

## 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 about joining 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 February 19.** Church van will leave from / return to Faith UMC. Volunteers are needed to help with this program.

**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. 30.**

**GRIEF SHARE 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. 30.**

**CHATTING VIA ZOOM MONDAYS AT 6:30 PM:** We are rebooting this to be a more member-led, discussion-oriented "Philosopher's Club" style. Come with your ideas, questions and wonderings for discussion each week. **Pastor Jason will help facilitate the conversation.** 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.

**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



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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.

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

January 22, 2023 at 9:00 AM – 3<sup>rd</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

The God of all creation makes us one in the flesh. **Let us join hearts and voices in praise.**  
In Jesus Christ, we are made one in the Spirit. **Let's be united in truth through the same one Spirit.**  
We practice our faith in many different ways. **Yet we confess one Lord Jesus Christ.**  
We render different forms of ministry. **Yet our calling is one because Christ is undivided.**  
Rejoice, people of God: The Risen Christ is among us, calling us together at his one Table.

**Praise the Lord!** *Life in Liturgy, <https://lifeinliturgy.wordpress.com/2017/01/16/epiphany-3a-christian-unity/>*

\*HYMN *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* UMH #110

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Matthew 21:33-46** 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

\*HYMN *Lord of the Dance* UMH #261

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Matthew 24:42-51** 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 25:14-30** Ralph Stone

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

\*HYMN *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* UMH #277

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Matthew 25:31-46** Ralph Stone

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

SERMON *Who Is Jesus? The Son of God: Come to Reclaim the Kingdom* Pastor Jason

### BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN *Seek Ye First* UMH #405

\* *You are invited to stand*

OCUMC Pianist: Jody Wiker

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

BIRTHDAYS: Jan. 9 Joetta Henry; 24 Shirley Gehr

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Candidates for ministry, incl. Pastor Jason for Ordination; Sarah Kuzmenko, Migraines; Mary Ann Unangst, pneumonia; 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.

**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.

**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://umcmmission.org>.

**MINISTRY UPDATE:** God is actively at work through us as a church. You have supported the local Food Bank; Christ's Home for Kids & the Blackfeet UM Parish. We have **nine Bible Studies** that are meeting throughout the week for people of all ages—four years of age through senior citizens. We offer **GriefShare every other week.** We encourage you to come out for one or more of these sessions. **Prayerfully consider if you would like to make a donation toward our ministries to support this work—and so much more.**

**FINANCE UPDATE:** Thank you to everyone that has already made a gift in 2023. The start of the year can be difficult as people are travelling and catching back up after the holidays. **Please consider if you are able to make a gift** to support our shared ministries—and if you might be able to commit to regular giving. You can set up recurring gifts through your own financial institution or at [www.OregonCommunityUMC.US](http://www.OregonCommunityUMC.US) or via this QR Code:



**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 plan for your giving each year.

**LUMINA KID'S NIGHT** is for Lancaster City children from 4-10 years of age on three Mondays a month, 6:30 - 7:30 pm at New Creation UMC. The children play a game, do a small craft, hear a Bible lesson, and eat a light meal. Churches take turns sponsoring it. **We will provide meals on Jan. 23 & 30.** Meals would be cooked at Faith UMC and taken downtown. **To help, contact Diana Valentine at 717-283-6099.**