

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FINANCE MEETING on Friday, March 3 at 5:30PM to decide on 2023 Budget, fundraisers, etc. Pizza provided.

LENTEN STUDIES: Wednesdays at Long Memorial UMC at 7:30 PM You are invited to dive deeply into *The Grace of Les Misérables*, a study written by Matt Rawle, talking about the miracle of grace we receive through Jesus. It looks at the classic *Les Misérables* through the lens of faith—exploring grace, justice, poverty, revolution, love, and hope (each represented by a character in Hugo’s story). If you would like to have a copy of the participant guide, please contact Tara at (717-569-2931 or longmemorialumc@gmail.com). **Thursdays at Salem: Rothsville UMC from 5-6:30 PM.** This study will be based on the book, *Aging: Growing Old in Church* by Bishop Will Willimon. Using Scripture, literature, research, & personal experience, Willimon reflects on aging as a spiritual journey; explores its challenging realities & rewarding joys; & offers practical advice on supporting seniors as they encounter retirement, loss, bereavement, etc. **Order the book in advance** at Christianbook.com, Amazon, etc.

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.

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. **Youth go to Gretna Glen Camp from 3:30-7 PM on the 3rd Sundays, inc. March. 19.** Church van leaves from / returns to Faith UMC. Contact Pastor Jason for info.

CONFIRMATION CLASS for Youth at Faith UMC, 7:30-9 PM every other Monday. Next meetings: Feb 27 & Mar 13. **Confirmation Retreat is April 21-23 at Gretna Glen.** Sign up now.

GRIEFSHARE GROUP to help people find support and process the loss of loved ones meets every other Monday from 5-6 PM at Faith UMC (Feb 27 & Mar 13).

CHATTING VIA ZOOM on Mondays at 6:30 PM: This member-led, discussion group meets online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518?pwd=cEVDeDljeThaaWVIYjIQWmZjTm5oUT09>.

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 are exploring how we can engage in improving our community by standing up against injustice and wickedness. To learn more, contact Pastor Jason or Renee Norman. There is a meeting about Education Funding in PA from 3-6pm TODAY. You can attend by Zoom (<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85151330846>) or at ThermOmegaTech, Inc., 353 Ivyland Road, Warminster, PA 18974.

MEDICINE BOTTLE PROJECT: We collect empty prescription pill bottles for clinics overseas to package medications. **Remove labels & residue.** The collection basket is under a table as you enter the sanctuary.

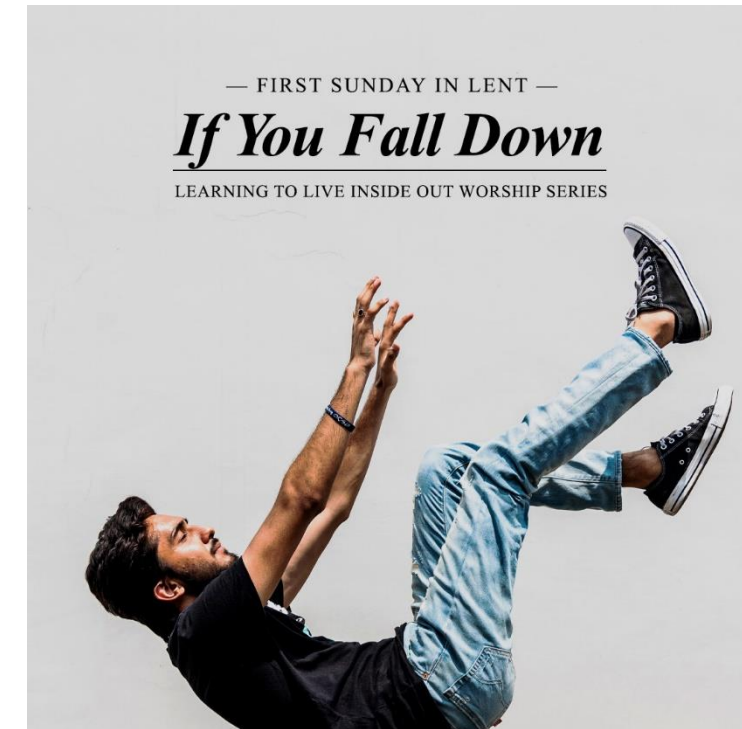
SERVANT SATURDAY: On the 1st Saturday, incl. **March 4**, show God’s love to the people around you by finding a way to give of your time, talents and treasure. Use your imaginations to find ways to give by yourself or with others.

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.

TOOLS FOR MINISTRY: March 18 at Church of the Good Shepherd UMC, 1500 Quentin Rd., Lebanon, PA. Registration and workshop descriptions coming soon!

SUMMER CAMP: REGISTER TO ATTEND A UMC CAMP THIS SUMMER—OR VOLUNTEER AS A COUNSELOR / SUPPORT STAFF. Visit <https://www.epaumc.org/ministry/camp-retreat> for more information or visit each camp’s website. There is a poster and camp schedule for Gretna Glenn in the hallway.

Welcome to Oregon Community United Methodist Church



— FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT —
If You Fall Down
LEARNING TO LIVE INSIDE OUT WORSHIP SERIES



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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 26, 2023 at 9:00 AM – 1st Sunday in Lent

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

Welcome pilgrims on the way to the cross. **We are learning to follow Jesus.**

For those who feel Christ near, **may we not turn away from the discomfort of the journey ahead.**

For those who feel as far from Christ as the desert is from the ocean,

May we find Christ in the wilderness with us.

For all of us who stumble and fall in our silence, indifference, and lack of generosity,

May we reach for the hand of Christ, who raises us up to continue on the journey.

Pilgrims on the way, come let us worship God!

We come to worship God as we learn to live inside out! Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Director of Worship Arts, August 2022.

*HYMN

O Worship the King

UMH #73 v. 1, 2, 4, 5

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Ralph Stone

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

*HYMN

Amazing Grace

UMH #378 v. 1-4

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 32

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

And Can It Be that I Should Gain

UMH #363 v. 1, 3, 4, 5

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

UMH #895

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 4:1-11

Ralph Stone

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

*HYMN

Because He Lives

UMH #364

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 5:12-19

Ralph Stone

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

SERMON

If You Fall Down

Pastor Jason

*HYMN

Grace Greater than Our Sin

UMH #365

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

* *You are invited to stand*

Pianist: Jody Wiker

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

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

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

PRAYER REQUESTS: Calvin and Sherry Hill's ministry in the Blackfeet UMC Parish; Ralph Stone, recovering from hip replacement; 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.

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 the QR Code.

OFFERINGS: You can direct gifts to the **General Ministry, Building, or Benevolence Funds.** We are able to receive gifts from **Required Minimum Distributions** from tax deferred **Retirement Accounts** (of those over 73 years of age), **Stocks, Bonds, Investments, Foundations, IRAs, etc.** Distributions from a self-directed IRA to a charity are not considered taxable income (regardless of age). Please contact Pastor Jason for more info. You can also give to support **UMCOR relief efforts** via <https://umcmmission.org> incl. work in Turkey, Syria & Ukraine.

VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) FREE TAX PREP by IRS-certified volunteers for those earning \$10,000 - \$60,000. Available in-person, by Drop-Off/Pick-Up, or at MyFreeTaxes.com. Call 211 or vita.uwlan.org.

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.

SOUP SALE: Faith UMC will be selling quarts of Oregon Dairy Soups for **pick up on Saturday, March 25th** at Faith UMC from 12-2pm. **Orders and payments are due by March 10th.** Choose from Vegetable Beef, Chicken Corn, Tomato Bisque and Creamy Potato Soup for \$10/quart or choose from Chicken Corn Noodle and Ham & Bean Soup for \$40/gallon. You can place orders by visiting faithumc.us and placing your order under "Online Donation," emailing faithumc@hotmail.com, or calling the Faith UMC office at (717)560-0321.

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.**