

## 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 to join in a new membership class on **Sunday, April 30, May 7 & 14 at noon.** *We will meet in the Educ. Wing.*

**YOUTH GROUP, SUNDAYS, 5-7 PM at Faith UMC** for 5th-12th graders. We will play a game, share a meal and study the Scriptures. Sign up to be the 2nd adult and/or to provide a meal. Contact Pastor Jason for info.

**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 in Educ. Wing (**March 27 & April 3**). ***THIS IS 2 WEEKS IN A ROW***

**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 Elem. School, contact Pastor Jason. We 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.

**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.** If you are interested in learning more about **Bail Reform**, feel free to join the weekly **Wednesday Zoom Session at Noon:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOeIVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>

**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.

**CARE PACKAGES FOR MILLERSVILLE STUDENTS:** Faith UMC will be providing gift boxes to support college students who are part of The HUB: Millersville University Campus Ministry while they prepare for final exams. **If you wish to participate, please donate** shoe boxes, wrapping paper, post-it notes, cookies, candy, snack crackers, granola bars, popcorn, hot chocolate mix, etc. **by April 23.** Thank you to Walmart for providing highlighters, pens, and pencils. ***The youth will be packaging the boxes during their meeting time on the evening of April 30<sup>th</sup>.*** *If you would like to help with packing or wrapping, please join them at 5:00 pm on April 30<sup>th</sup>.*

**NECKTIES & T-SHIRTS NEEDED** for a Christmas craft at Faith UMC. Place any **men's neckties** or T-Shirts that you no longer want, in the box in the lobby. They need to be clean with no paint, oils stains, or holes.

**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.

**LONG MEMORIAL UMC EASTER BREAKFAST & EGG HUNT:** Saturday, April 8 from 9-11:30 AM. They will have breakfast (9-10:30 AM) and Easter activities for everyone--with an Egg Hunt at 11 AM.

## Welcome to Oregon Community United Methodist Church



**Address:** 1214 Creek Road, Lititz, PA 17543

**Church Phone:** (717) 656-7198

**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 26, 2023 at 9:00 AM – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

**W**ELCOME: 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 journey is long, and the burden of our sins and struggles feels so heavy.

**Yet we will hope in God because with God, there is steadfast love.**

All around us, we witness neighbors and communities who are lifeless, despairing that they could ever be revived. **Yet God tells us that to come back to life, we must come together.**

Year after year of change and struggle have taken their toll—how can anyone bring forth life when we feel so parched and tired?

**Yet God meets the lifeless with the breath of life, reviving us again to worship and follow God's way.**

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

*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

UMH #500 v. 1, 3, 4

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Ezekiel 37:1-14**

Ralph Stone

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

### \*HYMN

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

UMH #154 v. 1-4

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Psalms 130**

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

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

UMH #895

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Romans 8:6-11**

Ralph Stone

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

### \*HYMN

*I Stand Amazed in the Presence*

UMH #371 v. 1, 2, 4, 5

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**John 11:1-45**

Ralph Stone

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

### SERMON

*Who Could Stand*

Pastor Jason

### BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

### \*HYMN

*Love Divine All Loves Excelling*

UMH #384 v. 1, 2, 4

\* *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; 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; 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.

**MINISTRY UPDATE:** Part of your offerings each week **fund our United Methodist Benevolences and Connectional Ministries**, which include the **Annual Conference, the World Services, and the General Church**. As a connectional church, we participate in ministries beyond our walls and the boundaries of our community. We not only provide **ministry and missions in Lancaster County, but throughout the world**. The Conference also supports our Pastor & congregation through trainings, programs, & support staff.



**OFFERINGS:** Thank you to everyone that supports our ministries. **Please consider if you are able to make a gift.** You can set up recurring donations through your own financial institution or at [www.OregonCommunityUMC.US](http://www.OregonCommunityUMC.US) or via the QR Code. You can direct gifts to the **General Ministry, Building Funds, or UMCOR relief efforts (via <https://umcmmission.org>.)** **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).

**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](http://MyFreeTaxes.com). Call 211 or [vita.uwlancc.org](http://vita.uwlancc.org).

**IN NEED OF HELP:** Contact Pastor Jason, dial 2-1-1 or visit [www.211.org](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, **contact Leon** at 717-344-9924 / [leonshel37@gmail.com](mailto:leonshel37@gmail.com).

### 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**