

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SPECIAL SESSION OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE on Sat., Sept 9 at Lititz UMC. HELP WITH REFRESHMENTS NEEDED for 250 delegates. Food brought at 7am, served 8-9am, then clean up. **Suggested Menu:** Fruit Trays, Muffins, Bagel Trays, Cream Cheese, Loose Granola, Yogurt, Breakfast bars, Pastries, Juice, Bottled Water - 8oz bottles, Coffee, Hot Tea. **Contact Pastor Jason to volunteer.**

RALLY DAY on Sunday, September 10 during Worship. Join us as we celebrate the start to the new school year, bless the students and teachers, and restart Junior Church. **We hope to see everyone in church together.**

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 meeting tonight due to Labor Day Weekend.***

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: September 11 & 25.**

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 Sept 4.***

BIBLE STUDY on Wednesdays at 6:30pm at Oregon Community UMC in Fellowship Hall led by Mike.

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. **The next meeting is Sept 21 at Faith UMC at 5:30 PM (and the 3rd Thursday of every month).** If interested in learning more or joining the team, contact Pastor Jason or Renee Norman. 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>. To learn more about **Bail Reform**, join the Wednesday Zoom Session at Noon: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOeIVlVXQwUk5LR2VFOT09>

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.*

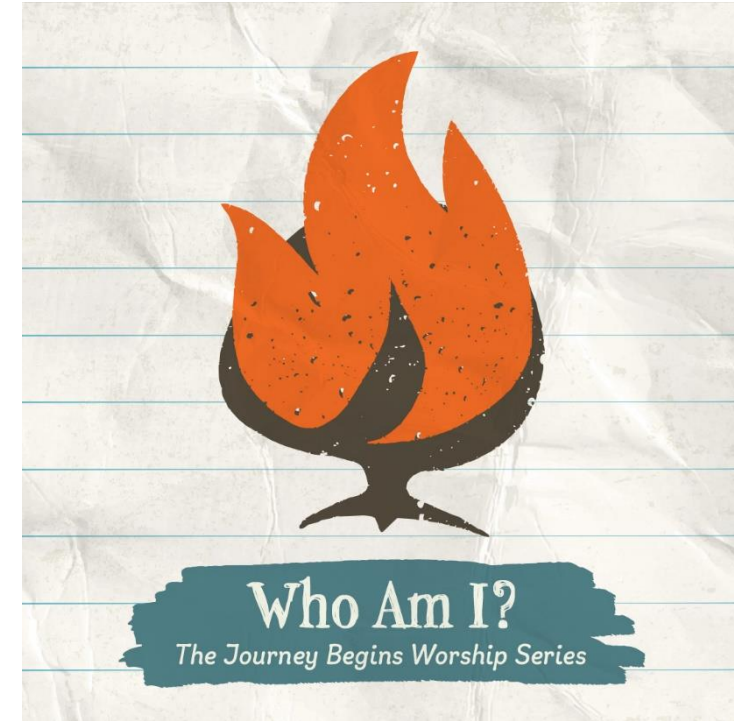
LONG MEMORIAL FREE GROCERIES for those in need every Friday Night at 6pm. You can drive up and receive groceries to help support you through the week. *Volunteers are needed from 5-6pm.*

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.

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.

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 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade students every Tues. & Wed. morning *for the 2023-24 school year.* **Contact Pastor Jason if you are willing to volunteer.**

Welcome to Oregon Community United Methodist Church



Address: 1214 Creek Road, Lititz, PA 17543

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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

September 3, 2023 at 10:30 AM – 14th 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 & CENTERING PRAYER

Pastor Jason

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jason & God's People

Followers of Christ, God calls us just as we are to live as truth-tellers and gospel-bringers in the world.

God, we know you call us, and still, we ask, "Who am I that you would call me?"

Like Moses standing before the burning bush convinced of his unworthiness to lead your people out of bondage, we ask, "Who am I that you would call me?"

Like Peter who thought he got it right only to realize that who Jesus is doesn't meet his expectations of who a Savior should be, we ask, "Who am I that you would call me?"

As we raise this question to God today, we open our hearts to receive God's answer:

You are my beloved children. You are my disciples. You are my people called to share the love of God for the transformation of the world. Amen.

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

*HYMN

God of Love and God of Power

UMH #578

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 3:1-15

Ralph Stone

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

Pastor Jason

Ralph Stone

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

*HYMN

Whom Shall I Send?

UMH #582

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 12:9-21

Ralph Stone

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

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*HYMN

God of the Ages

UMH #698

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 16:21-28

Ralph Stone

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

SERMON

Who Am I?

Pastor Jason

COMMUNION

UMH #12-15

All are invited to the Lord's Table to receive God's forgiveness and grace through Communion

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

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH #13-15 & #895

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*HYMN

Lord, Speak to Me

UMH #13-15

UMH #463

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

*HYMN

Lift High the Cross

UMH # 159 v. 1,3,4

Guest Pianist: Dolly Bankert Pastor: The Rev. Jason Perkowski Ministers: The People of God

BIRTHDAYS: September 12 Phyliss Weachter

PRAYER REQUESTS: The passing of Dick Baird, Sandy's father; The passing of Lee Manifold, Marcia's father; Kathy Fisher, healing from hip surgery; Bob Jolly, healing from eye surgery; Fred Hess, recuperation; Al Lange healing after hip surgery; Dean Cooper, healing for heart; Vince, healing; Cheryl, healing; Larry Cooper, continued healing and relief from back pain; Bruce, hamstring; Fritsch & Stone family; Rev. Dorcas, cancer; Cynthia from NJ, battling cancer; Shirley Gehr; 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:** Wisdom & safety for government officials globally; President Joe Biden and VP Kamala Harris; Healthy and gentle campaigns and election process; Prayers for political candidates—safety & wisdom; 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.

FAITH UMC YARD SALE: Saturday September 16 from 8:00 AM. to 1:00 PM. You may donate items to Faith UMC for youth to sell or rent a 20'x20' space for \$20 for the day. Proceeds benefit the ministries of the church. Here is the link to reserve a space: <https://forms.gle/uChbsWVYThMgZkf46>. Questions? Call/text Gwen @ 717-696-5321. Payments are due when you arrive (cash or checks made payable to Faith UMC). This outside event will be held rain or shine, and all monies are non-refundable. **Reservations will be taken through Sept 14, 2023.**

BINGO NIGHT on Sat., September 30 from 5-7pm in Faith UMC Fellowship Hall. There will be snacks and silly prizes for winners! **Best of all, NO COST to you** and you are asked to bring NOTHING—except your best smiles!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR: Contact Pastor Jason or the office if you are willing to volunteer. Be part of the teaching rotation at Faith UMC for Junior Church at 10:30AM. This class is for 3 years old through 4th grade. If you are interested in **helping lead small groups for the Bible2School students from Reidenbaugh Elementary.** Faith UMC is hosting this religious education program for 2nd, 3rd & 4th grade students every Tues. & Wed. morning. You could volunteer for 1 class per week. It takes about 1.5 hours.