

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR LARRY COOPER on Sat., February 8 at 2PM at Oregon Community UMC.** You are invited to come and pay your respects and to offer support to the family.

**SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY** is Feb 9<sup>th</sup>. Wear your favorite football jersey to church and **bring some canned soup to share with LUMINA's** Food Bank. Faith UMC is having a **CHILI SALE that day** from Noon until 2pm. Vegan or meat quarts are available to go for \$10 each. You may choose from toppings that make it just right for your family's taste buds. No eat-in service so that we may all enjoy eating chili while watching the Super Bowl. Preorder to guarantee availability, walk-ins cheerfully welcomed. Order online at [www.FaithUMC.us](http://www.FaithUMC.us) and clicking on Online Giving or call 717-560-0321.

**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. **We will go to Gretna Glen Camp on Sun, Feb 16 (3:30-7pm).** **Volunteers are needed to carpool to the camp. Please see Pastor Jason if you are willing to help drive the youth and/or chaperone.** Youth group will not meet on the evening of Feb 9.

**WINTER BLAST YOUTH RETREAT on Feb. 7-9 at Gretna Glen Camp. We will meet at 5:30PM at Faith UMC on Friday and be back here by 11:45AM on Sunday.** Please contact Pastor Jason if you would like to attend. A Faith UMC Permission Slip is needed. **You will also need to register at:** <https://gretnaglen.org/event/23777954-2025-02-07-youth-winter-blast/> and complete all of the camp's forms. Cost for the weekend is \$130, but \$65 will be covered from Youth Fundraisers. **When registering, pay \$65 (half) online or by check directly to the camp. Faith UMC will cover the remaining \$65 by check to the camp.**

**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.**

**BIBLE2SCHOOL** is meeting at Faith UMC **on Tues. for 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade & Weds. for 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade** students from Reidenbaugh Elem. **Volunteers needed as Small Group Leaders—especially on Tuesday at 10:20AM**

**THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM** engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. **Next meeting: Feb. 20 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. (Feb 5 & 19): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOeIVVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>. Reimagine Justice Lancaster meets online at Noon on Tuesdays of the opposite weeks (Feb 11 & 25) at: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/82819147194?pwd=BF8E8JopVvfExanCW0QPjJ7p9DcbDq.1>

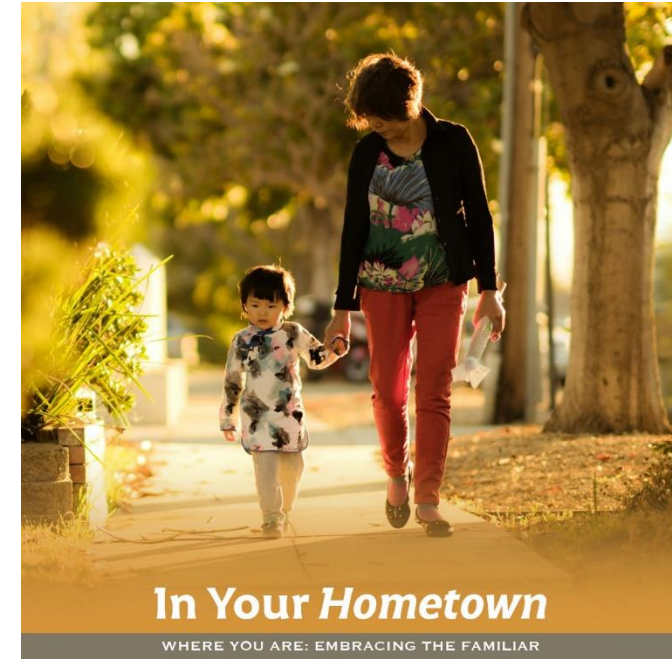
**FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY at 10 AM in Faith UMC Fellowship Hall.**

**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!** 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.**

**LEARN MORE ABOUT JUNIOR CHURCH & VBS** on Feb. 23 at 11:45AM at Faith UMC. Please attend to learn about volunteering as a Junior Church leader for the 10:30AM service. Leaders are on a rotation and can be scheduled flexibly. We will go over a typical lesson and answer your questions. We will review the responsibilities for teachers, assistants, and teen helpers. We will discuss **this year's July VBS.** Light refreshments will be served.

**TOOLS FOR MINISTRY on Sat., Feb. 22, 2025 from 8AM-Noon at Salem UMC:** 140 N. Penn St., Manheim. **Registration Fee: \$8.** DS Freymoyer will lead us in opening worship and a keynote address. There will be 19 training workshops to choose from including Alzheimers Care, Church Finances, Dealing with Church Crisis, Exploring a Call to Ministry, Partnering with Community Organizations, etc. Full descriptions and registration at: <https://member.gnjumc.org/default.aspx?page=3352&occurrenceId=716&profileId=1523>

# 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

February 2, 2025 at 9:00 AM – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

**W**ELCOME: We gather together to worship God the Father, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit! May the Spirit of God unite us and the church universal to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God (*Micah 6:8*). 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 come to worship today with expectations: how we expect to feel, what we expect to experience, songs we expect to sing, or prayers we expect to pray. We find comfort in the familiar.

**We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.**

Sometimes what feels familiar grows stale. We stop noticing the power of our prayers. We hear but don't listen to the Word. We sing without letting the music seep into our hearts. Yet, God is still here, moving and working among us. **We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.**

We may meet God in a familiar voice speaking a hard word, in a song we love that pierces our hearts, in a prayer that we receive in a new way. Because God is here, moving and working among us.

**We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.**

Children of God, come! Let us worship, ready to embrace God's Word already at work among us, even when we are challenged to recognize God in the familiar and unfamiliar alike.

**We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here. Thank be to God! Amen.**

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

### \*HYMN

*Lord, Speak to Me*

UMH #463

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Jeremiah 1:4-10**

Bob Jolly

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

### \*HYMN

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

UMH #396

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Psalms 71:1-6**

Bob Jolly

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

## THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Pastor Jason

*Come, Ye Sinner, Poor and Needy*

UMH #340

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

Bob Jolly

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

### \*HYMN

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

UMH #548

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Luke 4:21-30**

Bob Jolly

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

## SERMON

*In Your Hometown*

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

*One Bread, One Body*

UMH #15

UMH #620

## BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Pastor Jason

### \*HYMN

*We'll Understand It Better By and By*

UMH #525

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

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

**Liturgists:** February 2 Bob Jolly; 9 Dot Lange; 16 Mike Shifflet; 23 Ralph Stone

**BIRTHDAYS:** February 11 Roberta Stone; 15 Bernadine Alspach; 20 Mike Shifflet; 23 Shirley Baker

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Friend of Dennis and Mary with cancer; Leah, healing after car accident and surgery; Joetta, pneumonia; Katie at CHOP; Kathy, friend of Shifflet's cancer; Dean Cooper, health; Valerie Cooper, healing for vision in her eye; Shelly, bronchitis; Gene in Florida; 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 suffering from wildfires in CA; Violence between the GMC and the UMC in Nigeria; Wisdom & safety for all government officials; 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](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.

**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.

**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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:sgrimm1028@gmail.com) or 717-575-6414.

**SECRET SISTER 2025:** Contact Jackie Black or pick up a form at the church to participate in 2025.

**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 at 717-560-0321 if you are interested in helping.*