

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

HOLIDAY BAZAAR at OCUMC on Saturday, October 21, 8am to 1pm. We are renting vendor tables for \$10.00/table and are in search of vendors. If anyone knows anyone that may be interested in selling their crafts, please ask them to contact Joetta or Dot or call the church at 717-656-7198.

YOUTH GROUP, SUNDAYS, 5-7 PM at Faith UMC for 5th-12th graders. *Sign up to be the 2nd adult and/or to provide a meal. Volunteers needed for October—including two volunteers for October 1 while Pastor Jason is away.* Contact Pastor Jason for more info. Students from any church or school are invited to join us.

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: October 9 & 23.**

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 is exploring how we can engage in improving our community by standing up against injustice and the forces of wickedness. **The next meeting is Oct 19 at Faith UMC at 5:30 PM (3rd Thursday of every month).** To learn more, contact Pastor Jason or Renee Norman. To learn 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 weekly Wednesday Zoom Session at Noon:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZlZGQ0LzBOelVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>

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. We have one family who will be joining the beginning of October, and invite you to consider if you would like to take the membership class and join as well.

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.

TRUNK OR TREAT: Come and join us **Sat., Oct 28th for our Annual Trunk or Treat event from 6-8pm at Faith UMC!** We need people to decorate your car trunks and hand out candy to the community kids. This is a fun evening! Come in costume and help us bring some fun to our neighbors! We will have pumpkin decorating, lawn games, free hot dogs and cider. **This event was a huge success last year and had a large turnout. We are in need of volunteers in each area.** To be a part of the trunk brigade or volunteer with the kitchen, dining room, games or pumpkin decorating, please contact Lisa Baker at lisa.baker2294@gmail.com or 717-615-6707. **Volunteers and decorated vehicles should arrive by 5:00 to set up.** We also need donations of hot dogs and buns.

JUNIOR CHURCH TEACHERS NEEDED AT FAITH UMC: Teaching our children about our faith is a core mission of church. We need people to take turns teaching 3 year-4th grade students during the 10:30AM Service. *Deep Blue* Curriculum and materials are all provided. **We need teachers and aides. Contact Pastor to volunteer.**

PASTOR JASON IS ON VACATION from Friday, Sept 29 at noon through Sunday, Oct 8 at 9:00 AM. For Pastoral Emergencies, contact Dot Lange (215) 601-3131. She will contact the Pike's Mission Link Clergy to provide pastoral care and assistance.

Welcome to Oregon Community United Methodist Church



Address: 1214 Creek Road, Lititz, PA 17543

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Website: OregonCommunityUMC.us

Facebook: Oregon Community UMC

Pastor: The Rev. Jason Perkowski

jbperkowski@gmail.com or (717) 333-9238

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

October 1, 2023 at 10:30 AM – 18th 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

Dot Lange

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dot Lange & God's People

Come to Christ, that living stone, rejected by the world, but in God's sight chosen and precious.

We have responded to Christ's call, and seek to be built into a spiritual house, a living reminder of God's presence on earth.

Once we were no people, but now we are God's people, called out of the darkness into God's marvelous light.

Therefore we sing with the church in all ages:

Blessed be your name, O God, our redeemer. By your mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Written by Ruth Duck, USA, 20th C. BOW #457

*HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

UMH #593

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Sue Grimm Mattox

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 5:1-8

Dot Lange

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

*HYMN

Whom Shall I Send?

UMH #582

SERMON

Healing, Hope and Action

Sue Grimm Mattox

COMMUNION

Officiated by Rev. Steve Rodgers

UMH #12-15

INVITATION, CONFESSION, PARDON & PASSING OF THE PEACE

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 *(while singing hymns below)*

UMH #13-15

*HYMN

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

UMH #614

*HYMN

Let Us Break Bread Together

UMH #618

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

The Rev. Steve Rodgers

*HYMN

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

UMH # 664

Pianist: Jody Wiker **Pastor:** The Rev. Jason Perkowski **Ministers:** The People of God
Liturgists: October 1 Dot Lange; 8 Bob Jolly; 15 Mike Shifflet; 22 Ralph Stone; 29 Pastor Jason

BIRTHDAYS: October 1 Jane Hess; 3 Jody Wiker; 15 Gene Denlinger

ANNIVERSARIES: October 13 Bob & Christie Jolly

PRAYER REQUESTS: Joetta Henry and family on the passing of Fred Hess; all those in mourning; Kathy Fisher, healing from hip surgery; Bob Jolly, healing from eye surgery; Al Lange, recuperation; 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, healing from cancer surgery; Cynthia from NJ, battling cancer; Shirley Gehr; Kevin's kidneys & surgery (Joetta's grandson); Dot's sister, Margaret; the passing of Joetta's sister Millie; 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; 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://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.

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.

FALL SOUP SALE at Faith UMC: Orders and money are due Oct. 8. Order forms and sign-up sheets to help prep the soup are in the hall. **Soup will be available for pick-up on Nov. 4.** We have each flavor of soup offered by Oregon Dairy this year (only by the quart). Please give all orders to Lisa Baker (in hand or in her box at Faith) or to Pastor Jason to deliver. All orders must be submitted with order forms and payment. You can also order online at: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z37Q/home> Any questions, contact Lisa by phone: 717-615-6707 or email: lisa.baker2294@gmail.com

BIBLE2SCHOOL SMALL GROUP LEADERS are needed for 2-4th grade classes on Tues and Wed for 1.5 hours each class. Students from Reidenbaugh Elementary get bussed to Faith UMC each week for a lesson and then small group discussion. The teachers provide the core lesson, **but we need small group leaders to follow up the lesson with a 10-minute-long discussion time with pre-planned questions and activities.** Contact Pastor Jason to sign up to help.

LITITZ MEALS ON WHEELS has an urgent and on-going need for volunteer cooks. Follow pre-printed easy menus for 50-60 people with prep and cooking time about 1.5 to 2 hours. Cooks can be men or women and can work alone, or as a team with a friend. Additional kitchen helpers, meal delivery drivers and Team Leaders are also welcome. Contact Jewel Shaub at 717-626-4352 or tjshaub@gmail.com or John Huber at 717-627-1176 or jehuber@ptd.net or leave a message at 717-626-2500.