

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**MEMBERSHIP:** If you are interested in learning about the UMC and are considering becoming a member of Oregon Community, we invite you to contact Pastor Jason. Final Class this session is **TODAY at noon at Faith.**

**YOUTH GROUP, SUNDAYS, 5-7 PM at Faith UMC** for 5th-12th graders. Sign up in the hall to be the 2nd adult and/or to provide a meal. Contact Pastor Jason for more info. *No regular youth group on May 14, 21, or 28. May 21 will be a multi-church celebration for the Confirmation Class from 5-7 PM.*

**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 15 & June 5.** *No meeting Memorial Day, May 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=cEVDeDljeThaaWVlYjQWmZjTm5oUT09>. *No meeting May 29.*

**BIBLE STUDY on WEDNESDAYS** will begin in the Fall. **NO MEETINGS OVER THE SUMMER**

**FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY at 10AM in Faith UMC Fellowship Hall.** *A sub will cover on May 19.*

**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=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVlXQwUk5LR2VFQOT09> Our next meeting is **June 15 at 5:30PM (and every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday)** at Faith UMC.

**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.

**THE 2023 EASTERN PA ANNUAL CONFERENCE** will meet **May 18-20.** More information on resolutions and the budget can be found at: [2023 Annual Conference | Eastern PA Conference of the UMC \(epaumc.org\)](https://www.epaumc.org/ministry/camp-retreat).

**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.

**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. **Please indicate what dishes you will bring and sign the second sheet indicating how many people are coming with you.**

**FAITH UMC 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](http://www.FaithUMC.us) to sign up online. Stop by for food and baked goods while you shop. ***YOU MAY DONATE YARDS SALE ITEMS OR BOOKS TO THE CHURCH NOW. These will then be sold and the proceeds put toward our ministries.***

**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.

**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](http://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 14, 2023 at 10:30 AM – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter & Mother's Day

**W**ELCOME: 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

Transforming God, you have taken the world's darkness and re-created a world filled with the joy of light and hope.

**Come and hear the good news of God's love for all creation.**

Restoring God, you have turned defeat into sudden victory, and re-created a world filled with the joy of peace and shalom. **Come and hear the good news of God's awesome powers.**

Renewing God, we respond to your mighty deeds with songs of praise, worship and thankful prayers. You alone are God! **Come and hear the good news of God's blessings on us all. Glory and honour, power and dominion belong to God alone. Amen.**

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### \*HYMN

*I Know Whom I Have Believed*

UMH #714

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**John 14:15-21**

Bob Jolly

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

### \*HYMN

*How Firm a Foundation*

UMH #529 v. 1, 2, 3, 5

### CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Jason

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*You Are So Beautiful*  
by Bruce Fisher & Billy Preston

Ralph Stone

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

UMH #895

### \*HYMN

*Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*

UMH #348

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**1 Peter 3:13-22**

Bob Jolly

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

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

Pastor Jason

#### \*Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH #95

#### \*Offertory Prayer

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Acts 17:22-31**

Bob Jolly

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

### SERMON

*Always Be Ready*

Pastor Jason

### BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

### \*HYMN

*Only Trust Him*

UMH #337

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

**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](http://www.OregonCommunityUMC.US) or via the QR Code. You can direct gifts to the **General Ministry, Building Funds, or UMCOR relief efforts (via <https://umcmission.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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, **contact Leon** at 717-344-9924 / [leonshe37@gmail.com](mailto:leonshe37@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.

**MANDATED REPORTER/SAFE SANCTUARIES TRAINING:** You are required to attend this training **annually** if you have any interaction with children or youth programs. Provide us with a certificate that you have done this training or come on **Thur, June 1 from 6:30–8pm at Faith UMC for training—for youth & adults.** If you are not able to attend that day please let Pastor Jason know and we can explore options.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT LONG MEMORIAL: JULY 16 TO 20** “Keepers of the Kingdom”

**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](http://faithumclititz.mycokesburyvbs.com). There is also a signup 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.*

**DOWNTOWN MINISTRY:** We have provided meals & personal care items for people who are unhoused in Lancaster City on Servant Saturday since November 2020. With the closure of Binns Park this ministry is not able to continue to look like it always has. The great God who has provided us with the means to keep it going this long will guide us on how to continue it in another form. We will be able to find ourselves a new place and way to serve. On behalf of myself and the SMO committee, I would like to thank each and every one of you who helped with this ministry. Blessings to you all. Diana