

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: May 1 & 15.**

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>.

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=K2ZiZGQ0LzBOe1VlVlXQwUk5LR2VFOT09>

“THE POWER TO CHANGE LANCASTER” is a 1½ hour training to prepare you to act publicly to be the change we want to see here. We will explore the power of faith, the power of community, and the power of relationships to establish justice in Lancaster. **TONIGHT 4:00-5:30 pm at Bethel AME Church, Strawberry St., Lancaster City.**

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.

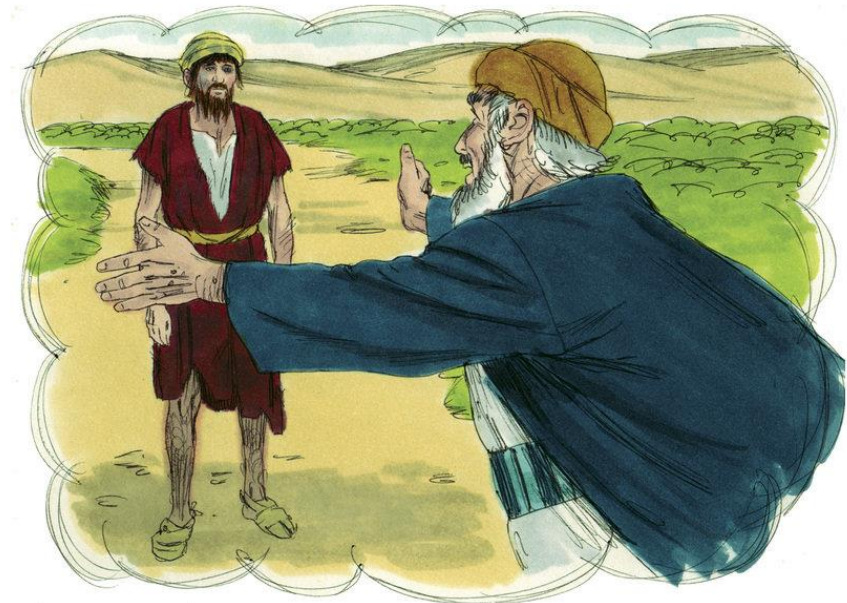
CARE PACKAGES FOR MILLERSVILLE STUDENTS: We are continuing our tradition of providing boxes to support college students who are part of The HUB: Millersville University Campus Ministry while they prepare for final exams in May. Thank you for your donations! *If you would like to help with packing or wrapping please join us at 5:00 pm on April 30th at Faith UMC in the Education Wing.*

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.*

MANDATED REPORTER/SAFE SANCTUARIES TRAINING: You are required to attend this training **annually if you have any interaction with children or youth programs.** Please provide us with a certificate proving that you have done this training or plan to join us on **Thursday, June 1 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm for training led by Pastor Jason —for youth & adults.**

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 23, 2023 at 10:30 AM – 3rd 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

Dot Lange

A TIME FOR CENTERING & PRAYER

Dot Lange

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dot Lange & God's People

Come! Lift your voices to the Lord who always hears us.

Listen, Lord. Hear our voices sing your praises.

Call on the Lord who bends low to hear us.

Listen, Lord. We lift our voices to you in praise.

Call on the name of the Lord, all people.

Listen, Lord. We call on your wonderful name. For you saved us, you raised us and turned our lives

around. Let your name be praised in this congregation.

Written by Kwasi I. Kena, in The Africana Worship Book Year A (Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 2006), 61

*HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

UMH #139 v. 1, 2, 4

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 15:1-10

Ralph Stone

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

*HYMN

Children of the Heavenly Father

UMH #141

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The Rev. Mark Moore

& THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH #895

*HYMN

Hallelujah! What a Savior

UMH #165

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

Dot Lange

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

*Offertory Prayer

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 15:11-24

Ralph Stone

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

SERMON

The Math of Jesus

The Rev. Mark Moore

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

*HYMN

Amazing Grace

UMH #378 v. 1-3

* *You are invited to stand*

Pianist: Jody Wiker

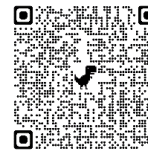
Pastor: The Rev. Jason Perkowski **Ministers:** The People of God

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

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

PRAYER REQUESTS: Calvin and Sherry Hill's transition from the Blackfeet UMC Parish to Wyoming; Roberta Stone knee surgery and foot; 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).

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 / leonshe137@gmail.com.

YARD SALE & BBQ in the OCUMC Pavilion **on May 6.** If you are willing to donate items, you can begin to bring them to the church. If you are willing to prepare food items for sale, please see Joetta, Dot or Christie to sign up. You can also rent a table to sell items of your own.

SAVE THE DATES FOR OCUMC EVENTS: OCUMC Community Day and Chicken BBQ on a Saturday in July (TBD); **Holiday Craft Bazaar** at OCUMC on Oct. 28.

SAVE THE DATE!! FAITH COMMUNITYDAY IS SATURDAY MAY 13TH. Chicken barbecue, sides, baked goods, yard sale, book sale. We will have something special for the kids as well. Eat some good food, pick up a couple of books, support our youth! Signup sheets are in the hall. Pre-orders for chicken is encouraged. ***If you have yard sale items or books to donate, you may start bringing them in now.***

NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE: Join us and our neighbors from Wetherburn North for a neighborhood yard sale on **MAY 27 FROM 7AM – 1PM. Space rentals at Faith UMC are available** by calling 717-696-5321 or visiting our website at www.FaithUMC.us for a link to sign up online. Stop by for food and baked goods.

THE 2023 EASTERN PA ANNUAL CONFERENCE will meet **May 18-20** All who were previously elected as **Lay Delegates (and Equalizing Lay Delegates) in the prior Quadrennium are still serving in this capacity through 2024 since we have not had a new General Conference.** Please register at [2023 Annual Conference | Eastern PA Conference of the UMC \(epaumc.org\)](https://2023AnnualConference.org). **Pastor Jason will be ordained on May 20 at 10:30AM.**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT FAITH UMC: JULY 24–28, 6-8 PM. We are excited to invite you to a Food Truck Party! Registration forms for students (ages 4 – 10) will be available soon. There is a signup sheet for volunteers in the hall or contact VBS Director, Carol Kennedy. All volunteers must have up to date clearances. You will be notified if we need updated copies.