

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PASTOR VACATION: Pastor Jason and Julie will be on vacation after Easter from April 9 (after services) through April 15 (until Picnic at Noon). For pastoral emergencies during that time, please contact the church office (717-560-0321) or Lay Leader Michelle Bame. Pastor Jason will be back in time for the Bible2School Picnic and Sunday Morning worship.

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. No Meeting on Easter Sunday.

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 (**Apr 17 & May 1**).

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>. **No meeting April 10.**

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.

ALL ARE INVITED TO THE BIBLE2SCHOOL FAMILY PICNIC on Sat., April 15 at Faith UMC, Noon – 2 PM. We have invited the families to join us for a fun end of school year celebration. This is a great way for the families to get to know us. **If you would like to help with food, yard games, and hosting, please contact Gwen Newell.** *There are sign-up sheets in the hallway.* We need lots of help with serving food, running yard games, etc. Let us know if you are coming by registering your family at: <https://forms.gle/WKFGj652dKkWhqCP7>. To lead a small group of Reidenbaugh Elem. School student in 2023-24 contact Pastor Jason.

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=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVlXQwUk5LR2VFOT09>

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 in the lobby.

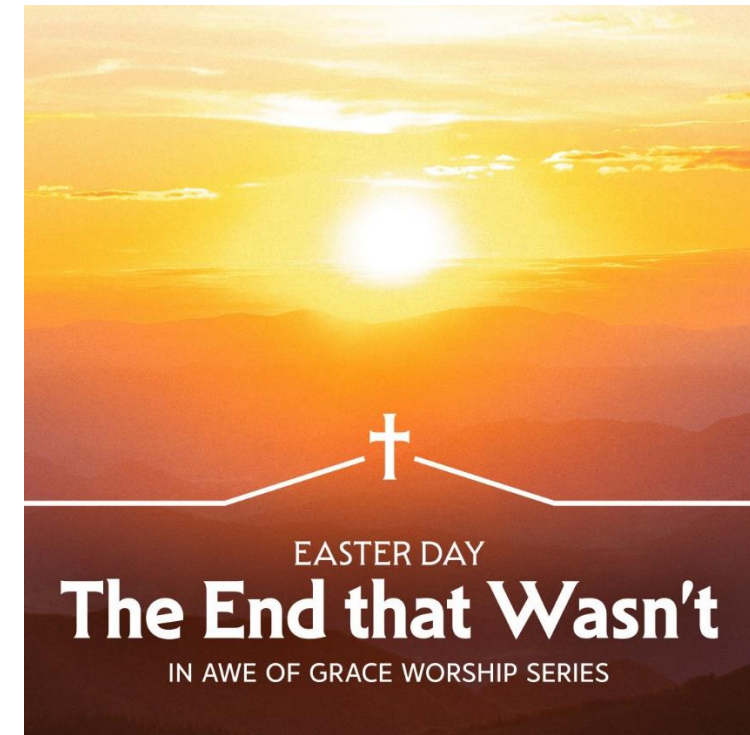
SERVANT SATURDAY: On 1st Saturdays, show God's love to the people around you by finding a way to give of your time, talents and treasure. Use your imaginations to find ways to give by yourself or with others. **DOWNTOWN MINISTRY:** We provide hot meals & personal care items for people who are unhoused in Lancaster City on Servant Saturday. To help, on **May 6 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.

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

April 9, 2023 at 9:00 AM – Easter Sunday

WELCOME: We come together to worship God. Today we remember and testify to the resurrection of Jesus, God's Son and our Messiah. He chose to come and live among us, willingly died on the cross for us, and then rose from the dead to redeem our souls. The Father has seated the Son at His Right Hand and sent the Holy Spirit to minister to us powerfully. You are welcome in this sacred space in the presence of the Holy and Loving God 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

HYMN *Were You There* **Pastor Jason** **UMH #288 v. 1, 4, 5**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** **Pastor Jason & God's People**

The dark night is behind us; the morning light erased all darkness and doubt.

All that remains is the empty tomb and the wrappings of pain and death.

The Lord has risen; he's no longer among the dead. **He lives. The Lord has risen!**

Yes, the Lord lives! The new morning fills our hearts with joy and hope.

Let us then worship together, extinguishing all doubt and fear with joyful songs and an unbreakable faith in our Redeemer.

Written by Yolanda Pupo-Ortiz, translated by Raquel Mora Martinez, Fiesta Jubilosa, ed. Raquel Mora Martinez (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2022), #123.

***HYMN** *Up from the Grave He Arose* **UMH #322**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Acts 10:34-48** **Bob Jolly**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S TIME **Pastor Jason**

***HYMN** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* **UMH #302 v. 1-4**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Colossians 3:1-4** **Bob Jolly**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

***HYMN** *Thine Be the Glory* **UMH #308**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **John 20:1-18** **Bob Jolly**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

SERMON *The End that Wasn't* **Pastor Jason**

***HYMN** *He Lives* **UMH #310**

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** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* **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** *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* **UMH #614**

BENEDICTION

***HYMN** *Easter People, Raise Your Voices* **UMH #304**

*** 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 14 Jackie B; Hunter F; 19 Val C. **ANNIVERS:** April 2 Dot & Al; 15 Mike & Paula

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.**

EASTER SERVICES on Sunday, Apr 9 at Oregon Community UMC, 9:00 AM & at Faith UMC, 10:30 AM

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 Oct. 28.**

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.

FAITH COMMUNITY DAY will be held on **Sat., May 13.** Faith will have a **Yard Sale** area (spaces can be rented to sell crafts or yard sale items yourself or items can be donated for the youth to sell), a **Book Sale** (books can be donated beginning AFTER EASTER), a **Chicken BBQ Sale, etc.** Please call the Faith UMC Office at 717-560-0321 **to rent a space.**