

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**MEMBERSHIP CLASS: January 7, 14 & 21 at Noon.** 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 this class.**

**YOUTH GROUP ON SUNDAYS, 5-7 PM at Faith UMC** for 5th-12th graders. Each week there are dinner, games and a lesson. Sign up to be the 2nd adult and/or to provide a meal. For more info contact Pastor Jason. **The next Gretna Glen trip is January 21 (3:30-7PM). No sessions Dec 31.**

**YOUTH WINTER RETREAT: On Feb. 2-4 the Youth will go to Gretna Glen for the Winter Blast Youth Retreat.** Please sign up by the Youth Bulletin Board. Permission Slips are needed. Cost is \$120, but \$60 will be covered from Youth Fundraisers. **\$30 is due when you sign up and \$30 is due by January 15, 2024.**

**YOUNG ADULTS WINTER RETREAT: On Feb. 23-25 the Young Adults** (HS Grad-30 years old) will go to Gretna Glen for the Winter Blast Youth Retreat. Cost is \$120, but scholarships are available. **Register directly through the camp.** Info is available at: <https://gretnaglen.org/event/18460122-2024-02-23-young-adult-retreat/>

**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: January 8 & 22 (No session January 1)**

**CHATTING on Mondays at 6:30 PM: No session on 1/1.** This member-led, discussion group meets online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518?pwd=cEVDeDljeThaaWVIYjlQWmZjTm5oUT09>.

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY at Oregon Community UMC, 6:30PM. No Session Jan 3. They will begin studying Obadiah on Jan 10.**

**FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY at 10AM in Faith UMC Fellowship Hall. Next Session January 5.**

**THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM** engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. **Next meeting: Jan 17 at 5:30 PM (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays).** To learn more, contact Renee Norman. [Roadmap For Justice:](#)

**POWER Interfaith Convention in Harrisburg on Feb 19.** 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=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOeIVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>

**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.

**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](mailto: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.

**MEDICINE BOTTLE COLLECTION: Please remove labels & residue.** A basket is under the table in the hall.

## Welcome to Oregon Community United Methodist Church



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

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

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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

December 31, 2023 at 9:00 AM – Watchnight Service

**W**ELCOME: We gather together to worship God: The Father, The Son, & the Holy Spirit. We celebrate that The Holy Spirit came upon the Virgin Mary, the Word of God became flesh within her, & some 2023 years ago she brought the only begotten Son, Jesus, into the world. 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. Together, we seek to honor & understand the gift of the Christ Child! We are so glad you are here!

## GREETINGS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & CENTERING PRAYER

Pastor Jason

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jason & God's People

We have welcomed the Christ child and declared the glory of God's salvation that comes to live among us. And yet, still, we wait. **We watch and work for God's kin-dom on earth as it is in heaven.**

We prepare to welcome a new year, thankful for how God has brought us through the past year and anxious to discover what the new year might bring. **We watch and work for God's kin-dom on earth as it is in heaven.**

We join generations of Simeons and Annas who learned and taught us how to listen, notice, and discern divine love at work in the world. **We watch and work for God's kin-dom on earth as it is in heaven.**

Come, let us worship God, whose love endures from generation to generation, guiding us from one year to the next. **Come, let us worship as we live in anticipation of God's kin-dom on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

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

### \*HYMN

*First Noel*

UMH #245

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Isaiah 61:10-62:3**

Pastor Jason

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

### \*HYMN

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

UMH #240

### CHILDREN'S TIME

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Psalms 148**

Pastor Jason

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

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

#### \*Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH #95

#### \*Offertory Prayer

Pastor Jason

### \*HYMN

*What Child Is This*

UMH #219

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Galatians 4:4-7**

Pastor Jason

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

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

UMH #895

### \*HYMN

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

UMH #220

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Luke 2:22-40**

Pastor Jason

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

### SERMON

*Watchnight*

Pastor Jason

### WESLEY'S COVENANT RENEWAL SERVICE

BOW #290-294 & UMH #607

### BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Pastor Jason

### \*HYMN

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

UMH #229

\* 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; 31 Pastor Jason

**BIRTHDAYS:** December 6 Paula Shifflet; 19 Sharon Garner; 27 Annabelle Fritsch; 30 Ralph Stone

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Perkowski Family and 3 foster children who have come into care this week; Perkowski family on the death of Robert T. Perkowski (Pastor Jason's grandfather); Garner Family, health; Mark Fahnestock, cancer; Frank & Charlene, health; Alfred Byrd, lungs; Joanne, scleroderma; Larry Cooper, continued healing and relief from back surgery, pain and an infection; Gene Denlinger, healing; Ralph's brother, infection; Dustin Oakes, esophagus; Dot's sister, Margaret; Bob Perkowski, upcoming neck/back surgery; Cynthia Kelly's mother, broken hip; all those in mourning; Kathy Fisher, healing from hip surgery; Vince Habel, healing; Shirley Baker, healing; 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. **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](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.

**LONG MEMORIAL FREE GROCERIES** for those in need every Friday Night at 6pm.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL GIFTS THIS CHRISTMAS:** Some gifts were for the **UDOBO PRE-SCHOOL** in Durban, South Africa. Visit <http://UdoboSchool.com> for details. Your gift will help provide food, educational supplies & teaching staff. Gifts also were given to the **CHRIST HOME FOR KIDS & BLACKFEET UMC PARISH.** These are vital ministry that care for orphans and the native nation in Montana.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS TO US AS THE STAFF OF FAITH UMC:** We are so grateful to be in ministry with you and appreciate that kindness of the Christmas gifts that you provided to us. Your generosity is immense. And we loved reading through all of the signatures in the beautiful Christmas Card as well.

**CHILI FUNDRAISER AT FAITH UMC:** We are trying a new FUNdraiser in 2024. On January 28, Noon through 2pm, you may stop by Fellowship Hall at Faith UMC for a warm bowl of chili with toppings. We hope to include a choice of 3 bases (Tator tots, rice, or spaghetti), 2 types of chili (regular or vegan), and plenty of toppings to make it just to **your** spice level. Like our spaghetti fundraiser, this will be a goodwill offering. You can also buy pints to-go for those who wish to eat it during your favorite sports events later in the day. If you have any questions, please contact Tim Patschke or Gwen Newell. **WE'RE NOT COLD, WE'RE JUST A LITTLE CHILI.**