

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MEMBERSHIP: If you are interested in learning more about the UMC and our local churches, and are considering becoming a member of Oregon Community, we invite you to contact Pastor Jason for more info. The current new membership class will finish up today, **Sun., Jan. 29 at noon. If others are interested, we can begin another class soon. We meet at Faith UMC**, but people from OCUMC will become members here.

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 3rd Sunday of each month including February 19.** Church van will leave from / return to Faith UMC. Volunteers are needed to help with this program—including for tonight!

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. 30 and Feb 13.**

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 and Feb 13.**

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.*

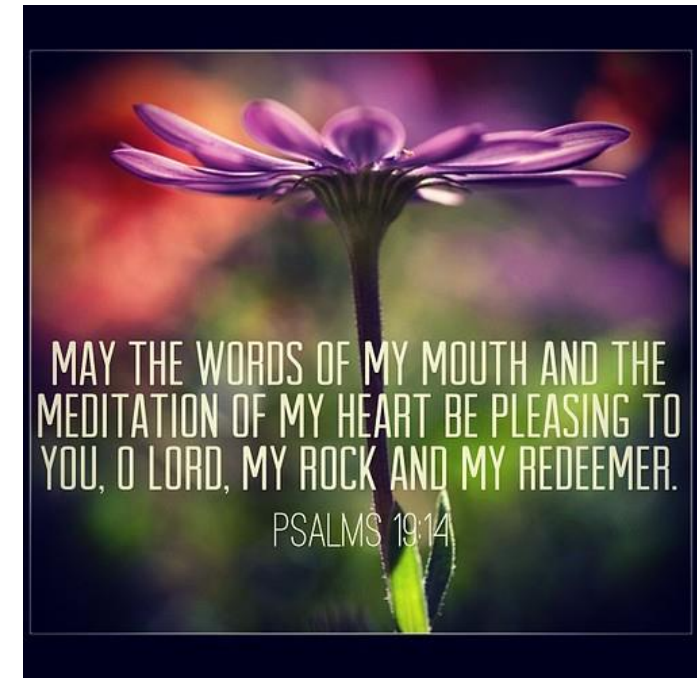
FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY AT 10AM at FAITH UMC: We explore the week's scriptures.

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 1st & 3rd Saturdays, **contact Leon** at 717-344-9924 / leonshe137@gmail.com.

SERVANT SATURDAY: On the 1st Saturday of each month, incl. **Feb. 4**, show God's love to the people around you by finding a way to give of your time, talents and treasures locally or around the world. Use your imaginations to find ways to give by yourself, or with family & friends. May the attitude of servanthood carry over to all the other days of the month. **DOWNTOWN MINISTRY:** We provide meals & personal care items for people who are unhoused in Lancaster City on the 1st Saturday of every month. **February 4 at 2pm we will cook a hot meal** at Faith UMC, and then **go downtown to deliver it.** To help cook, prepare donations, deliver food, etc., contact Diana at 717-283-6099.

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.

Oregon Community United Methodist Church

January 29, 2023 at 9:00 AM – 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

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

Happy are we when our treasures cannot be quantified.
Happy are we when our knowledge is tempered by mystery.
Happy are we when our pain is held in the balm of love.
Happy are we when our delight comes from beyond ourselves.

Written by Katherine Hawker (2006) and posted on Liturgy Outside. Reposted:
<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/08/call-to-worship-beatitudes.html>

*HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

UMH #529

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:17-30

Mike Shifflet

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

*HYMN

Break Thou the Bread of Life

UMH #599

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 15:1-20

Mike Shifflet

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

Sweet Hour of Prayer

UMH #496

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

UMH #895

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 22:34-40

Mike Shifflet

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

*HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

UMH #545

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 23:1-36

Mike Shifflet

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

SERMON

Who Is Jesus? The Living Word and Law

Pastor Jason

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

*HYMN

Freely, Freely

UMH #389

* 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; 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; 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) 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://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. 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. **Please consider if you are able to make a gift** to support our 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 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. 30.** Meals would be cooked at Faith UMC and taken downtown. **To help, contact Diana Valentine at 717-283-6099.**