

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS ON OCT 30, NOV 6 & 20 AFTER CHURCH at Faith UMC: To learn more about the UMC and how to become a member of OCUMC, contact Pastor Jason.

YOUTH GROUP, SUNDAYS, 5-7 PM at Faith UMC for 5th-12th graders. Sign up in the hall to be the 2nd adult and/or to provide a meal. **Volunteer needed for November 6.** Each week there are dinner, games and a lesson. **Youth will go to Gretna Glen Camp from 3:30-7:00 PM on the 3rd Sunday of each month.** Church van will leave from / return to Faith UMC. For more info contact Pastor Jason (717-333-9238).

CONFIRMATION CLASS will meet at Faith UMC from 7:30-9:00 PM every other Monday for students in 6th-12th grade. We will have classes, retreats, field trips, etc. led by Pastor Andrea from Long Memorial and Pastor Jason. (Next meetings: Nov 7 & Nov 21—no meeting on Oct 31)

GRIEFSHARE GROUP: Pastor Jason and Tina Miller have started a new GriefShare Group to help people find support and process the loss of loved ones. To learn more or sign up, please contact Pastor Jason ASAP. **This group meets every other Monday from 5-6 PM in the Fellowship Hall at Faith UMC (Nov. 7 & 21).**

CHATTING VIA ZOOM MONDAYS AT 6:30 PM—NOT ON OCT 31: Everyone is invited to join us. at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518?pwd=cEVDeDljeThaaWVlYjIjQWmZjTm5oUT09>

BIBLE STUDY led by Mike Shifflet on WEDNESDAYS at 6:30 PM at Oregon Community UMC.

MORNING BIBLE STUDY – FRIDAYS AT 10AM at the Faith UMC Fellowship Hall: You can prepare at: <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning>. Michelle Bame will teach on Nov. 18.

IMPACT! MISSIONS restore homes to be sold to low-income families & does repairs for those in need. **To volunteer** on 1st & 3rd Saturdays, **contact Leon** at 717-344-9924 / leonshe137@gmail.com.

SERVANT SATURDAY on FIRST SATURDAYS EACH MONTH. We are asking everyone to find ways to show God's love. **DOWNTOWN MINISTRY:** At 2pm on Servant Saturdays, we meet at Faith UMC to cook and deliver meals & personal items for people who are unhoused. To help, call Diana at 717-435-8577.

BIBLE2SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS: We need help to teach the Bible2School students from Reidenbaugh Elementary School please let Pastor know. We are hosting this religious education program for 2nd and 3rd grade students every Tuesday and Wednesday morning. Over 45 students are attending each week.

SHARED THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE on Wed., Nov. 23 at Oregon Community UMC, 7-7:45PM. We will have a few churches joining us for a service of giving thanks, music, and a short message.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA: This musical service will be **shared on Sun, Dec. 18** at Faith UMC (9AM) & Long Memorial UMC (11AM). *There will NOT be a service at Oregon Community UMC that morning.*

VETERANS DAY: On Nov 13 we will honor our church members and their family who have served in the armed services. **Please drop off a photo of your loved ones to the church by the Sunday before** (Nov 6). Include their full name, date of birth/death, and their military branch and rank.

POWER INTERFAITH LANCASTER COUNTY is working on justice issues in our community—including fair funding for public schools, prison & bail reform, positive police & community interactions, a healthier environment, economic justice, etc. For info, contact Pastor Jason or visit <https://powerinterfaith.org>

OFFERINGS: You can direct gifts to the **General Ministry, Building, or Benevolence Funds.** You can mail a check to OCUMC or via our website. The General Budget is behind. **Consider if you can help.** **UKRAINIAN HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT** can be sent via: <https://umcmmission.org> or thru OCUMC marked "For Ukraine"

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 THE SANCTUARY at 9:00 AM at Oregon Community UMC
& BROADCAST at 10:30 AM from Faith UMC on Facebook & church websites.**

OFFICE HOURS: Pastor Jason is generally available Mon-Thurs from about 10-5pm. 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

November 6, 2022 at 9:00 AM – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME: We come together to worship the loving God who has chosen to be revealed as the Father Creator, the Son who lived among us, and the Holy Spirit who ministers powerfully within 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 – and pray you find what you came looking for!

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A TIME FOR CENTERING & PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jason & God's People

You are God, not of the dead, but of the living, for to you, all of them are alive.

Alive is the alcoholic, tired of being worn out by whiskey and wine. Alive is the drug addict, hearing a fresh call to “come and dine.”

You are God, not of the dead, but of the living, for to you, all of them are alive.

Alive is the woman used, abused, and misused by a loved one, needing someone's compassion and care. Alive is the man castrated by the pressures of society, needing divine power and prayer. Alive is the child searching for what can be, when everyone has told him or her what he or she would never be.

You are God, not of the dead, but of the living, for to you, all of them are alive.

Yes, alive is the immigrant looking for a fair and just place to call home. Alive is the descendant of slaves, whose fight for common justice is very well known. Alive is the progeny that still hopes, planting fresh seeds to be sown.

You are God, not of the dead, but of the living, for to you, all of them are alive.

Yes, alive is the poor man struggling for health care. Alive is the hungry woman seeking a job paying a good fare. Alive is the youth who will not quit, the one fashioned to dream and taught to dare.

You are God, not of the dead, but of the living, for to you, all of them are alive. We come this morning, feeling a little dead; even with little energy for journey ahead. But you are God, and in you, we are not dead. For to you, all of us are alive! Help us strive; ready us to thrive. Yes, we are alive!! In the name of Jesus, we are alive!

*Joseph W. Daniels Jr., The Africana Worship Book, Year C,
Valerie Bridgeman Davis and Safiyah Fosua, eds., (Discipleship Resources, 2008), 80.*

***HYMN** *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* **UMH #731**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21** **Dot Lange**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

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

***Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* **UMH #95**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17** **Dot Lange**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE *If worshipping online, you may post your prayer requests*

***HYMN** *Children of the Heavenly Father* **UMH #141**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Luke 20:27-38** **Dot Lange**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Band of Puzzlers

Pastor Jason

INVITATION TO THE COMMUNION TABLE

All Are Welcome

***HYMN** *Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast* **UMH #616 v. 1-3**

CONFESSION AND PARDON

UMH #12

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH #13-14

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest! ... And so in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving ... as we proclaim the mystery of faith. **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH #895

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

UMH #15

All are invited to receive the bread and the cup, as God's grace and love extend to everyone!

***HYMN** *Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise* **UMH #103**

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

** You are invited to stand*

OCUMC Pianist: Jody Wiker

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

Liturgists: Nov. 6 Dot Lange; 13 Christie Jolly; 20 Mike Shifflet; 27 Ralph Stone

BIRTHDAYS: Nov. 6 Dean Cooper; 19 James Garner; 20 Pastor Jason

PRAYER REQUESTS: Shirley Gehr – healing after a fall; Bible2School Program for 2nd-4th graders; Roberta Stone; Donald Stone; Nicole Wise; Lee Manifold, Marcia's father; Doris Cooper, health; Joetta's sister; Kuzmenko family; Maria, Angela and all foster children; Kathy Muth, cellulitis; Jack Muth, brain cancer; Chuck Flory, ALS; Garner family; Pat Dietz; Bob Rinier; Joanne Steinmetz (Jackie's sister), health; Josh Zimmerman (Jackie's grandson); Judy Brivchik, eyesight; Dot's oldest son Jerry, Myeloma; Roseanne, cancer; Sandy Baird's father, Dick; those with cancer; Fred Hess; Campus Ministries; Bishop John Schol & Staff; District Superintendent Jenny Freymoyer & Pastors. **PRAISES:** God's presence and healings; Babies born into our extended church family; Pastoral Ministry of Ian Solodky & Shannon Weaver; **PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD:** Victims of gun violence; The UMC and disaffiliations; Ukraine; Veterans & Service members; leaders; police & medical personnel; the sick and their caregivers; victims of violence & racism; peace, wisdom & reconciliation; abused persons & abusers; all affected by disasters; refugees & immigrants; the hungry & homeless; prisoners; students, teachers & administration; those struggling with addictions or mental illness; seniors; those grieving loved ones; our ministries; our community; & COVID.

IN NEED OF HELP: Contact Pastor Jason, or 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 9-8-8.