

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

OCUMC COMMUNITY DAY & BBQ CHICKEN yesterday was a great success. Thank all you for your help. **If you didn't get BBQ Chicken, you can swing by Faith UMC at Noon to buy some for \$8 a chicken half.**

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. **Students who completed 4th Grade can now attend.**

REVIVAL MEETING SUNDAY, JULY 9 – AUGUST 16 at 7:00 PM at The Grove (2766 Newport Road, Manheim, PA) **hosted by Ruhl's UMC.** Join us for an evening worship service followed by ice cream & fellowship.

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 31 & August 14.**

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>. **NOT July 24 -- VBS**

FRIDAY 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, contact Pastor Jason or Renee Norman. We will be meeting on the **3rd Thursday of every month from 5:30-6:30pm at Faith UMC, including August 17.** To learn more about **Bail Reform**, join the weekly **Wednesday Zoom Session at Noon:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVlXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>

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 1st & 3rd Saturdays, **contact Leon** at 717-344-9924 / leonshe137@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. 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
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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 23, 2023 at 10:30 AM – 8th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME: 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

Despite hardship, our ancestors dared to dream God-sized dreams. **Praise God for hope-filled dreams.**
Do it again, Lord. Dream big dreams through us today! **Praise God for new dreams for our generation.**
Invisible God, be visible through our faith today.

Praise God who empowers us with faith to see what others miss.

Will we stop building a better future because of evil? **No! Our God will deliver us from evil!**

Will we concede our neighborhoods because evil walks the streets? **No! God will judge all evildoers!**

Come now, Lord, and fulfill your dreams in us today!

Written by Kwasi I. Kena, The Africana Worship Book, Year A (Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 2006), 70.

*HYMN

We Shall Overcome

UMH #533

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 28:10-19a

Ralph Stone

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

*HYMN

A Charge to Keep I Have

UMH #413

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Jason

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24

Ralph Stone

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

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

UMH #895

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 8:12-25

Ralph Stone

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

Take Time to Be Holy

UMH #395

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Ralph Stone

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

SERMON

Shine Like the Sun

Pastor Jason

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

*HYMN

Rise Up, Ye Saints of God

UMH #576

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 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 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.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT FAITH UMC: JULY 24-28, 6-8PM We are looking forward to spending time with your children at VBS this week. Registration is currently closed. If you would like to have your child's name added to our wait list, please email faithumc@hotmail.com with "VBS Registration" in the subject line. If you let us know your name, phone number and the names & ages of your children, we will give you a call if space becomes available.

CHURCH AND VBS FAMILY PICNIC: July 30 after worship at Faith UMC. Everyone is invited! The church will provide the food & beverages. No need to bring anything. We will be eating in the fellowship hall or you may take your food outside. Bring your lawn chairs and spend some time visiting & playing yard games. **Please let us know if you plan to attend.** There is a sign up sheet in the hall or email the office.

SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVEAWAY: JULY 30, 1:00 - 3:00 PM while supply lasts. Faith UMC invites you to bring your lawn chairs and spend some time visiting & playing yard games. Take a walk down the hall and select from notebooks, binders, glue, pens, pencils, and much more while supplies last. **Volunteers are needed to be in the Welcome Center to provide our guests with bags and instructions, also for setup on July 29.**

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

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. There is info in the hallway. **For financial support please contact our church office.**

Pianist: Jody Wiker **Pastor:** The Rev. Jason Perkowski **Ministers:** The People of God
Liturgists: July 2 Dot Lange; 9 Bob Jolly; 16 Mike Shifflet; 23 Ralph Stone; 30 Pastor Jason