

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**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>

**SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY** was Feb 9<sup>th</sup>. But it is not too late to **bring in some canned soup to share with the local Food Bank.** Drop off your canned goods by Wednesday (call ahead if you need to be let in). So far, over 34,606 lbs of food were donated in Eastern PA by our UMC churches from Souperbowl Sunday.

**BRIDGE OF HOPE LANCASTER:** Caleb Simmers will be coming on Sun., March 2 at 11:45am to speak about their ministries and how we may be able to partner with a family in Manheim Township who is receiving support from their programs. Learn more at <https://lancaster.bridgeofhopeinc.org/> and joining us after church.

**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. To be the 2nd adult and/or provide a meal, sign up in the hall or contact Pastor Jason. ***We will go to Gretna Glen Camp on Sun, Feb 16 & March 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 & chaperone.***

**GRIEFSHARE** helps people process the loss of loved ones and to find support from peers. This is open to the church and community. **We meet every Monday from 5-6:30 PM at Faith UMC** in the Education Wing. Our next session will run **from March 3 through June 9, 2025** (except for April 21 and May 26).

**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: February 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 19 & March 5): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>.

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

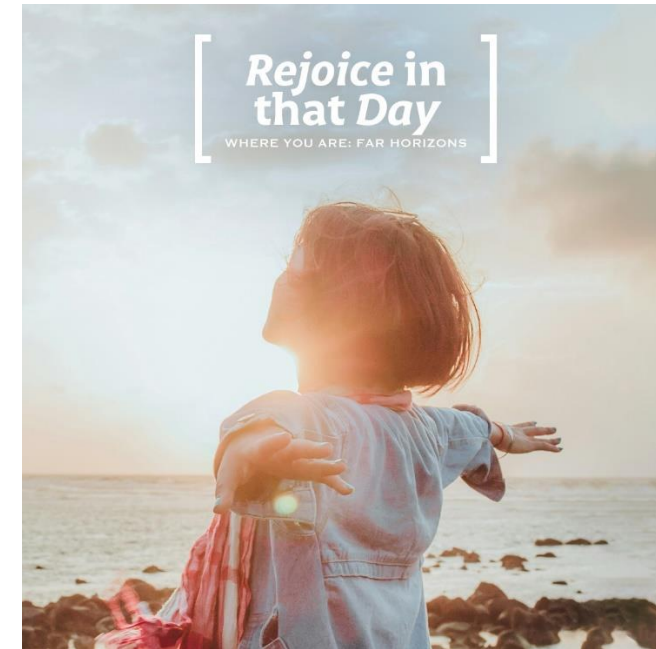
**THREADS OF FAITH:** If you like to knit, sew, crochet or quilt, we would like to invite you to Threads of Faith! Join us from **10am - Noon the first Saturday of each month!** Work on your projects while we chat and share talents in the Fellowship Hall at Faith UMC! **Our next gathering will be Sat., March 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 VBS from July 21-25.** Light refreshments will be served.

**SOUP SALE:** It's still cold out there, so why not pick up a quart of Oregon Dairy soup to get us through the rest of the winter! Faith United Methodist Church will be taking orders for Oregon Dairy Soups by the quart. Orders will be ready for pick up on Saturday March 15th from 10a-12p. **Orders with payment due by Sunday February 23rd.** Walk in purchases for quarts on day of pick up as available. All varieties available! Vegetable Beef, Chicken Corn Soup, Tomato Bisque, Creamy Potato Soup, Chicken Corn Noodle and Ham and Bean Soup. \$10/quart. Pick up an order form in the hall or visit [www.faithumc.us](http://www.faithumc.us) and click on Online Giving to order & pay online.

**FAITH UMC JOB OPPORTUNITY:** Seeking maturing Christian candidates. Details visit [www.FaithUMC.US](http://www.FaithUMC.US). **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.

## Welcome to Oregon Community United Methodist Church



**Address:** 1214 Creek Road, Lititz, PA 17543  
**Church Phone:** (717) 656-7198  
**Website:** OregonCommunityUMC.us  
**Facebook:** Oregon Community UMC

**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

February 16, 2025 at 9:00 AM – 6<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

Jesus declared, "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God."

May we learn to depend on God's abundant provision instead of the world's grasping for wealth as we worship today.

Jesus declared, "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled."

May we learn to follow Christ's call to provide for the hungry as co-creators of God's kingdom as we worship today.

Jesus declared, "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh."

May we learn to pay attention to those who suffer and mourn and to extend God's comfort and hope to those who need it as we worship today.

Jesus declared, "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man."

May our worship teach us to rejoice in that day and every day as we live out the good news in our families, neighborhoods, community, and world!

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

### \*HYMN

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

UMH #133

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Jeremiah 17:5-10**

Mike Shifflet

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

### \*HYMN

*How Long Has It Been?*

By Mosie Lister

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Psalms 1**

Mike Shifflet

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

## THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Merciful Lord, we pause to confess that sometimes we listen to the advice of the ungodly. We know better, but for some reason, we listen anyway. Forgive us. The lure of a quick fix, easy money, or pleasure turned our heads away from you, Lord. Forgive us. We knew it was wrong as soon as we did it, but pride kept us from backing out of our decision. Forgive us. Teach us the joy of being righteous. Show us how to delight in being holy. Remind us that new life in Christ means new thoughts, new ways, new decisions. Forgive us for failing to trust you in all things. Amen.

*Written by Kwasi Kena in The Africana Worship Book, Year C (Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 2008), 144.*

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

### \*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH #95

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**1 Corinthians 15:12-20**

Mike Shifflet

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

### \*HYMN

*Only Trust Him*

UMH #337

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Luke 6:17-26**

Mike Shifflet

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

### SERMON

*Rejoice in that Day*

Pastor Jason

### BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

### \*HYMN

*Because He Lives*

UMH #364

*\* 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 with cancer; Valerie Cooper, healing for vision in her eye; Shelly, bronchitis; Gene in Florida; Nat (friend of Wickers), cancer; 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:** Refugees & immigrants; Stability of our government and wisdom for elected leaders; President Trump and VP Vance; People suffering from wildfires in CA; Violence between the GMC and the UMC in Nigeria; Wisdom & safety for all government officials; 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; 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.

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

**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.