

## 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.

**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 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. *No meeting Memorial Day, May 29. Next Meetings: June 5 & 19*

**CHATTING VIA ZOOM on Mondays at 6:30 PM:** This member-led, discussion group meets online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518?pwd=cEVDeDIjeThaaWVlYjIjQWmZjTm5oUT09>. *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.**

**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=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09> 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.

**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.** We hope to see everyone there to help celebrate our students and all their hard work on their journey. Please feel free to come—even if you didn't register. Just bring something to share.

**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 the 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



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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

May 21, 2023 at 10:30 AM – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter & Confirmation Sunday

**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

Come, people of God! Let us gather and worship the God who created us—all of us across the generations.

**God, help us learn from and feel the energy and joy of the youth who lead us today.**

God, help us learn from the wisdom, experience and traditions of our elders.

**Let's worship God together! Bind us together Lord in You.**

People of God, let us remember our own journey with God!

**We remember & give thanks for our baptisms, our salvation, & the daily bread & nurture God provides!**

*Written by The Rev. Jason Perkowski*

## \*HYMN

*Blessed Assurance*

UMH #369

## VIDEO OF CONFIRMANDS

UMH #33

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Isaiah 40:28-31**

Mike Shifflet

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

## \*HYMN

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

UMH #557

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Jason

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

UMH #895

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

### \*Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH #95

## \*HYMN

*Be Thou My Vision*

UMH #451

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Jeremiah 29:10-14**

Mike Shifflet

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

## SERMON

*In God's Hands*

Pastor Jason

## BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

## \*HYMN

*Children of the Heavenly Father*

UMH #141

**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

**BIRTHDAYS:** May 15 Josh Zimmerman; 21 Lillian Fritsch; 23 Julie Perkowski; 28 Patti R; 30 Vince H

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Cooper family on the passing of Doris; 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://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](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 / [leonshe137@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**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 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.*

**CHANGES FOR COMMUNITY AID DONATIONS:** Community Aid will donate \$.13 to Faith UMC for every pound of clothing, shoes, electronic, toys, & household goods (excluding furniture) donated at their retail store located at 31 Rohrerstown Road, Lancaster. The donation center entrance is on Good Drive and is open Monday – Saturday 9am – 6 pm. **Our partner number is 10221.** Make sure to tell the staff at the door that you're there to credit your donations to a Nonprofit Partner - Faith United Methodist Church. It is helpful to tape a note with our partner number to the outside of the bag or place it inside each bag.