

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.

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 Sunday, April 30th at Faith UMC in the Education Wing.*

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=K2ZiZGQ0LzBOelVlVXQwUk5LR2VFOT09>

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.

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.** If you are not able to attend that day and need to schedule a different time please let Pastor Jason know and we can explore options.

FAITH COMMUNITY DAY & CHICKEN BBQ IS SATURDAY, MAY 13. Chicken BBQ, sides, baked goods, yard sale, and book sale. \$8.00 for a half chicken or \$10.00 for a meal deal (includes 2 sides and a drink). We will have activities for the kids (parent-monitored). Eat some good food, pick up a couple of books, and support our youth! Signup sheets are in the hall. **You may donate yard sale items or books.**

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 30, 2023 at 10:30 AM – 4th 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
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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jason & God's People

The GREAT FATHER above a SHEPHERD CHIEF is. **I am His and with Him I want not.**

He throws out to me a rope, and the name of the rope is love and He draws me to where the grass is green **and the water is not dangerous, and I eat and lie down and am satisfied.**

Sometimes my heart is very weak and falls down but He lifts me up again and draws me into a good road.

His name is WONDERFUL.

Some time, it may be very soon, it may be a long, long time, He will draw me into a valley.

It is dark there, but I'll be afraid not, for it is between those mountains that the SHEPHERD CHIEF will meet me and the hunger that I have in my heart all through life will be satisfied.

Sometimes he makes the love rope into a whip, **but afterwards, He gives a staff to lean upon.**

He spreads a table before me with all kinds of foods. **He puts His hand upon my head and all the "tired" is gone.** My cup he fills till it runs over. **What I tell is true. I lie not.**

These roads that are "away ahead" will stay with me through this life and after.

Afterwards, I will go to live in the Big Teepee and sit down with the SHEPHERD CHIEF forever. Amen.

Adapted from "A Native American Interpretation of the 23rd Psalm," <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/a-native-american-interpretation-of-the-23rd-psalm>. This interpretation of Psalm 23 was taken down by Isabel Crawford, a late nineteenth-century Baptist missionary to the Kiowa Indians in Oklahoma.

*HYMN

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

UMH #334

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:42-47

Pastor Jason

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

*HYMN

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

UMH #557

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 23

Pastor Jason

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

*HYMN

He Leadeth Me

UMH #128 v. 1-3

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

Pastor Jason

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Peter 2:19-25

Pastor Jason

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

*HYMN

Be Still My Soul

UMH #534

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

UMH #895

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 10:1-10

Pastor Jason

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

SERMON

Guardian of the Soul

Pastor Jason

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

*HYMN

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

UMH #381

** 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 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; 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 / leonshel37@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.**

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 to sign up online. Stop by for food and baked goods while you shop.

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 \(epaumc.org\)](http://2023 Annual Conference | Eastern PA Conference of the UMC (epaumc.org)).