

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MEMBERSHIP: If you are interested in learning 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 Faith UMC Education 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=cEVDeDljeThaaWVlYjJlQWmZjTm5oUT09>.

BIBLE2SCHOOL: To lead a small group of Reidenbaugh Elem. School student in 2023-24 contact Pastor Jason.

BIBLE STUDY on WEDNESDAYS at 6:30 PM with Mike at OCUMC.

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 May 4 at 5:30PM at Faith UMC.** 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=K2ZlZGQ0LzBOelVlVlXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>

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 1st Saturdays, 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 hot meals & personal care items for people who are unhoused in Lancaster City on Servant Saturday. To help, on **May 7 at 2pm come to Faith UMC.** Contact Diana at 717-283-6099 to sign up.

CARE PACKAGES FOR MILLERSVILLE STUDENTS: Faith UMC will be providing gift boxes to support college students who are part of The HUB: 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 on April 30th at 5:00 pm. Feel free to come and help.***

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.

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.

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.

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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Facebook: [Oregon Community UMC](https://www.facebook.com/OregonCommunityUMC)

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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

April 2, 2023 at 9:00 AM – Palm / Passion Sunday

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

Give thanks to God for God is good; **God's steadfast love endures forever! Hosanna!**

We give thanks to God who answers us, for God is our saving help!

The stone the builders rejected is now the cornerstone! Hosanna!

Our salvation is at hand! **It is marvelous to behold! Hosanna!**

This is the day that the Lord has made! **Let us rejoice and be glad! Hosanna!**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! **Come save us, Lord! Hosanna!**

Give thanks to God for God is good; **God's steadfast love endures forever! Hosanna!**

Adapted from Psalm 118: 1, 19-29 in the NRSVUE and the CEB.

*HYMN

Near to the Heart of God

UMH #472

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Dot Lange

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Jason

*HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

UMH #280 v. 1, 3, 4

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 21:1-11

Dot Lange

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

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Dot Lange

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

*HYMN

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

UMH #278

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 27:11-54

Dot Lange

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

SERMON

This is the Day

Pastor Jason

*HYMN

Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast

UMH #616 v. 1, 4, 5

COMMUNION

UMH #12-15

All are invited to the Lord's Table to receive God's forgiveness and grace through Communion

OUR OFFERINGS OF PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS

*Doxology

UMH #95

*Offertory Prayer

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH #13-15 & #895

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

UMH #13-15

*HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy

UMH #64 v. 1, 3, 4

BENEDICTION

*HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

UMH #593 v. 3

* *You are invited to stand*

Pianist: Jody Wiker

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

Liturgists: April 2 Dot Lange; 9 Bob Jolly; 16 Mike Shifflet; 23 Ralph Stone; 30 Pastor Jason

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

PRAYER REQUESTS: Family & Friends of Roseanne, passed from cancer; Calvin and Sherry Hill's transition from the Blackfeet UMC Parish to Wyoming; Ralph Stone, hip replacement; Roberta Stone knee 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; Sarah Kuzmenko, Migraines; Beth Perkowski, testing & healing; Robert T. Perkowski, heart, healing and strength in legs; Josh & Megan (Jackie's grandkids); Maria, Angela and Gerhart 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; 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; our ministries; our community; leaders.



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 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. 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.**

HOLY WEEK:

Thursday, Apr 6

Maundy Thursday Service at Emmanuel UMC: Brownstown, 7:00 PM

Friday, Apr 7

Good Friday Stations of the Cross at Faith UMC, Noon

Good Friday Tenebrae Service at Long Memorial UMC, 7:00 PM

Saturday, Apr 8

Long Memorial UMC Easter Egg Hunt, 9-11:30 AM

Sunday, Apr 9

Easter Sunrise Service at Oregon Community UMC, 6:30 AM

Easter Service at Oregon Community UMC, 9:00 AM

Easter Service at Faith UMC, 10:30 AM