

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, 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. **Next Meeting: May 15 & 29.**

CHATTING VIA ZOOM on Mondays at 6:30 PM: This member-led, discussion group meets online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518?pwd=cEVDeDljeThaaWVIYjIQWmZjTm5oUT09>.

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 led by 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. To learn more about **Bail Reform**, join the weekly **Wednesday Zoom Session at Noon:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQOT09>
Our next meeting is June 15 at 5:30PM (and every 3rd Thursday) at Faith UMC.

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.

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.*

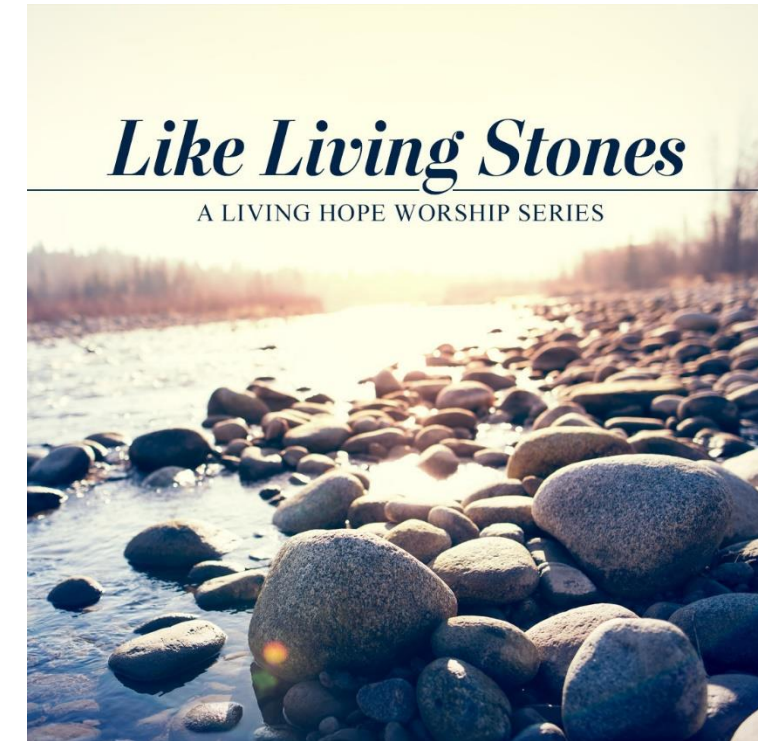
FAITH COMMUNITY DAY & CHICKEN BBQ IS SATURDAY, MAY 13. We will have a Chicken BBQ, sides, baked goods, yard sale by the youth, and a book sale. \$8.00 for a half chicken or \$10.00 for a meal deal (includes 2 sides and a drink). We will have activities for the kids (parent-monitored). Eat some good food, pick up a couple of books, and support our youth! Signup sheets are in the hall. ***YOU MAY DONATE YARDS SALE ITEMS OR BOOKS TO THE CHURCH NOW. These will then be sold and the proceeds put toward our ministries.***

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 \(epaumc.org\)](#).

ORDINATION SERVICE on Sat., May 20 at 10:30AM. You are invited to come to celebrate Pastor Jason's Ordination at the [Philadelphia Expo Center at the Oaks](#) during the last day of Annual Conference.

NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE @Faith UMC: Join us and our neighbors from Wetherburn North for a neighborhood yard sale on **MAY 27 FROM 7AM – 1PM.** **Space rentals 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.

Welcome to Oregon Community United Methodist Church



Address: 1214 Creek Road, Lititz, PA 17543
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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

Pianist: Jody Wiker Pastor: The Rev. Jason Perkowski Ministers: The People of God
Liturgists: May 7 Dot Lange; 14 Bob Jolly; 21 Mike Shifflet; 28 Ralph Stone

May 7, 2023 at 10:30 AM – 5th Sunday of Easter

WELCOMES: 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

Come, people of God! Take refuge in the Lord, who listens when we cry out,
who rescues us when we call, and who leads and guides us according to his unfailing love.

You are our God; our lives are in your hands. **Let's worship God together! Amen.**

Written by Christine Longhurst, posted at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/05/call-to-worship-for-easter-5.html>.

*HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

UMH #110 v. 1, 2, 4

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Dot Lange

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Jason

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 7:55-60

Dot Lange

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

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Pastor Jason

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 14:1-14

Dot Lange

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

*HYMN

My Hope Is Built

UMH #368 v. 1, 3, 4

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Peter 2:2-10

Dot Lange

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

SERMON

Like Living Stones

Pastor Jason

*HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

UMH #545 v. 1, 2, 3, 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

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

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

BENEDICTION

*HYMN

God Be with You till We Meet Again

UMH #672 v. 1, 2

BIRTHDAYS: May: Josh Z 15th, Lillian F 21st, Julie P 23rd, Patti R 28, Vince H 30th

PRAYER REQUESTS: Doris Cooper, Dean's mom, had a stroke and is at Hospice Care; Larry Cooper, infection and removal of neural stimulator; Calvin and Sherry Hill's transition to Wyoming; Roberta Stone knee surgery and foot; Shirley Gehr; Lee Manifold, Marcia's father; Dick Baird, Sandy's father; 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; Progress 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.

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.

CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION! 3 of our youth will be confirmed as members of Faith UMC during worship on May 21. Members of each church who had students in our joint Confirmation Class are invited to join us in celebrating the Confirmation class of 2023. We will be having a dinner on **Sunday, May 21**, from 5-7pm at Faith UMC. This is a **potluck meal with burgers and hot dogs being provided.** A sign-up sheet is posted out in the hall--**please sign up by Sunday, May 14.** You can bring a side dish, a dessert, or drinks. We hope to see everyone there to help celebrate our students and all their hard work on their journey.

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 join us on **Thur, June 1 from 6:30-8pm for training—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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT FAITH UMC: JULY 24-28, 6-8 PM. We are excited to invite you to a **Food Truck Party!** Students (ages 4-10) and volunteers may register at faithumclititz.mycokesburyvbs.com. There is also a sign-up sheet for volunteers in the hall or contact VBS Director, Carol Kennedy. **VBS crafts are looking for clean plastic icing containers with lids, for our kids crafts. If you have any questions, please see Marilyn Jones or Buni.**