

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

LITITZ DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE: Friday, March 7, at Lititz United Methodist Church, 201 E. Market St., Lititz. Prelude music will begin at 6:30 p.m., and the main program will start at 7 p.m.

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, 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 and/or 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 will begin to meet again **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). More information and registration forms are at: <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/261153> or see Pastor Jason.

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.** Contact Pastor Jason for more info.

THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM (CST) engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. **Next meeting: March 20 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. (March 5 & 19): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOeIVIVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>.

CST (Church and Society) BOOK CLUB on *The Sum of Us* by Heather McGhee. We will meet monthly for a discussion starting Mon., March 10 at 5pm. Anyone interested in joining us for this book club can reach out to Pastor Jason or Renee Norman to be added to our contact list for more info. We meet by Zoom via this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82735304374?pwd=eDBSZHRCZVphSnh2TENDZ0xrdG0vQT09>.

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

SOUP SALE: Remember to pick up your pre-ordered soup on March 15 from 10:00 AM to Noon. Walk in purchases for quarts are available on the day of pick up while supplies last. Thank you for your support!

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., April 5.**

EQUALIZING LAY DELEGATES: If you want to represent the laity of the West District of the EPAUMC and help set policy and missional focus for our denomination, please see Pastor Jason. You would become a delegate to the 2025-2028 Annual Conference sessions will full voice and vote. We meet in **Wildwood, NJ on May 20-22, 2025 for Annual Conference.** The **West District Conference at Cornwall UMC is on Sunday, May 4 at 3 PM** where delegates will be officially elected. Nominees are encouraged to attend.

LENTEN SEASON begins with **Ash Wednesday on March 5 at 7PM at OCUMC** remembering Jesus' 40 days of prayer and fasting in the wilderness, receiving communion and the imposition of ashes. Holy Week will include a Maundy Thursday Service at 7PM at OCUMC, two Good Friday Services (Noon and 7PM), a Sunrise Service at 6:15AM at OCUMC's Pavilion, Easter Sunday Services at 9AM at OCUMC and 10:30AM at Faith UMC.

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

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

March 2, 2025 at 9:00 AM – Transfiguration Sunday

WELCOME: 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

Disciples of Christ, today your Savior calls you to come up the mountain and pray. Will you come?

We will go wherever Jesus leads us.

Will you follow when Christ's glory overwhelms your senses, and you sit astounded at God's greatness?

We will go wherever Jesus leads us.

Will you follow when Jesus won't let you stay on the mountaintop, insisting that you return to the valley where people are hurting and in need of good news?

We will go wherever Jesus leads us.

Disciples, come! Let us worship God, whose glory shines on the mountaintop and in the eyes of our neighbors.

Come, let us worship God, whose glory shimmers all around us, even now!

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

*HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

UMH #451

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 34:29-35

Bob Jolly

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

*HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

UMH #103

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 99

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

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Bob Jolly

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

*HYMN

Majesty, Worship His Majesty

UMH #176

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 9:28-36

Bob Jolly

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

SERMON

Astounded at the Greatness

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

UMH #15

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Pastor Jason

*HYMN

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

UMH #349

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

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

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

BIRTHDAYS: March 10 Sandy Baird; 20 Kathy Fisher; 21 Shannon

PRAYER REQUESTS: Kevin and dialysis medications; Health of Paula's Aunt's Kathy and Emily; Jan Berger and Jackie Black for health; friend of Dennis and Mary with cancer; Leah, healing after car accident and surgery; Katie at CHOP; Kathy, friend of Shifflet's with cancer; Valerie Cooper, vision; Shelly, bronchitis; Gene & Nancy travels to Florida; Nat (friend of Wikers), cancer; Joanne (Jackie's sister), scleroderma; Stone & Fritsch family, healing; 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; Patty's ALS; Jane Hess, healing; Denny Armstrong, kidney failure; Frank & Charlene; Alfred Byrd; all battling cancer; Kathy & Jack Muth; Chuck Flory, ALS; Judy Brivchik; **PRAISES:** Erin's father, healing from infection; 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:** Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi; DS Freymoyer & EPAUMC Staff; Laity and Clergy; unity & love in the church; Refugees & immigrants; plane crashes; stability of our government and wisdom for elected leaders in US and worldwide; President Trump and VP Vance; people suffering from wildfires in CA; violence between the GMC and the UMC in Nigeria; school shootings and threats; NarSarah Clinic in Sierra Leone and team traveling there from Lancaster, PA; 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 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.** **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.

FAITH UMC JOB OPPORTUNITY: Seeking maturing Christian candidates. Details visit 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.

GRETNA GLEN CAMP STAFF POSITIONS: Gretna Glen Camp is looking for a full-time Day Camp Director and other staff members for Summer 2025. Please visit <https://gretnaglen.org/serve/> to get more information.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING: We should schedule a Church Council Meeting over the next few weeks. If you are part of Church Council please let Pastor Jason know when you would be available.