

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**HOLIDAY BAZAAR at OCUMC on Sat., October 21, 8AM-1PM.** We are renting vendor tables for \$10.00/table and are in search of vendors. If you know anyone interested in selling their crafts, please contact Joetta, Dot or the church at 717-656-7198. We are also in need of volunteers to work the bazaar for set up, clean up, working the church sale table, selling food, etc. We are also accepting donated items to sell.

**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. October 15, youth will go to Gretna Glen. Permission slips are required. Meet at Faith at 3:30PM and pick up at Faith at 7PM.* Contact Pastor Jason for more info. All students 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 23 & November 6.**

**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>.

**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 with Pastor Jason.**

**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 (3<sup>rd</sup> 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>. **The Oct 16 MDJ Forum is cancelled.** To learn more about **Bail Reform**, join the weekly Wednesday Zoom Session at Noon: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOeIVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>

**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.*

**TRUNK OR TREAT:** Come and join us **Sat., Oct 28th for Trunk or Treat from 6-8pm at Faith UMC!** We need people to decorate your car trunks and hand out candy to the community kids. 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 need volunteers** to be a part of the trunk brigade in the kitchen & dining room, with games or pumpkin decorating. Please contact Lisa at [lisa.baker2294@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.baker2294@gmail.com) or 717-615-6707. **Volunteers and decorated vehicles should arrive by 5:00 to set up.**

**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-4<sup>th</sup> grade students during the 10:30AM Service. *Deep Blue* Curriculum and materials are all provided. **We need teachers and aides. Contact Pastor to volunteer.**

**BIBLE2SCHOOL SMALL GROUP LEADERS are needed** for 2-4<sup>th</sup> grade classes on Tues and Wed for 1.5 hours each class. Students from Reidenbaugh Elementary get bussed to Faith UMC each week. 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.

**SPAGHETTI DINNER OCTOBER 15, 5-7 PM:** Dinner will be spaghetti (gluten-free available) with meat sauce, a salad, bread, & a sweet treat. There is also a meatless sauce option available. Pay what you want. Donations may be made on our website, [www.FaithUMC.us](http://www.FaithUMC.us) under "Online Giving," or you can make a donation when you pick up your meal. All donations support the ministries of the church.

**LITITZ MEALS ON WHEELS has an urgent and on-going need for volunteer cooks.** Follow pre-printed easy menus for 50-60 people. Contact Jewel Shaub at 717-626-4352 or [tjshaub@gmail.com](mailto:tjshaub@gmail.com) or John Huber at 717-627-1176 or [jehuber@ptd.net](mailto:jehuber@ptd.net) or leave a message at 717-626-2500.

## Welcome to Oregon Community United Methodist Church



**Address:** 1214 Creek Road, Lititz, PA 17543

**Church Phone:** (717) 656-7198

**Website:** [OregonCommunityUMC.us](http://OregonCommunityUMC.us)

**Facebook:** Oregon Community UMC

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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

October 15, 2023 at 10:30 AM – 19<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

Come! Now is the time to worship! **We come to worship God who invites us.**

When the Israelites worshiped the golden calf, God listened to Moses and chose to correct instead of destroy.

**God persistently invites us to return to God.**

Jesus tells a story of a wedding banquet where the guests dismissed the invitation and harmed the messengers, so the king invited people off the streets and welcomed all who received the invitation in earnest.

**God persistently invites us to return to God.**

Too often we turn from God's ways, choosing our stiff-necked insistence that we know what is best instead of trusting God's provision, love, and guidance.

**When we turn away and our love fails, God continues to offer us opportunities to return to God and join in the celebration of God's abundant love and life.**

Come! Now is the time to worship! **We come to worship God who guides us for the long haul.**

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

### \*HYMN

*It's Me, It's Me, O Lord*

UMH #352

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Exodus 32:1-14**

Mike Shifflet

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

### CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Jason

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

UMH #895

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23**

Mike Shifflet

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

### \*HYMN

*Amazing Grace*

UMH #378 v. 1, 2, 4, & 6

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Philippians 4:1-9**

Mike Shifflet

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

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

Pastor Jason

\*Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH #95

\*Offertory Prayer

### \*HYMN

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

UMH #121

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Matthew 22:1-14**

Mike Shifflet

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

### SERMON

*Stiff-Necked People*

Pastor Jason

### BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Pastor Jason

### \*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:** Brent Rollins, healing after spinal surgery; Denny Armstrong, healing after colon surgery; 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 Habel, healing; Shirley Baker, healing; Larry Cooper, continued healing and relief from back pain; Cheryl Cooper, MS; Bruce, hamstring; Fritsch & Stone family; Rev. Dorcas, healing from cancer; Cynthia from NJ, battling cancer; Shirley Gehr; Kevin's kidneys & surgery (Joetta's grandson); Dot's sister, Margaret; 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; Birth of a nephew to Pastor Jason & Julie; Keyonna and Rob expecting. **PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD:** The people of Israel and Palestine; 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](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.

**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:** Choose from quarts of **Vegetable Beef, Chicken Corn, Chicken Corn Noodle, Tomato Bisque, Creamy Potato, or Ham & Bean Soup** all made by Oregon Dairy. **Each quart is \$10. Soup will be available for pick-up on November 4 from Noon-2PM. No more pre-orders, but there will be extra quarts for purchase on Nov. 4.** Any questions, contact Lisa at 717-615-6707 or [lisa.baker2294@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.baker2294@gmail.com).

**MEMBERSHIP CLASS:** If you are interested in learning more about the UMC and our local churches, and are considering becoming a member, we invite you to contact Pastor Jason for info to join in a new membership class.

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY: On November 5,** we would like to honor all of our loved ones that have passed away since last year. **VETERANS DAY: On November 12** we would like to honor all of our church members and their family who have served in the armed services. **Please bring a framed photo of your loved ones to the church that morning. No later than the Monday before each service** (Oct 30 / Nov 6), please email Pastor Jason the full name, date of birth/death, and for veterans their military branch and rank.