh Elem. **Volunteers needed as Small Group Leaders.**

THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. **There will not be a December meeting. Next meeting: January 16 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. (Jan 8 & 22): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOeIVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>. Reimagine Justice Lancaster meets online at Noon on Tuesdays of the opposite weeks (Jan 14) at: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/82819147194?pwd=BF8E8JopVvfExanCW0PjJ7p9DcbDq.1>

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

MEDICINE BOTTLE COLLECTION: We send *small* prescription pill bottles to clinics in poor countries. **Please remove all labels and sticky residue.** A basket is on the table in the lobby at OCUMC—or at Faith UMC.

PUZZLE PALOOZA! DO YOU LOVE JIGSAW PUZZLES? Join us at Faith UMC on **Saturday, January 25, 2025 from 10:00am to 11:30am (check-in at 9:30am).** 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. **The cost is \$40 per team, due at time of registration. Information and registration is available at www.FaithUMC.US under Events.** *To join with another team please contact Gwen or the office.*

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!** Work on your projects while we chat and share talents in the Fellowship Hall at Faith UMC! **Our next gathering will be Sat., February 1.**

LUMINA Kids' Night: Every Monday night LUMINA runs a kids' night program at New Creation UMC on Farnum Street in Lancaster City. They teach a lesson; have games, activities & crafts; and offer a meal to the children. January 13 and 27 at 7pm they need volunteers to provide the light meal for 20 people. It can be chicken nuggets, pizza, spaghetti, hot dogs or whatever you are willing to make. They are willing to reimburse for expenses. If you are willing to help cook and serve a light meal on either of those nights please contact Pastor Jason, ASAP.

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.



Oregon Community United Methodist Church

January 5, 2025 at 9:00 AM – Epiphany Sunday

WELCOME: We gather together to worship God! We celebrate that The Holy Spirit came upon the Virgin Mary, the Word of God became flesh within her, & she brought the only begotten Son, Jesus, into the world. As we retell the stories of God’s faithful love throughout time, may our hearts rejoice! 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

Children of God, we enter the new year as we ended the last: gathered together for worship!

We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light.

The prophet Isaiah calls to us from deep in the past: “Arise, shine; for your light has come.”

We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light.

The magi followed a star to find a small child who is the Light of the world.

We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light.

So, let us receive the call of Isaiah and follow the example of the magi as we begin this new year turning our faces to God whose glory shows up among us as a vulnerable child, a poor carpenter, and a foot-washing servant who is the salvation of the world.

We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light today and every day. Amen.

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

*HYMN

O Little Town of Bethlehem

UMH #230

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Bob Jolly

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

CHILDREN’S TIME

Pastor Jason

*HYMN

Angels from the Realms of Glory

UMH #220

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6

Bob Jolly

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

THE PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Pastor Jason

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 3:1-12

Bob Jolly

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

*HYMN

We Three Kings

UMH #254

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 2:1-23

Bob Jolly

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

SERMON

We All Gather Together: Re-Membering the Body

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

Let Us Break Bread Together

UMH #15

*HYMN

One Bread, One Body

UMH #618

UMH #620

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Pastor Jason

*HYMN

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

UMH #557 v. 1, 2, 4

* You are invited to stand in body or in Spirit

Pianist: Jody Wiker **Pastor:** The Rev. Jason Perkowski **Ministers:** The People of God

Liturgists: January 5 Bob Jolly; 12 Dot Lange; 19 Mike Shifflet; 26 Ralph Stone

BIRTHDAYS: January 9 Joetta Henry; 24 Shirley Gehr

PRAYER REQUESTS: Valerie Cooper, healing for vision in her eye; Nat (friend of Wikers), healing; Joanne (Jackie’s sister), scleroderma and other significant health issues; Stone & Fritsch family, healing; Erin’s father, healing from infection; Ally Lavery, foot surgery; Gary Sellard, chemotherapy; Bernadine’s friend Betty, healing; Andrew, freedom from addictions; Vince Habel, heart & kidney problems; Shirley Baker and Cheryl Cooper for healing; Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi; DS Freymoyer & EPAUMC Staff; Laity and Clergy; unity & love in the church; 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; Judy Brivchik, eyesight; **PRAISES:** Shifflet’s friend Valerie with cancer that is now in remission; God’s faithful love; ministry for 150 years at Oregon Community UMC. **PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD:** People who suffered loss in New Orleans; Violence between the GMC and the UMC in Nigeria; Wisdom & safety for all government officials; President Joe Biden and VP Kamala Harris; For a peaceful transfer of power at all levels of government; President-elect Donald Trump and VP-elect JD Vance; School shootings and threats; NarSarah Clinic in Sierra Leone; Udobo School in Durban, South Africa; Christ Home for Children; Blackfeet UMC Parish; The people of Israel, Palestine, the Middle East, Ukraine & Russia; 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.

COMMUNITY AID will donate \$.13 to Faith UMC for every pound of clothing, shoes, electronic, toys, & household goods (excluding furniture) donated at 31 Rohrerstown Road Mon–Sat, 9AM–6PM. **Tell staff to credit Non-profit partner #10221 - Faith UMC before they unload.** Write or tape partner number on bags/boxes.

COMMUNITY MEAL: People in need may pick up a Grab ‘n Go Meal at Zion Lutheran Church in East Petersburg every Monday. Faith UMC provides sixty Grab ‘n Go Meals quarterly. Our dates for 2025 are: Feb. 3, Apr. 7, Jul 7, and Oct 27. Contact Carol Kennedy if you are interested in participating in this ministry.

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 financial distress. They need volunteers to restore these homes. Contact Leon Bame for more info at 717-344-9924 or leonshe137@gmail.com. **IMPACT MISSION LUNCH CREW** needs volunteers on Thurs. 10AM-Noon to help make bagged lunches for volunteers at Christ UMC. Contact Sue at sgrimm1028@gmail.com or 717-575-6414.