

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. No meeting on April 23—as many of the youth will be on the Confirmation Class Retreat that weekend

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. **Next Meetings: 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=cEVDeDljeThaaWVlYjJlQWmZjTm5oUT09>.

BIBLE STUDY on WEDNESDAYS at 6:30 PM led by Mike at Oregon Community UMC.

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY at 10AM in Faith UMC Fellowship Hall: We explore the scriptures for the upcoming sermon. You can prepare by exploring the scriptures printed in the bulletin and Common Lectionary.

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=K2ZiZGQ0LzBOeIVlVlXQwUk5LR2VFOT09>

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.

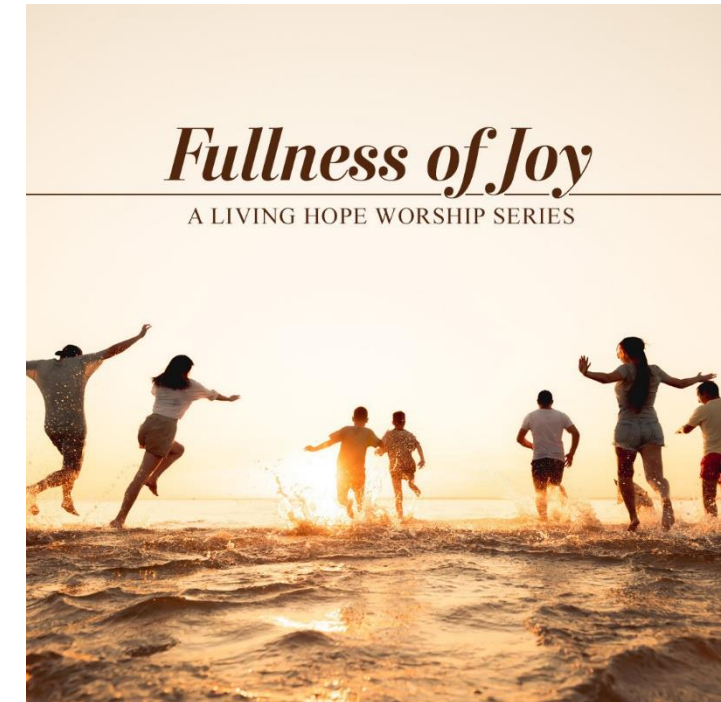
CARE PACKAGES FOR MILLERSVILLE STUDENTS: Faith UMC will be providing gift boxes to support college students who are part of The HUB: Campus Ministry while they prepare for final exams. **If you wish to participate, please donate** shoe boxes, wrapping paper, post-it notes, cookies, candy, snack crackers, 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 info or visit each camp's website. **For financial support please contact the Faith UMC office.**

COMMUNITY MEAL: People in need may pick up a **Grab 'n Go Meal at Zion Lutheran Church in East Petersburg every Monday.** Several churches support this ministry. **Faith UMC provides fifty Grab 'n Go Meals quarterly.** Our next turn is on July 3 – *contact Carol Kennedy if you are interested in participating in this ministry.*

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

April 16, 2023 at 10:30 AM – 2nd Sunday of Easter

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

Pastor Jason

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jason & God's People

Protect us, O God, for in you we take refuge;

Let us say to God, "You are our Lord; we have no good apart from you."

Today, we come to worship God in truth and turn away from worshiping the idols all around us.

God delights in our sincere worship, but sorrow visits those who give their worship to idols.

We bless the Lord who gives counsel, who instructs our hearts in the secret of the night.

We keep the Lord always before us so that we shall not be moved from God's ways.

Our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice, and our bodies rest secure,

Because God keeps us from destruction in this life and the next.

God shows us the path of life,

And in God's presence is the fullness of joy forevermore.

And so, we say to God,

"You are our Lord; we have no good apart from you." Amen.

Adapted from Psalm 16 NRSVUE by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, October 2022

*HYMN

Up from the Grave He Arose

UMH #322

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Mike Shifflet

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

*HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns

UMH #327

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Jason

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 16

Mike Shifflet

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

Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

UMH #325 (to the tune of #196)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Peter 1:3-9

Mike Shifflet

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

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

UMH #895

*HYMN

He Lives

UMH #310

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:19-31

Mike Shifflet

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

SERMON

Fullness of Joy

Pastor Jason

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

*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.uwlancc.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.**

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), a **Chicken BBQ Sale,** etc. Please call the Faith UMC Office at 717-560-0321 **to rent a space.**