

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**MEMBERSHIP:** If you are interested in learning more about the UMC and Oregon Community UMC, and are considering becoming a member, we invite you to contact Pastor Jason for info to join in a new membership class on **Sunday, January 15, 22, and 29 at noon.** *We will meet in the first classroom in the Education Wing at Faith UMC.* Classes will be held at Faith, but people from OCUMC will take this class and then become members at Oregon Community.

**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.

**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. **Youth will go to Gretna Glen Camp from 3:30-7:00 PM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month including January 15.** Church van will leave from / return to Faith UMC. A volunteer needed.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS will meet at Faith UMC from 7:30-9:00 PM every other Monday for students in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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=cEVDeDljeThaaWVlYjIjQWmZjTm5oUT09>

**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. *We are studying Samuel.*

**FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY AT 10AM at FAITH UMC:** We explore the week's scriptures.

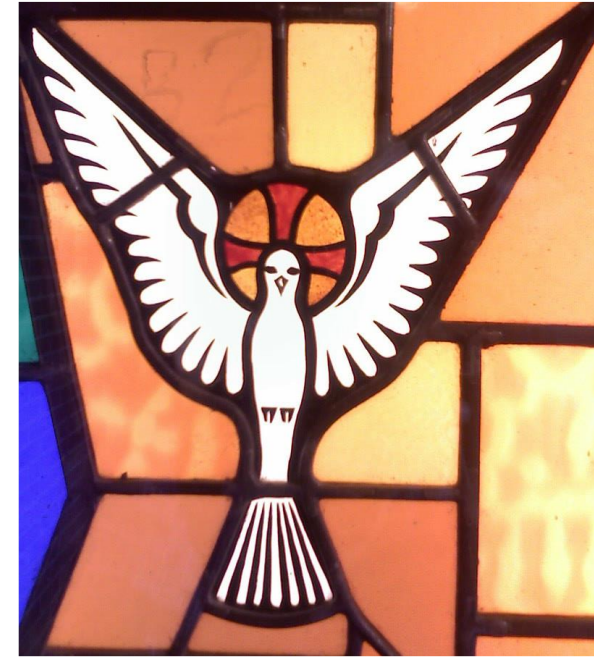
**CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM:** We are starting a new team at Faith & Oregon Community to explore how our churches can engage in improving our community. Scripture, our membership vows and the history of the Methodists call us to stand up against injustice and the forces of wickedness. If you are interested in learning more and being a part of that team, please contact Pastor Jason. This team will also discern ways that we may choose to engage with **POWER INTERFAITH LANCASTER COUNTY** (<https://powerinterfaith.org>) which is working on justice issues in our community around schools, the criminal justice system, etc.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, **contact Leon** at 717-344-9924 / [leonshe137@gmail.com](mailto:leonshe137@gmail.com).

**SERVANT SATURDAY DOWNTOWN MINISTRY** on 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of the month at 2pm (**inc. Feb 4**). 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 **April 10, 2023.**

## Welcome to Oregon Community United Methodist Church



**Address:** 1214 Creek Road, Lititz, PA 17543

**Church Phone:** (717) 656-7198

**Website:** [OregonCommunityUMC.us](http://OregonCommunityUMC.us)

**Facebook:** Oregon Community UMC

**Pastor:** The Rev. Jason Perkowski

[jbperkowski@gmail.com](mailto: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

January 15, 2023 at 9:00 AM – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

**W**ELCOME: 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

I waited patiently for GOD; who turned to me and heard my cry, who lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; and set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

**We sing a new song! Our mouths are full of the praise of God.**

Blessed are we when we make the Lord our trust; when we do not turn aside to false gods.

**We sing of all your many wonders, O God, too many to declare them all.**

Sacrifice & offering you did not desire, but our ears you have pierced & a body you have prepared for us.

**We sing, "Here I am, I have come— I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is in my heart."**

*Written by The Rev. Marilyn K. Levine and posted on the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways website.*

*<http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/>. Reposted: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2014/01/responsive-call-to-worship-psalm-40.html>.*

### \*HYMN

*'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

UMH #462

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**John 1:22-42**

Mike Shifflet

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

### \*HYMN

*Trust and Obey*

UMH #467

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Luke 4:1-12**

Mike Shifflet

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

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

UMH #895

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

#### \*Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH #95

#### \*Offertory Prayer

### \*HYMN

*It Is Well with My Soul*

UMH #377

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Luke 4:14-30**

Mike Shifflet

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

### SERMON

*Who Is Jesus? Full of the Spirit*

Pastor Jason

### BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

### \*HYMN

*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

UMH #349

*\* 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:** Candidates for ministry, incl. Pastor Jason for Ordination; Sarah Kuzmenko, Migraines; Beth Perkowski, testing & healing; Robert Perkowski, heart, healing and strength in legs; Josh & Megan (Jackie's grandkids); 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; Bob Rinier; Joanne Steinmetz (Jackie's sister); 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; 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](http://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](http://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.

**CHRISTMAS UNDECORATION:** If you are available to help pack away the Christmas decorations **AFTER CHURCH TODAY** we would appreciate that. We need to pack things up and move them into the shed. However much time you can offer would be appreciated.

**LUMINA NEEDS YOU!** They offer a kid's time Monday evenings for Lancaster inner city children from 4-10 years of age on three Mondays a month from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. During this time the children play a game, do a small craft, hear a Bible lesson, and eat a snack / light meal. Churches take turns sponsoring each month. **We have agreed to help do the meals on Jan. 23, & 30. Please prayerfully consider helping.** Meals would be cooked here and taken downtown to New Creation UMC. **Please contact Diana Valentine at 717-283-6099.**