

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.

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.

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: Feb 13 and 27**

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: Feb 13 and 27**

CHATting VIA ZOOM MONDAYS AT 6:30 PM: This is a member-led, discussion-oriented "Philosopher's Club." Come with your ideas, questions and wonderings for discussion each week. Pastor Jason will facilitate. You may join us at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518?pwd=cEVDeDljeThaaWVIYjlQWmZjTm5oUT09>.

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. *This week we will discuss Land Recognition to acknowledge the indigenous tribes who lived on this land before European settlement.*

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

THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM of Faith & Oregon Community UMCs will explore how we 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 and Renee Norman who will chair this team. We will 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. The first meeting will be in Feb.

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: On the 1st Saturday, incl. **March 4**, show God's love to the people around you by finding a way to give of your time, talents and treasure. Use your imaginations to find ways to give by yourself or with others. **DOWNTOWN MINISTRY:** We provide meals & personal care items for people who are unhoused in Lancaster City on the 1st Saturday of every month. **March 4 at 2pm we will cook a hot meal** at Faith UMC, and then **go downtown to deliver it.** To help, contact Diana at 717-283-6099.

FREE TAX PREP by IRS- certified volunteers. VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) is a program of the United Way. This offer is for persons making between \$10,000 and \$60,000. It is available in-person, virtually (Drop-Off/Pick-Up) or online (MyFreeTaxes.com). Schedule an appointment by calling 211 or at vita.uwlanc.org.

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

February 5, 2023 at 9:00 AM – 5th 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

We are called to bring a new understanding of God: that God so loves the world.

We are the salt of the earth.

We are called to bring a new hope in God: that God gives us new life. **We are the light of the world.**

We are called to follow the commandments and the law.

The Law of God is to love God and to love one another.

Come, let us be the salt of the earth, the light of the world. **Come, let us love one another with the**

love of God. Let us join together in our love of God to worship and follow Jesus.

Written by Rev Mindi and posted on Rev-o-lution. <http://rev-o-lution.org>.

*HYMN

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

UMH #382

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 8:1-17

Dot Lange

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

RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP: Charles & Norman Families

UMH #33-39

*HYMN

There Is a Balm in Gilead

UMH #375

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 8:28-9:13

Dot Lange

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

For the Healing of the Nations

UMH #428

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 9:18-38

Dot Lange

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

*HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

UMH #593

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 10:5-8

Dot Lange

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

SERMON

Who Is Jesus? Healer

Pastor Jason

*HYMN

There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood

UMH #622 v. 1, 2, 4

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

UMH #12-15

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

*HYMN

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

UMH #133

* *You are invited to stand*

OCUMC Pianist: Jody Wiker

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

Liturgists: Feb. 5 Dot Lange; 12 Christie Jolly; 19 Mike Shifflet; 26 Ralph Stone

BIRTHDAYS: Feb.8, Fred Hess:11: Bobbie Ann: 15:Bernie Alsbach: 20:Mike Shifflet: 23: Shirley Baker.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Candidates for ministry, incl. Pastor Jason for Ordination; Sarah Kuzmenko, Migraines; Mary Ann Unangst, pneumonia; Beth Perkowski, testing & healing; Robert T. 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.

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>.

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.

