

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

JUNIOR CHURCH at Faith UMC for 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. Children are dismissed to Junior Church after the Children's Message. After worship, parents must sign children out at their class 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.* Youth will go to Gretna Glen Camp from 3:30-7:00 PM on the 3rd Sunday of each month including January 15. Church van will leave from / return to Faith UMC.

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. 16 & 30.

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. 16 & 30.

CHATTING VIA ZOOM MONDAYS AT 6:30 PM: Everyone is invited to join us at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518?pwd=cEVDeDIjeThaaWVlYjIjQWmZjTm5oUT09>

BIBLE2SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS: To volunteer to teach or lead a small group of the Bible2School students from Reidenbaugh Elementary School on Tue and Wed please call Pastor Jason.

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>.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO THE 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. Thank you for your generosity!!

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. We are also starting a new combined Church and Society Team at Faith and OCUMC. Please let Pastor Jason know if you are interested.

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. You can also help with the next **COMMUNITY MEAL:** People in need may pick up a Grab 'n Go Meal at Zion Lutheran Church in East Petersburg every Monday. Several churches in the area support this ministry. Faith UMC provides fifty Grab 'n Go Meals quarterly. If you would like to be involved in this ministry, please contact Carol Kennedy. The next time we serve a meal will be January 9, 2023.

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 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

January 8, 2023 at 9:00 AM – Epiphany Sunday & Baptism of the Lord

WELCOME: We gather together to worship God: The Father, The Son, & the Holy Spirit. We come to learn from the life, ministry and teaching of Jesus—who is fully God and fully human. He is the living Word of God. You are welcome in this space to explore 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 learn and live out our Faith. We are so glad you are here!

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A TIME FOR CENTERING & PRAYER

Pastor Jason

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jason & God's People

The Voice of God prods our hearing

The activity of God stretches our seeing.

Together they invite us down into the waters of life where the Spirit flows.

From there we may rise to go, to dare, to walk, and to serve beyond where we have been before.

Martha Brunell, The Abingdon Women's Preaching Annual, Series 2, Year A (Abingdon Press, 2001), 58.

*HYMN

The First Noel

UMH #245

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6

Pastor Jason

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

Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14

Pastor Jason

*HYMN

Sing We Now of Christmas

UMH #237 v. 1, 4, 5

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 3:1-12

Pastor Jason

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

Matthew 2:1-23

Pastor Jason

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

*HYMN

We Three Kings

UMH #254

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 3:13-17

Pastor Jason

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

SERMON

The Light of the World

Pastor Jason

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

*HYMN

Go, Tell it on the Mountain

UMH #251

* You are invited to stand

OCUMC Pianist: Jody Wiker

Pastor: The Rev. Jason Perkowski

Ministers: The People of God

Liturgists: Jan. 1 Dot Lange; 8 Christie Jolly; 15 Mike Shifflet; 22 Ralph Stone; 29 Pastor Jason

BIRTHDAYS: Jan. 9 Joetta Henry; 24 Shirley Gehr

PRAYER REQUESTS: Sarah Kuzmenko, Migraines; Beth Perkowski, testing & healing; Fred Kohler, healing after bypass surgery; Josh (Jackie's grandson); Shirley Gehr – healing; Roberta Stone; Donald Stone; Lee Manifold (Marcia's father); Dick Baird's, Sandy's father; Doris Cooper; 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. **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). UKRAINIAN SUPPORT via <https://umcmission.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. These ministries require support through your prayers, presence, service, witness, & gifts—including financial support. Thank you for all of your support. **Please prayerfully consider if you can make a plan for regular giving throughout 2023 to help us do this ministry together. Your gifts to the building fund have also prepared us to break ground on the new 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.

PASTOR JASON & JULIE ARE GRATEFUL for the opportunity to serve as the pastoral family here at Oregon Community UMC. You are wonderful church community and we are honored to be a part of your ministry. We are also grateful for your Christmas gifts to us. Thank you for your kind generosity.