

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**OCUMC COMMUNITY DAY & CHICKEN BBQ** on Saturday **July 22 from 8am to 1pm** with family activities, Chicken BBQ and a yard sale. Please let Christie or Pastor Jason know if you are available to help that day. **Sign up to rent a spot for the yard sale by calling the church at 717-656-7198.**

**CHOCOLATE TOUR** on **Sat., August 5th** (Bikers and Walkers) to raise money for cancer research. **Oregon Community will be a rest stop again serving drinks, snacks, and providing space in the pavilion** for people to refresh as needed while they bicycle. It goes from 7am-4pm. *Sign up with Pastor Jason if you are willing to help.*

**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 Youth Group July 16 – Join us July 23.***

**REVIVAL MEETING TONIGHT, JULY 16, 7PM** at *The Grove* (2766 Newport Road, Manheim, PA) **hosted by Ruhl's UMC.** Join with us for an evening worship service with the **sermon brought by Pastor Jason.**

**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: July 17 & 31**

**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>.

**FRIDAY BIBLE STUDY at 10AM** in **Faith UMC Fellowship Hall.**

**THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM** of Faith & Oregon Community UMCs are exploring how we can stand up against injustice and the forces of wickedness. **Our next meeting is July 20 at 5:30PM (and every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday) at Faith UMC.** If interested in learning more, contact Pastor Jason or Renee Norman. To engage in the work around **Bail Reform**, join the weekly **Wednesday Zoom Session at Noon:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>

**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. **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 / [leonshel37@gmail.com](mailto:leonshel37@gmail.com).

**COMMUNITY MEAL:** People in need may pick up a **Grab 'n Go Meal at Zion Lutheran Church in East Petersburg every Monday.** Several churches in the area support this ministry. **Faith UMC provides fifty Grab 'n Go Meals quarterly** – *contact Carol Kennedy if you are interested in helping.*

**LONG MEMORIAL FREE GROCERIES** for those in need every Friday Night at 6pm. You can drive up and receive groceries to help support you through the week. *Volunteers are needed from 5-6pm.*

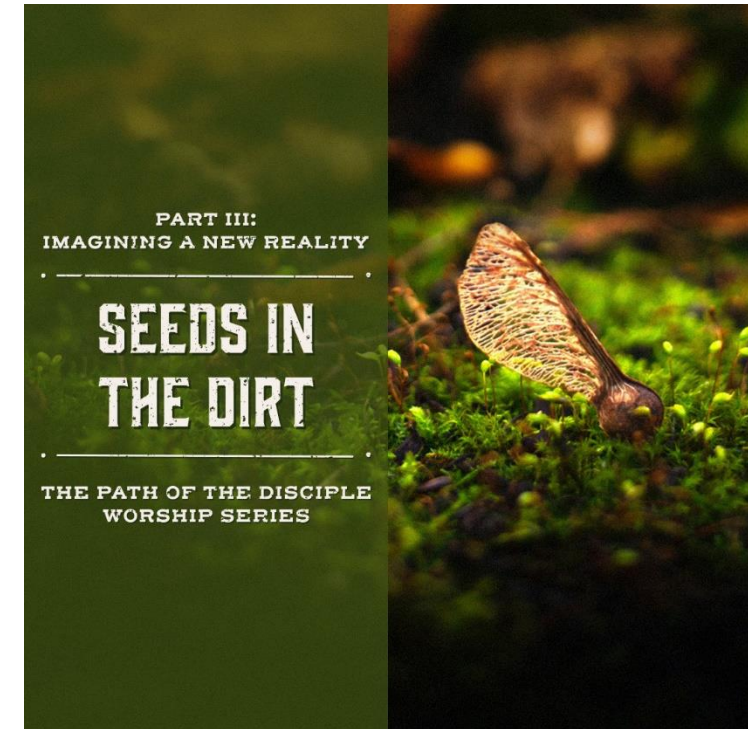
**NEFFSVILLE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL is accepting registrations for next school year.** Their school is an outreach of Long Memorial UMC located at 2660 Lititz Pike, Lancaster. [www.neffsvillechristianpreschool.com](http://www.neffsvillechristianpreschool.com). You may receive more information or set up a visit by contacting the director, Carol Zartman, at 717-314-9405.

**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.

**COMMUNITY AID DONATIONS:** They 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 Mon-Sat 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 your bag or box.

**LUMINA IS CURRENTLY SEARCHING FOR A PART TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT.** They need strong communication and computer skills, website and Facebook updates, and prepare ministry materials. Pay would start at \$13-14/hour for 8-20 hours per week.

# Welcome to Oregon Community United Methodist Church



**Address:** 1214 Creek Road, Lititz, PA 17543  
**Church Phone:** (717) 656-7198  
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**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

July 16, 2023 at 10:30 AM – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**W**ELCOME: We come together to worship the triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit who created, redeem and restore all things. 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

Pastor Jason

## A TIME FOR CENTERING & PRAYER

Pastor Jason

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jason & God's People

Come, let us worship God! **Come, let us worship our Creator!**

God is the great Sower, scattering seeds of life and abundance across the earth.

**We are the soil the Sower plants, created to nurture and sustain the seeds of God's life-giving love.**

God is the great Gardener, tilling and cultivating our soil with love and grace.

**We notice the rocks and thorns in our soil and call on the Gardener's love and grace to transform us into good soil.**

God is the great Life-giver, sowing seeds and tending the soil to produce the fruit of abundant life.

**May we nurture and grow God's new reality, bearing the fruit of flourishing and abundance for all**

**God's creation. Amen.**

*Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, Jan 2023.*

### \*HYMN

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

UMH #694

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Genesis 25:19-34**

Mike Shifflet

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

### CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Jason

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Psalms 119:105-112**

Mike Shifflet

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

### \*HYMN

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

UMH #454

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

UMH #895

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Romans 8:1-11**

Mike Shifflet

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

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

\*Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH #95

\*Offertory Prayer

### \*HYMN

*Hymn of Promise*

UMH #707

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

Mike Shifflet

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

### SERMON

*Seeds in the Dirt*

Pastor Jason

### BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

### \*HYMN

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

UMH #664

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

**BIRTHDAYS:** July 14 David Fritsch; 16 Christie Jolly; 21 Al Lange; 30 Bob Jolly

**ANNIVERSARIES:** July 4 Jody and Tony Wiker; 11 Jason and Julie Perkowski

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Shifflet's daughter in law Kristie and their new grandchild; Vince, test results and healing; Cheryl, healing; Bruce, hamstring; Fritsch & Stone family; Dick, cancer; Al, hip surgery; Dean Cooper, healing from heart attack; Larry Cooper, continued healing and relief from back pain; Roberta Stone; Fred Hess, recuperation; Shirley Gehr; Lee Manifold, Marcia's father; Dick Baird, Sandy's father; Joetta's sister; Kevin's kidneys & surgery (Joetta's grandson); 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) with scleroderma; Judy Brivchik, eyesight; Dot's oldest son Jerry, Myeloma; Harmony Chiccarine, Leukemia; all those with cancer; Campus Ministries; Bishop John Schol, Conference Staff, DS Jenny Freymoyer, Pastors and Laity. **PRAISES:** God's presence and healings. **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.**

**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.

**MEDICINE BOTTLE PROJECT:** We collect empty prescription pill bottles for clinics overseas to package medications. **Remove labels & residue.** **NECKTIES & T-SHIRTS NEEDED** for the crafts that we will have for sale at Breakfast with Santa next December. The collection basket is under the table in the lobby.

**VBS AT LONG MEMORIAL: JULY 16 – 20, 5:45 – 8:00 PM** “Keepers of The Kingdom” Call 717-569-2931 or email [longmemorialumc@gmail.com](mailto:longmemorialumc@gmail.com) to register.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT FAITH UMC: JULY 24-28, 6-8PM: CALLING ALL KIDS AGES 4-10!!!** It's almost time for VBS and this year we're doing a *Food Truck Party* themed week! Come and join us for a fun filled week of skits, games, music, crafts, snacks. Learn how everything we have comes from God. By prayer God will meet our daily needs! *Space is limited. There are only a few spots left. Sign up now at [faithumclititz.mycokesburyvbs.com](http://faithumclititz.mycokesburyvbs.com).* Invite a friend!



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FOOD TRUCK PARTY VBS!** We need you to join us on our way to *Food Truck Party VBS!* There is a signup sheet in the hall or contact Carol Kennedy for opportunities to serve, lead, and most of all, COME HAVE FUN at Food Truck Party with children from our church and the community! *We are in particular need of a puppeteer and for leaders to stay with the class and guide them from one activity center to another.* **VBS WISH LIST:** Clean plastic icing containers (or similar – examples in the hall), empty 2 liter bottles, empty water bottles (8 oz), empty coffee cans.

**LUMINA's COMMUNITY DAY CAMP** is Monday July 31 to Friday August 4 from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. **Volunteers are needed.** Free field trip to Going Bananas on Wednesday! Volunteer at: [myvbs.org/LUMINA23](http://myvbs.org/LUMINA23)