

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

YOUTH GROUP ON SUNDAYS, 5-7 PM at Faith UMC for 5th-12th graders. Each week there are dinner, games and a lesson. For more info contact Pastor Jason (717-333-9238). **No Gretna Glen trips until Jan. 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: Jan 17 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=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOeIVlVXQwUk5LR2VFOT09>

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.

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 jhuber@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.

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 please contact Jackie Black (717) 572-1521 or Bobbi Ann Stone (717) 844-1574. Please turn in your info sheets to them ASAP.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES DURING ADVENT: Prayerfully consider if you would like to help with any of these projects. *We do not expect you to donate to each one.* Please participate as your heart and capacity leads you.

- **UDOBO PRE-SCHOOL:** We support the Udobo School in Durban, South Africa at Christmas. Visit <http://UdoboSchool.com> for details. Your gift will help provide food, educational supplies & teaching staff. Checks can be made out to *Faith UMC* with “Udobo School” in the memo or donate online to that fund at www.faithumc.us. All gifts in the Faith UMC Christmas offering envelopes, those marked for Udobo School, as well as all unmarked gifts in the Christmas Eve offering plate will go directly to the school.
- **CHRIST HOME FOR KIDS & BLACKFEET UMC PARISH:** If you are interested in making a donation you can send a check made out to *Oregon Community UMC* with the specific ministry marked in the memo line. You can mail it to Oregon Community, 1214 Creek Rd., Lititz, PA 17543 or put it in the offering plate Christmas Eve.

25 PRAYS OF CHRISTMAS: Join us for 25 days of prayers. There is one prayer a day starting Dec 1. The prayer list is available on our website, by using <http://oregoncommunityumc.us/25PrayersOfChristmas.pdf>.

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

Welcome to Oregon Community United Methodist Church



Address: 1214 Creek Road, Lititz, PA 17543

Church Phone: (717) 656-7198

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

December 3, 2023 at 10:30 AM – 1st Sunday of Advent

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

We gather again at the end of the year to wait for the Christ child anew.

We wait in the shocking hope of the coming of the Messiah.

We wait, and we remember the astounding things God has done to save God's people.

We wait in the shocking hope of the coming of the Messiah.

We wait, and we pay attention for signs of God's justice and mercy turning the world upside down.

We wait in the shocking hope of the coming of the Messiah.

We wait, and in our waiting, we learn to live as people of God's promise.

Let us worship in the shocking hope of Jesus Christ, the coming Messiah. Amen.

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

LIGHTING THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE: HOPE

Bob & Christie Jolly

*HYMN

People, Look East

UMH #202

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 64:1-9

Dot Lange

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Jason

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Dot Lange

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

*HYMN

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

UMH #196

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Dot Lange

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

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 13:24-37

Dot Lange

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

SERMON

Our Shocking Hope

Pastor Jason

COMMUNION

UMH #12-13

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 #13-14 & #895

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

UMH #15

*HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

UMH #211

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Pastor Jason

*HYMN

When We All Get to Heaven

UMH #701

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

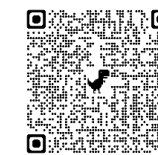
Pianist: Jody Wiker **Pastor:** The Rev. Jason Perkowski **Ministers:** The People of God

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

BIRTHDAYS: December 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); 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; Robert T. Perkowski, healing and strength. **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.*

ANNUAL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA AND COOKIE EXTRAVAGANZA 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. Breakfast is by donation. Choose your own cookies from our huge selection of holiday favorites Cost per cookie container is \$16.50.

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE – Thursday, December 21 at 7:00 PM at Long Memorial UMC. For many of us, Christmas is a bittersweet time of year remembering both persons and events that have been a part of our lives in the past, but are now changed. This is the time of year with the longest nights, so we offer a quiet, meditative worship service that allows space for remembering, sharing our hurting places with God, and preparing to celebrate the coming of Christ. You are invited to join us for music, scripture, silent reflection, prayer, and communion.

CHRISTMAS EVE MORNING SERVICE at Faith UMC at 10:30am on Dec. 24th (or 9am at Oregon Community UMC if that better suits your schedule). **CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE at Faith UMC at 7pm on Dec. 24th.** This is a joint service with members of Oregon Community UMC. Families will worship together in this service of carols and a retelling of the Christmas story. We will also share in Communion.