

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE at Oregon Community UMC, 7:00 PM with churches from our Mission Link. We will hear a message from Pastor Andrea, receive the imposition of ashes and share Communion.

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 (3rd classroom on the right).

YOUTH GROUP, SUNDAYS, 5-7 PM at Faith UMC for 5th-12th graders. Sign up in the hall to be the 2nd adult and/or to provide a meal. **Youth go to Gretna Glen Camp from 3:30-7 PM on the 3rd Sundays, inc. Feb. 19 (Volunteer needed).** Church van leaves from / returns to Faith UMC. Contact Pastor Jason for info.

CONFIRMATION CLASS at Faith UMC, 7:30-9 PM every other Monday led by Pastors Andrea (Long Memorial) & Jason. **Next meetings: Feb 13 & 27. Confirmation Retreat is April 21-23 at Gretna Glen**

GRIEFSHARE GROUP: Pastor Jason and Tina Miller lead a GriefShare Group to help people find support and process the loss of loved ones. We meet every other Monday from 5-6 PM at Faith UMC (**Feb 13 & 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=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 contact 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.

THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM of Faith & Oregon Community UMCs *will have their first meeting on February 23 at 5:30 PM at Faith UMC.* We 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.

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.

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

Pastor: The Rev. Jason Perkowski **Ministers:** The People of God
Liturgists: Feb. 5 Dot Lange; 12 Christie Jolly; 19 Mike Shifflet; 26 Ralph Stone

February 12, 2023 at 9:00 AM – 6th 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

Are you awake? Are you alert?

Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

Are you watching the signs? Are you interpreting what is happening today?

Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

Do you see opportunities for ministry? Do you see the poor, the homeless, the hungry, the needy?

Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

Come, let us worship and let us work in the reign of God.

Christ has extended the invitation: let us work together in the reign of God on earth.

Rev. Mindi on her Rev-o-lution blog. Reposted: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/11/contemporary-call-proper-27a.html>.

*HYMN

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

UMH #381

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ezekiel 34:1-24

Christie Jolly

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 15:21-28; Matthew 18:10-14

Christie Jolly

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

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

UMH #128

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 10:1-18

Christie Jolly

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

*HYMN

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

UMH #138 v. 1, 2, 3, 6

SERMON

Who Is Jesus? Good Shepherd

Pastor Jason

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

*HYMN

To God Be the Glory

UMH #98

* *You are invited to stand*

Pianist: Jody Wiker

BIRTHDAYS: Feb. 8 Fred Hess; 11 Bobbie Ann Stone; 15 Bernie Alspach; 20 Mike Shifflet; 23 Shirley Baker

PRAYER REQUESTS: Calvin and Sherry Hill's ministry in the Blackfeet UMC Parish; Candidates for licensing and ordination, incl. Pastor Jason; Sarah Kuzmenko, Migraines; 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, Sandy's father; Doris Cooper, Dean's mom; Joetta's sister; Kevin's kidneys, Joetta's grandson; 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; Pastoral Appointments. **PRAISES:** God's presence and healings; Bible2School Program; Breaking ground on restroom. **PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD:** People of Syria, Turkey, and Ukraine; Victims of gun violence; The UMC & disaffiliations; 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.

MINISTRY UPDATE: God is actively at work through us as a church. We are so excited for the way the church family is growing in attendance and spiritually through Bible Studies each week. **We are grateful for the welcoming Spirit and the way you care for one another throughout the week.** We encourage you to come out for the Bible Study lead by Mike every Wednesday as a chance for fellowship and learning.

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:



OFFERINGS: You can direct gifts to the **General Ministry, Building, or Benevolence Funds.** We are also able to receive gifts from various sources: **Required Minimum Distributions** from tax deferred **Retirement Accounts** (of those over 72 years of age), **Stocks, Bonds, Investments, Foundations, etc.** Please contact the Finance Team if you have questions. You can also give to support **relief efforts in the US or Internationally via <https://umcmmission.org>.** UMCOR is supporting relief efforts in Turkey and Syria after the earthquakes and to the people of Ukraine.

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.uwlan.org.