

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**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 4<sup>th</sup> Grade can now attend.*

**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: August 28 & .**

**CHATting VIA ZOOM on Mondays at 6:30 PM:** This member-led, discussion group meets online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518?pwd=cEVDeDIjeThaaWVlYjIOWmZjTm5oUT09>. **No meeting Aug 7.**

**BIBLE STUDY on Wednesdays at 6:30pm at Oregon Community UMC in Fellowship Hall** led by Mike Shifflet will restart in August.

**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 **3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month from 5:30-6:30pm at Faith UMC, including Sept 21.** To learn more about **Bail Reform**, join the weekly **Wednesday Zoom Session at Noon:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVlXQwUk5LR2VFOT09>. If you are interested in learning about one of our partners, **POWER INTERFAITH LANCASTER COUNTY** and their work on justice issues around schools, the criminal justice system, etc., please visit <https://powerinterfaith.org>.

**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.*

**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.

**SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER AUGUST 20, 5-7 PM:** Dinner will be spaghetti (gluten-free available) with meat sauce, a salad, a dinner roll & a sweet treat. There is also a meatless sauce option available.

**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.

**FOOD DRIVE:** The VBS families made a great start in collecting food to donate to our local food bank. We are inviting the congregation to join them in supporting this cause in the month of August. You may bring in canned goods to Faith UMC or donate by check with "Food Bank" in the memo or donate online by going to our website.

# Welcome to Oregon Community United Methodist Church



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

August 20, 2023 at 10:30 AM – 12<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 & CENTERING PRAYER

Pastor Jason

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jason & God's People

Beloved disciples, welcome! We gather as people reconciled to one another and God through grace, a gift freely and lovingly given that we do not earn or deserve. We receive the marvelous work of grace in our lives, and we wonder, "Is it fair?" **No! God's grace is not fair, but a gift of God's mercy.**

We gather as neighbors who have experienced difficulties of every kind. We feel uncertain, fearful, and overwhelmed, and we wonder, "Is it fair?"

**No! Our difficulties are not fair, and God's grace meets our uncertainty with mercy and love.**

We gather as a community that knows the suffering of our neighbors. We look at the effects of poverty, food insecurity, and trauma in our neighborhoods, and we wonder, "Is it fair?"

**No! The suffering of our neighbors is not fair, and God's grace calls us to respond to suffering with mercy and justice.**

We gather as people who question how to live into God's abundance and flourishing in a world built on scarcity and greed, and we wonder, "Is it fair?"

**Yes! God's life of abundance and flourishing is fair, because it is merciful. May God's grace form us into people of mercy, justice, compassion, and truth-telling as we gather today. Amen.**

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, February 2023.*

### \*HYMN

*He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought*

UMH #128

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Genesis 45:1-15**

Mike Shifflet

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

### \*HYMN

*This Is a Day of New Beginnings*

UMH #383 v. 1-4

### CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Jason

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Psalms 133 & Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32**

Mike Shifflet

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

### \*HYMN

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

UMH #121

### 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

*Grace Greater Than Our Sin*

UMH #365

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Matthew 15:10-28**

Mike Shifflet

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

### SERMON

*Is It Fair?*

Pastor Jason

### BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

### \*HYMN

*And Are We Yet Alive*

UMH #553

**Pianist:** Jody Wiker **Pastor:** The Rev. Jason Perkowski **Ministers:** The People of God

**Liturgists:** August 6 Dot Lange; 13 Bob Jolly; 20 Mike Shifflet; 27 Ralph Stone

**BIRTHDAYS:** August 6 Cheryl Cooper; 20 Don Hess

**ANNIVERSARIES:** August 20 Don and Jane Hess

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Bob Jolly, healing from eye surgery; Fred Hess, recuperation; Al Lange healing after hip surgery; Paula Shifflet's father; Dean Cooper, healing for heart; Vince, test results and healing; Cheryl, healing; Larry Cooper, continued healing and relief from back pain; Bruce, hamstring; Fritsch & Stone family; Dick, cancer; Rev. Dorcas, cancer; 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, infection, 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; 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.

**BIBLE2SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS:** If you are interested in helping lead small groups or teach the Bible2School students from Reidenbaugh Elementary School please let Pastor know. Faith UMC is hosting this religious education program for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students every Tues. & Wed. morning **for the 2023-24 school year.** **Contact Pastor Jason if you are willing to volunteer.**

**CARD SHOWER FOR PASTOR DORCAS:** The Rev. Dorcas Kamanda is an Ordained Elder in the Eastern PA Conference, a graduate of Lancaster Theological Seminary, and also a Nurse Midwife with a Masters in Nursing. She has served churches in Lancaster and also founded the NarSarah Clinic (a community-based health care service) and Mamaland (a children's village for orphans) in Kabala, Sierra Leone where she grew up. We have supported these ministries by sending medical supplies, clothes, sports equipment and funds. Rev. Kamanda is currently living with her daughter in NJ while being treated for cancer and other health issues. We would like to cover her in prayer and send her cards of encouragement. You can send them to Rev. Kamanda, c/o Hopenet Antoine, 9 Exeter Court, East Windsor, NJ 08520.