

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.

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=cEVDeDljeThaaWVlYjJlQWmZjTm5oUT09>.

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=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOeIVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>

MEETING WITH POWER INTERFAITH RE: JUSTICE WORK on Sunday, Sept 17 at Noon in the Faith UMC Fellowship Hall. We will have guest speakers to talk about some of the work being done in Lancaster and across the state regarding Educational Funding, Criminal Justice Reform, etc. You will get to learn about POWER and how you can get involved locally. Please see Renee Norman or Pastor Jason with questions.

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.

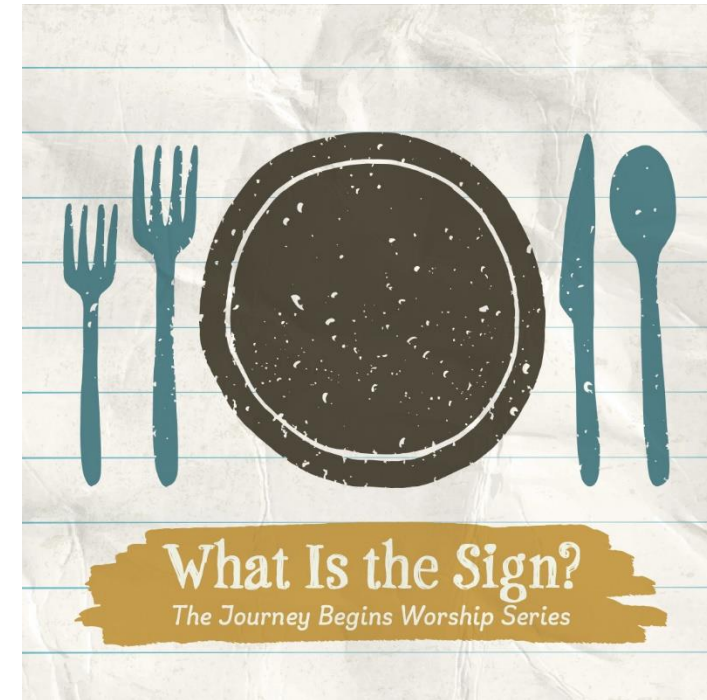
COMMUNITY MEAL: People in need may pick up a **Grab 'n Go Meal at Zion Lutheran Church in East Petersburg every Monday.** Several churches in the area support this ministry. **Faith UMC provides fifty Grab 'n Go Meals quarterly** – *contact Carol Kennedy if you are interested in helping.*

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.

NEFFSVILLE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL is looking for a teacher's aide for Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 8:50am to 12:00pm. Interested people should contact the director, Carol Zartman, at 717-314-9405. **They are also accepting registrations for the 2023-24 school year for their 4/5 year-old classes.** Their school is an outreach of Long Memorial UMC located at 2660 Lititz Pike, Lancaster. Find out more at their website: www.neffsvillechristianpreschool.com. You may receive more information or set up an appointment to visit the school by contacting the director, Carol Zartman, at 717-314-9405.

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 10, 2023 at 10:30 AM – 15th Sunday after Pentecost & Rally Day

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

Pilgrims on the way, when we feel lost and ask for a sign to show us the way out of our confusion,

We remember that when we gather to worship, we find God in our midst.

When we face obstacles and barriers that keep us from the life God has called us to,

We remember that God is always at work among us, protecting and tending our well-being.

When cannot find our way out of conflict and discord,

We remember that God calls and equips us for the work of reconciliation.

When we struggle to pay attention to how God is at work all around us,

We remember God's call to sit, eat, and tell one another the stories of God's faithfulness.

Pilgrims on the way, when we watch for signs of God among us,

Let us remember that we too are signs of God's presence for others! Amen.

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

*HYMN

Go Down, Moses

UMH #448 v. 1-5

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 12:1-14

Bob Jolly

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Jason

BLESSING OF THE STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

*HYMN

We Are the Church

UMH #558 v. 1, 2, 4, 5

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 13:8-14

Bob Jolly

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

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

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

UMH #117

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 18:15-20

Bob Jolly

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

SERMON

What is the Sign?

Pastor Jason

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

*HYMN

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

UMH # 557

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

Liturgists: September 3 Dot Lange; 10 Bob Jolly; 17 Mike Shifflet; 24 Ralph Stone

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 infection; Dean Cooper, healing for heart; Vince, healing; Shirley, healing; Larry Cooper, continued healing and relief from back pain; Cheryl Cooper, MS; 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, healing and strength; 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.

COMMUNITY AID will donate \$.13 to Faith UMC for every pound of clothing, shoes, electronic, toys, & household goods (excluding furniture) donated at 31 Rohrerstown Road Mon-Sat, 9am – 6 pm. **Tell staff to credit Non-profit partner # 10221 - Faith UMC.** Write or tape partner number on bags/boxes.

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 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. Contact us 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.