

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TOOLS FOR MINISTRY TRAINING WORKSHOPS: March 18 from 8:30-11:45AM at Church of the Good Shepherd UMC, 1500 Quentin Rd., Lebanon, PA. We encourage all members to consider attending this training. There are 21 different workshops to choose from, including **Evangelism, Ministry with Seniors, Children, and Youth; Worship outside the walls of the church, etc.** Register by TODAY—walk-ins will be accepted as space allows. Registration & Workshop Descriptions: <https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=741508&>

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: **March 13 & 27.** 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 (**March 13 & 27**).

CHATTING VIA ZOOM on Mondays at 6:30 PM: This member-led, discussion group meets online 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, contact Pastor Jason. We will need more help in 2023-24 as we start a new grade.

BIBLE STUDY on WEDNESDAYS at 6:30 PM with Mike at OCUMC. We are studying Samuel.

LENTEN STUDIES:

- **Wednesdays at Long Memorial UMC at 7:30 PM.** You are invited to dive into The Grace of Les Misérables
- **Thursdays at Salem: Rothsville UMC at 5:00 PM.** Based on the book, Aging: Growing Old in Church

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 the forces of wickedness. If interested in learning more, contact Pastor Jason or Renee Norman. **Our next meeting is March 30 at 5:30PM at the Harbison's home.**

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. **April 1**, 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.

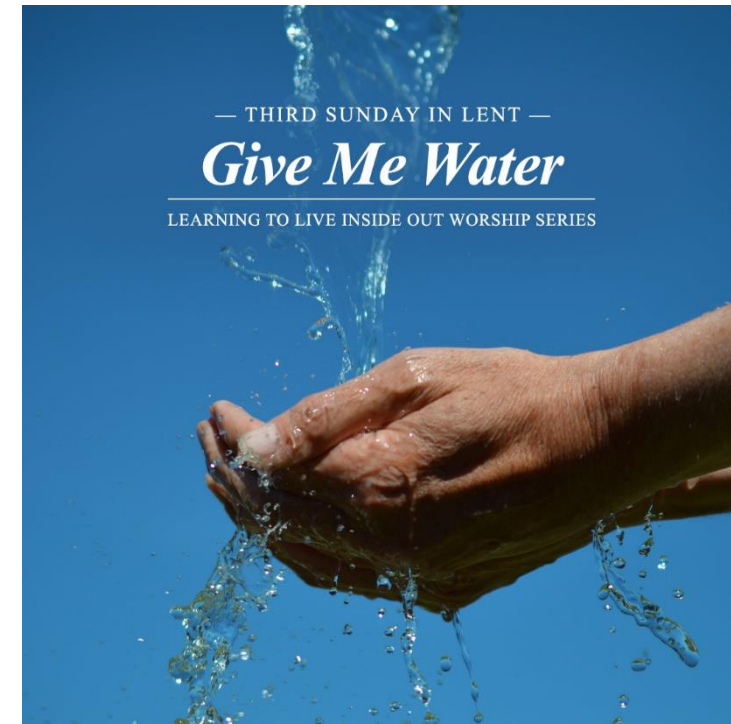
DOWNTOWN MINISTRY: We provide meals & personal care items for people who are unhoused in Lancaster City on Servant Saturday. **April 1 at 2pm we will cook a hot meal** at Faith UMC, and then **go downtown to deliver it.** To help, contact Diana at 717-283-6099.

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.

SAVE THE DATES FOR OCUMC EVENTS:

- **Yard Sale and BBQ** in the OCUMC Pavilion on **May 6**
- **OCUMC Community Day and Chicken BBQ** on a Saturday in **July (TBD)**
- **Holiday Craft Bazaar** at OCUMC on **October 28**

Welcome to Oregon Community United Methodist Church



Address: 1214 Creek Road, Lititz, PA 17543

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Website: OregonCommunityUMC.us

Facebook: Oregon Community UMC

Pastor: The Rev. Jason Perkowski

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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

March 12, 2023 at 9:00 AM – 3rd 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.**

The way is long, and we are thirsty. **We seek the living waters of Jesus.**

We feel the weight of scarcity warring with hopeful whispers of abundance.

We need the living waters of Jesus.

We wonder if God will provide us with what we need, here and now.

As God gives us the living waters of Jesus, so God calls us to quench the thirst and meet the needs of our neighbors.

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

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

UMH #89

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 17:1-7

Bob Jolly

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

*HYMN

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

UMH #731

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 95

Bob 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

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

UMH #298

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

UMH #895

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 5:1-11

Bob Jolly

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

*HYMN

Hallelujah! What a Savior

UMH #165

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 4:5-42

Bob Jolly

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

SERMON

Give Me Water

Pastor Jason

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

*HYMN

Rejoice, The Lord is King

UMH #715

* *You are invited to stand*

Pianist: Jody Wiker

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

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

BIRTHDAYS: March 10 Sandy Baird; 20 Kathy Fisher; 21 Shannon Weaver

PRAYER REQUESTS: Calvin and Sherry Hill's transition from the Blackfeet UMC Parish to Wyoming; Ralph Stone, recovering from hip replacement; Roberta Stone upcoming surgery; Shirley Gehr, healing; 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; 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); 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, & Ukraine; Victims of gun violence; The UMC & disaffiliations; Veterans & Service members; police & medical personnel; the sick & 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.



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. 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 or Building 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 taxable income (regardless of age). 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.

IN NEED OF HELP: Contact Pastor Jason, 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 dial 9-8-8.**

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.

POTLUCK AND BAPTISM: Noah, Emily & Isabella Solodky will be baptized on **March 19th at Long Memorial UMC**. **There will be a potluck luncheon** in the Fellowship Hall following the regular worship service and then the **Baptism Service will be at 1:30PM in the Sanctuary**. *Everyone is invited to this meal and very special service.*

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY AND EGG HUNT on **Saturday, March 25th from 8-10:30AM**. We will be serving a hot breakfast of pancakes and sausage to enjoy in our dining room or for take-out. **Gluten free option available! Cost is by donation. Egg hunts at 8:30, 9:30 and 10:30 AM.**

SOUP SALE: Faith UMC will be selling Oregon Dairy Soups for **pick up on Saturday, March 25th** at Faith from 12-2PM. **Orders and payments were due by March 10th, but walk-ins will be welcome as supplies last.** Choose from Vegetable Beef, Chicken Corn, Tomato Bisque and Creamy Potato Soup for \$10/quart or Chicken Corn Noodle and Ham & Bean Soup for \$40/gallon.

NECKTIES & T-SHIRTS NEEDED for the crafts that we will have for sale at Breakfast with Santa next December. Place any **men's neckties** or T-shirts that you no longer want in a bag in the entryway.