ANNOUNCEMENTS:

JUNIOR CHURCH for children age 3 years through 4th grade during the 10:30AM Worship Service at Faith UMC. Please sign your child in before the Worship Service. Each child and parent will be assigned a badge with a matching number. Children will begin the service in the sanctuary and be dismissed to Junior Church after the Children's Time Message. After worship, parents must sign children out at their classroom in the Education Wing. No Junior Church on November 27, 2022.

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. 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). **NO** meeting today. **Volunteer needed as the 2nd adult on Dec 4**.

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: Dec. 5 & 19)

GRIEFSHARE GROUP: Pastor Jason and Tina Miller lead a GriefShare Group to help people find support and process the loss of loved ones. To learn more, please contact Pastor Jason ASAP. This group meets every other Monday from 5-6 PM in the Fellowship Hall at Faith UMC (**Dec 5 & 19**).

CHATTING VIA ZOOM MONDAYS AT 6:30 PM: Everyone is invited to join us. at: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518?pwd=cEVDeDljeThaaWVlYjlQWmZjTm5oUT09 No Meeting on Nov. 28

BIBLE STUDY on WEDNESDAYS at 6:30 PM with Mike Shifflet at Oregon Community UMC. Will resume meeting on Jan 11, 2023.

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY AT 10AM at FAITH UMC: Each week we explore a small group study based on the scriptures for this week. You can prepare at: https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning.

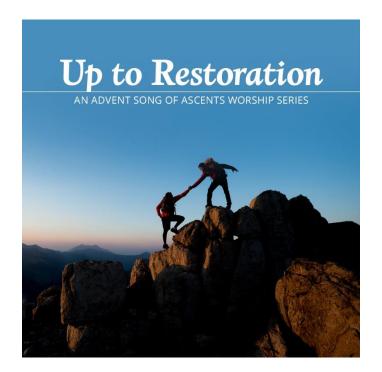
ADVENT STUDIES:

- THE HEART THAT GREW THREE SIZES with Michelle Bame. 9:00 AM on Sunday mornings (Nov. 27, Dec 4 & 11). In this new Advent study, Matt Rawle explores the faith themes in the Christmas classic, How the Grinch Stole Christmas! Look at a familiar classic through the lens of faith and see how Christ speaks to us through our culture.
- CHILDREN'S ADVENT STUDY: The Heart That Grew Three Sizes with Carol Kennedy. 9:00 AM on Sunday mornings (Nov. 27, Dec 4 & 11). Children ages 3 to 4th grade are invited to explore the faith themes in the Christmas classic, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* There will be discussion, music, crafts, and a snack.
- <u>LIGHT OF THE WORLD</u> with Rev. Jim Garner. This book study written by Amy-Jill Levine will help participants prepare their hearts for Christmas. She is a New Testament Professor who is Jewish, and writes from this particular historical and Biblical context. Please order the book in advance at Cokesbury.com or Amazon in paperback or a digital copy. You must order the book yourself. This will be a Zoom Study on Thursday evenings at 7 PM (Dec. 1, 8, 15 & 22). https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85939667466?pwd=bHkreUNyNTZGVWNicmUwUnNzazhXQT09

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 / <u>leonshel37@gmail.com</u>.

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.

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 27, 2022 at 10:30 AM – 1st Sunday of Advent

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ELCOME: We gather in this Advent Season to remember the Alpha & Omega—God who has always been and always will be. The Creator, Son and Holy Spirit have worked together throughout time to create, bless, and redeem the universe. We prepare ourselves for the second coming of Jesus to gather His people home. 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

Heavenly Father, we rejoice that we can come into Your house today and worship You with those who love You, too. Thank you for inspiring and leading Your people to establish Your house here in this place.

We pray that all who worship here might experience Your love, grace, mercy, and forgiveness.

We pray for Your people all the world over, and we pray that they might prosper along with us as we serve you and others.

May everyone who trusts in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior find and experience peace with God, others, and themselves.

Through your only begotten Son, we pray, "Our Father. . ."

Written by L.G. Parkhurst, Jr. (© 2007), and posted on A Psalm and a Prayer. https://www.ouosu.com/APsalmandAPrayer/psalm122.htm

LIGHTING THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE: HOPE

Jolly Family

*HYMN O Come, O Come, Emmanuel UMH #211 v. 1-4

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 2:1-5 Ralph Stone

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

*HYMN Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus UMH #196

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 122 Ralph Stone

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

*Offertory Prayer

SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 13:11-14 Ralph Stone

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

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH #895

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 24:36-44 Ralph Stone

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

SERMON Up to Restoration Pastor Jason

*HYMN There's Something About That Name UMH #171

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; 13 James Garner; 20 Pastor Jason

PRAYER REQUESTS: Josh Zimmerman (Jackie's grandson)—healing after a car accident; Shirley Gehr — healing after a fall; Bible2School Program for 2nd-4th graders; Roberta Stone; Donald Stone; Nicole Wise—upcoming surgery; Lee Manifold, Marcia's father-health; 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; 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; The UMC and General Conference Delegates, new Bishops, God's will regarding human sexuality & evangelism to new disciples of Jesus; and newly elected political leaders 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.

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://umcmission.org or thru OCUMC marked "For Ukraine"

POWER INTERFAITH LANCASTER COUNTY is working on justice issues in our community—inc. fair funding for public schools, prison & bail reform, positive police & community interactions, a healthier environment, economic justice, etc. **Pastor Jason has been working on this for 6 years and would like to see OCUMC engage in this work begin a local UMC Church and Society Team.** Contact Pastor Jason or https://powerinterfaith.org

ANNUAL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA AND COOKIE EXTRAVAGANZA on Saturday December 10th from 8:00 to 10:30 AM. Breakfast will include pancakes and sausages with various toppings. Gluten free option available! Santa will be there to greet all the kids and pose for photos before his busiest night of the year! Breakfast is by donation. While you're here, choose your own cookies from our huge selection of holiday favorites and maybe try something new! Cost per container is \$16.50. Volunteers needed – contact Lisa Baker (717-615-6707).

THE LANCASTER AARP CHORUS PRESENTS A CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT FAITH UMC on Friday, December 16th at 2:00 PM. They will be performing both sacred and secular holiday music. This concert is open to the public with admissions being a free-will offering. Please call ahead to reserve a seat (717-560-0321). Light refreshments will be served after the concert.

BIBLE2SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS: If you are interested in working with Pastor Jason and other volunteers to teach the Bible2School students from Reidenbaugh Elementary School on Tue and Wed please contact Pastor.

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 day.*