

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

HANGING OF THE GREENS will take place after worship TODAY. Come enjoy decorating the church after the worship service. Everyone is welcome!

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. Each week there are dinner, games and a lesson. For more info contact Pastor Jason (717-333-9238). **No Youth Group on Nov 26—Happy Thanksgiving. No Gretna Glen trips until January 21 (3:30-7PM)**

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: December 4 & 18.**

CHATTING VIA ZOOM on Mondays at 6:30 PM: This member-led, discussion group meets online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518?pwd=cEVDeDljeThaaWVlYjIOWmZjTm5oUT09>.

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 engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. **Next meeting: Nov 16 at 5:30 PM (3rd Thursdays).** To learn more, contact Renee Norman. To be a part of the team working on **Bail Reform & Representation for persons accused of crimes**, join the Zoom Session at Noon every Wednesday: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOe1VlVXQwUk5LR2VFOT09>

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.**

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 or John Huber at 717-627-1176 or jehuber@ptd.net or leave a message at 717-626-2500.

IMPACT MISSION LUNCH CREW needs volunteers on Thursdays, 10AM-Noon. Volunteer for 1 or more Thursdays a month (or some Wednesdays). **Help make bagged lunches for Impact volunteers** at Christ UMC, 935 E. Walnut St., Lancaster. Contact Sue Grimm Mattox at sgrimm1028@gmail.com or 717.575.6414

LUMINA KIDS NIGHT needs volunteers for Monday evenings on January 8, 22, & 29. They need 3-4 adults to play with the kids and provide a light supper for 15 students. To volunteer or get more info, contact Pastor Jason, Diana Valentine or Correen Russo 717-808-8633.

POINSETTIAS AVAILABLE: Help beautify the sanctuary for Christmas by purchasing a poinsettia in memory or honor of someone. You may take your poinsettia home any time after the Christmas Eve service. Poinsettia order forms are in your mailboxes. Please return them to Joetta, ASAP.

CARE PACKAGES FOR MILLERSVILLE STUDENTS: We are continuing our tradition of providing boxes to support college students who are part of The HUB: Millersville University Campus Ministry while they prepare for final exams in Dec. *We will be packaging the items on Nov 26 during Hanging of the Greens and help is welcome.*

LONG MEMORIAL'S "EXERCISE IN LOVE" Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. in the Library at Long Memorial UMC. Everyone can benefit from this fitness program. Contact Sara Stokes at 717-492-4363.

LONG MEMORIAL WALKING BUDDIES: Walking is one of the best exercises. We meet most Tues & Thurs at 3:15 in Neffsville Park (aka Manheim Township Park). Contact Kathy Vasisko to get more info.

OCUMC SECRET SISTER PROGRAM: Women will secretly send their "sister" notes of encouragement & small gifts all year long—as well as praying for one another. If you are interested in being part of the Secret Sister Program at OCUMC please contact Jackie Black (717) 572-1521 or Bobbi Ann Stone (717) 844-1574. Please turn in your info sheets to them ASAP. Next year there will be a celebration and a chance to learn who your sister was.

Welcome to Oregon Community United Methodist Church



AFTER GIVING THANKS
OUR HYMN OF GRATEFUL PRAISE WORSHIP SERIES



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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

November 26, 2023 at 10:30 AM – 26th Sunday after Pentecost / Reign of Christ Sunday

WELCOME: We come together to worship the loving God who has chosen to be revealed as the Father Creator, the Son who lived among us, and the Holy Spirit who ministers powerfully within us. You are welcome in this sacred space no matter who you are; from where you have come; what experiences, struggles or gifts you bring; or the questions, doubts & beliefs you carry. We are so glad you are here – and pray you find what you came looking for!

GREETINGS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & CENTERING PRAYER

Pastor Jason

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jason & God's People

Come! Let us give thanks to God! **We give thanks for the gift of warm bread, the smell of dinner cooking in the oven, and the joy of gathering around a table together.**

Come! Let us give thanks to God! **We give thanks for all the times God has made a way out of no way, providing for us in body and spirit just when we need it.**

Come! Let us give thanks to God! **We give thanks for the ways God weaves us together as a community of love and care, supporting one another in the ebbs and flows of daily life.**

Let us come into God's presence with grateful praise! **Come! Let us worship God together. Amen.**

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

*HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

UMH #139 v. 1, 4, 5

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 95:1-7

Ralph Stone

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Jason

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ezekiel 34:11-24

Ralph Stone

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

*HYMN

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

UMH #381

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 1:15-23

Ralph Stone

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

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

UMH #895

*HYMN

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

UMH #694

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 25:31-46

Ralph Stone

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

SERMON

After Giving Thanks

Pastor Jason

*HYMN

Jesu, Jesu

UMH #432 v. 2-5

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Pastor Jason

** You are invited to stand in body or in Spirit*

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

Liturgists: November 5 Dot Lange; 12 Bob Jolly; 19 Mike Shifflet; 26 Ralph Stone

BIRTHDAYS: November 6 Dean Cooper; 7 Nancy Sims; 13 Jim Garner; 20 Jason Perkowski;

PRAYER REQUESTS: Dot's sister, Margaret; Healing for Ralph's toe; Cynthia Kelly's mother, broken hip; All those in mourning; Kathy Fisher, healing from hip surgery; Dean Cooper, healing for heart; Vince Habel, healing; Shirley Baker, healing; Larry Cooper, continued healing and relief from back surgery and pain; Cheryl Cooper healing from surgery & MS; Bruce, hamstring; Fritsch & Stone family; Rev. Dorcas, healing from cancer; Cynthia from NJ, battling cancer; Shirley Gehr; Kevin's kidneys (Joetta's grandson); Robert T. Perkowski, healing and strength; Brent Rollins, healing after spinal surgery; Denny Armstrong, healing after colon surgery; Josh & Megan (Jackie's grandkids); Foster families; Kathy Muth, cellulitis; Jack Muth, brain cancer; Chuck Flory, ALS; Bob Rinier; 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:** The people of Israel, Palestine, Ukraine & Russia; Wisdom & safety for government officials globally; President Joe Biden and VP Kamala Harris; Healthy and gentle campaigns and election process; Prayers for all political candidates—safety & wisdom; 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.



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.**

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.*

MEDICINE BOTTLE PROJECT: We collect empty prescription pill bottles for clinics overseas to package medications. **Remove labels & residue. There is a basket 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.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS: If you are interested in learning more about joining the UMC contact Pastor Jason.

ANNUAL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA AND COOKIE EXTRAVAGANZA at Faith UMC on Saturday December 9th from 8:00 to 10:30 AM. Breakfast will include pancakes and sausages with various toppings. Gluten free option available! Santa will be there to greet all the kids and pose for photos before his busiest night of the year! Breakfast is by donation. While you're here, choose your own cookies from our huge selection of holiday favorites and maybe try something new! Servers will be there to guide you through the selections and help fill your chosen container. Cost per container is \$16.50. For questions or more info, please contact us at 717-560-0321 or visit us at www.faithumc.us. We hope to see you here! **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** There are **signup sheets in the hall at Faith UMC.** We need people to bake cookies, run the cookie room, cook pancakes and sausage, package and hand out food, run the craft table for kids, collect money, set up / tear down tables & chairs in sanctuary, decorate, sanitize tables between groups, clean up, etc. **If you can help, let us know ASAP.** Most cookies freeze well so you can get an early start with baking. Please sign up in the hallway to let us know what cookies you will be baking.