

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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>. **No meeting Aug 7.**

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=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOeIVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>

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 / 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.*

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.

THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM IS HOSTING Letters to My Daughters, a virtual monthly study that will examine faith and advocacy as it relates to the social conditions of women and girls. Letters to My Daughters will explore models of advocacy informed by the lived experiences of the women who nurture us and the spiritual, theological, and social components of what it means for people of faith to pursue gender justice. **This session will be hosted at Faith UMC by Renee Norman and Buni Harbison on Monday, August 7 at 7pm. Please arrive by 6:45pm** as this is a live viewing session. Contact Renee Norman for more information.

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

July 30, 2023 at 10:30 AM – 9th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOMES: 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 & CENTERING PRAYER

Pastor Jason

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jason & God's People

We come to worship the Triune God who creates, redeems, and sustains us all.

We come to worship God who never leaves us and yet whose purposes often seem hidden.

As the bulb hides the flower, as the seed hides the tree, as the cocoon hides the butterfly, so too does God bring forth life even when we cannot see it.

We gather today to learn how to watch, wait, and anticipate the season when God's unrevealed work will come into the open.

As silence gives way to song, as night gives way to dawn, as the past flows through the present into the future, so too does God tirelessly persist in bringing about the abundant life of the kingdom of heaven.

We gather today to learn how to join in God's dance as partners who prepare for the season when God's unrevealed work comes into the open.

As our end meets our beginning, as our time meets infinity, as our doubt meets our believing, so too does God meet our brokenness with persevering love, unfolding a new reality of flourishing for all creation.

We gather today to learn how to love as God loves so that we may be part of bringing God's unrevealed work into the open. Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, January 2023.

Inspired by Natalie Sleet, "Hymn of Promise" (Nashville: United Methodist Publishing House, 1989), 707.

*HYMN

Hymn of Promise

UMH #707

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 21:1-17

Pastor Jason

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Jason

*HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

UMH #102

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

UMH #895

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

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

*Offertory Prayer

*HYMN

Seek Ye First

UMH #405

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-48

Pastor Jason

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

SERMON

Hidden & Mixed In

Pastor Jason

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

*HYMN

Pass It On

UMH #572

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

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://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.**

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: Twenty-five children participated in a fun filled week of skits, Bible stories, games, music, crafts, and snacks. We learned how God provides our daily bread--and our other needs as well. Thank you to all our volunteers! **We are continuing the Food Drive through August if you would like to contribute.**

CHURCH AND VBS FAMILY PICNIC: July 30 after worship. 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.

SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVEAWAY: JULY 30, 1:00 - 3:00 PM while supply lasts at Faith UMC. Enter through the second set of glass doors and select from spiral bound notebooks, binders, glue, pens, pencils, scissors, highlighters, and much more. These supplies were donated by Walmart. Feel free to bring your lawn chairs and spend some time visiting & playing yard games as well. **We will not be ready for the giveaway until 1PM.**

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

"NO WAY HOME" Film Screening at Community Mennonite Church, 328 W. Orange, Lancaster City on August 15 from 6-9pm. This film is about the impact of gun violence and the legal system through the story of a Philadelphia woman and her son. The Church and Society Team invite you to come out to learn more and engage in a conversation on this important topic. More info at <https://www.facebook.com/events/2281769052010289>