

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE at 9am at Oregon Community UMC on Dec. 25th (or Faith UMC at 10:30am if that better suits your schedule). Join us for a simple hymn sing & celebration of Christ's birth.

JUNIOR CHURCH at Faith UMC for kids 3 years old - 4th grade during the 10:30AM Worship Service. Please sign your child in before the Worship Service. Each child and parent will be assigned a badge with a matching number. Kids 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. Resumes Jan 8.

YOUTH GROUP, SUNDAYS, 5-7 PM at Faith UMC for 5th-12th graders. Sign up to be the 2nd adult and/or to provide a meal. Each week there are dinner, games and a lesson. Resumes Jan 8.

CONFIRMATION CLASS will meet at Faith UMC from 7:30-9:00 PM every other Monday for students in 6th-12th grade. This is led by Pastor Andrea & Pastor Jason. Next meetings: Jan. 2 & 16.

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 at Faith UMC. Next meetings: Jan. 2 & 16.

CHATTING VIA ZOOM MONDAYS AT 6:30 PM: Resumes Jan 2. Everyone is invited to join us at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518?pwd=cEVDeDljeThaaWVlYjIjQWmZjTm5oUT09>

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 call Pastor.

BIBLE STUDY on WEDNESDAYS at 6:30 PM with Mike at OCUMC. Resumes Jan 11.

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY AT 10AM at FAITH UMC: We explore the week's scriptures. You can prepare at: <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning>. Resumes Jan 6.

CHRIST HOME FOR KIDS (supporting children living in that home) & **BLACKFEET UMC PARISH** (supporting ministry on the Blackfeet Reservation in Montana): Each year we collect gifts through Christmas (inc. the Christmas Eve offering) to support these two ministries. You can send a check made out to *Oregon Community UMC* with the ministry name in the memo and we will send one donation to support their work. *Any undesignated gifts that are received this Christmas Eve Service will also go to these missions.*

POWER INTERFAITH LANCASTER COUNTY is working on justice issues in our community—inc. public schools, prison & bail reform, police & community interactions, etc. Visit <https://powerinterfaith.org> to learn more or contact Pastor Jason

PRAYER SHAWLS AVAILABLE: Perhaps you or someone you know would appreciate the comfort of a prayer shawl or quilt. Please help yourself to a prayer shawl from the rack in the front of the sanctuary and please sign the attached sheet so we know who is receiving it.

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 / leonshel37@gmail.com.

SERVANT SATURDAY DOWNTOWN MINISTRY on 1st Sat. of the month at 2pm. Meet at Faith UMC to cook / deliver meals & personal items for unhoused people. To help, call Diana at 717-435-8577.

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

jbperkowski@gmail.com or (717) 333-9238

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

December 24, 2022 at 7:00 PM – Christmas Eve

WELCOME: We gather together to worship God: The Father, The Son, & the Holy Spirit. We celebrate that The Holy Spirit came upon the Virgin Mary, the Word of God became flesh within her, & on this night some 2022 years ago she brought the only begotten Son, Jesus, into the world. You are welcome in this space to celebrate this miracle no matter who you are; from where you have come; what experiences, struggles or gifts you bring; or the questions, doubts & beliefs you carry. Together, we seek to honor & understand the gift of the Christ Child! We are so glad you are here!

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A TIME FOR CENTERING & PRAYER

Pastor Jason

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE: CHRIST CANDLE

Dean Cooper

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jason & God's People

Glory to God in the highest! **And hope to every discouraged heart.**

Glory to God in the highest! **And peace to every conflicted soul.**

Glory to God in the highest! **And joy to every downcast spirit.**

Glory to God in the highest! **And love to everyone.**

Let us sing praises to our God. **Let us offer this light against the darkness.**

*HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

UMH #234 v. 1 & 2

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

Bob Jolly

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

*HYMN

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

UMH #240

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Jason

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 96

Bob Jolly

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

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Pastor Jason

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

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

*Offertory Prayer

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2:1-5

Bob Jolly

*HYMN

O Little Town of Bethlehem

UMH #230 v. 1, 2, 4

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2:6-14

Bob Jolly

*HYMN

Angels from the Realms of Glory

UMH #220 v. 1 & 2

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2:15-20

Bob Jolly

SPECIAL MUSIC

Pastor Jason & Jody Wiker

HOMILY

Unto Us a Child Is Born

Pastor Jason

*HYMN

Joy to the World

UMH #246 v. 1, 3, 4

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Titus 2:11-14

Pastor Jason

COMMUNION (inc. Lord's Prayer UMH #895)

UMH #12-15

*HYMN & CANDLELIGHTING

Silent Night

UMH #239

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

* *You are invited to stand*

OCUMC Pianist: Jody Wiker

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

Liturgists: Dec. 4 Dot Lange; 11 Christie Jolly; 18 Mike Shifflet; 25 Ralph Stone

BIRTHDAYS: Dec. 7 Paula Shifflet; 19 Sharon Garner; 27 Annabelle Fritsch; 30 Ralph Stone;

PRAYER REQUESTS: Family of Pat and Bob Dietz on their passing; Beth Perkowski, testing & healing; Fred Kohler, healing after bypass surgery; Josh (Jackie's grandson); Shirley Gehr – healing after a fall; Roberta Stone; Donald Stone; Lee Manifold (Marcia's father), health; Sandy Baird's father, Dick; 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; Bob Rinier; Joanne Steinmetz (Jackie's sister), health; Judy Brivchik, eyesight; Dot's oldest son Jerry, Myeloma; Roseanne, cancer; Harmony Chiccarine, Leukemia; all those with cancer; Fred Hess; Campus Ministries; Bishop John Schol, Conference Staff, DS Jenny Freymoyer, Pastors and Laity. **PRAISES:** God's presence and healings; The Birth of Jesus the Savior; Bible2School Program for 2nd-4th graders. **PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD:** Victims of gun violence; The UMC & disaffiliations; Ukraine; Veterans & Service members; 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; incarcerated; students, teachers & administration; libraries & staff; those struggling with addictions or mental illness; seniors; those grieving loved ones; our ministries; our community; elected, appointed & community leaders; & 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 call 9-8-8.

OFFERINGS: You can direct gifts to the General Ministry, Building, or Benevolence Funds. You can mail a check to OCUMC or give an online donation via our website (www.OCUMC.US). The General Budget is behind. Consider if you can help. **UKRAINIAN SUPPORT** via <https://umcmmission.org>.

THANK YOU: OCUMC continues to do incredible ministry—with weekly Bible Studies; a wonderful worship service; prayer and support for one another; outreach events like the Christmas Craft Bazaar; shared ministries like the Downtown Food Ministry, GriefShare, Youth Ministry, the Food Bank; Christ's Home for Kids & the Blackfeet UM Parish. This work requires support through your prayers, presence, service, witness, & gifts—including financial support. Thank you for all of your support that enables to keep doing these ministries. **Please prayerfully consider if you can make a special end of year gift to help us do this ministry together and to be ready for new opportunities in 2023. Your gifts to the building fund have also prepared us to break ground on the new accessible bathroom on the first floor.**

REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS: If you are over 72 and have tax deferred retirement accounts, you could have a portion of your required minimum distribution given as a charitable gift to the church to avoid paying taxes on those funds. This may benefit you as you finish out 2022 and plan for your tax returns. If you have questions feel free to contact Pastor Jason..