PRAYER REQUESTS:

OUR CONCERNS:

The UMC and delegates to the 2021/2022 General Conference as we seek God's will regarding human sexuality & our mission to make disciples of Jesus

President Joe Biden and VP Kamala Harris

Wisdom & safety for all government officials and their stafffrom the US & other nations

Veterans and Service Members

Civilians, leaders, and soldiers in war torn regions

Victims of "religious," white supremacist and racist violence

For peace & wisdom in areas of conflict

Police officers and their families

Individuals & families harmed in interactions with police

First responders, emergency personnel, and medical staff For an end to violence—including gun violence, domestic

violence, terrorism, & weapons of mass destruction Victims & families involved in violent crime, sexual abuse

and harassment Abusers and their families

Healing & peace for divisions caused by race, class, gender,

sexuality, politics & fears All affected by natural disasters

Refugees & huddled masses yearning to be free

People who are hungry and homeless

Security and immigration reform

Prisoners & Prison Leadership

Schools & Education Reform

Members of AA, NA, & AlAnon

Those struggling with addictions, finances, etc.

Those suffering from depression & mental health issues

All those caring for sick loved ones

Those grieving the loss of loved ones

Wisdom around natural resources and the environment

Eradication of deadly diseases—including COVID-19

Bishop Johnson, the EPAUMC Staff, and DS BK Chung

Coleman Memorial Chapel & Rev. Beverly Andrews

Rev. Dorcas, her UMC ministries in Sierra Leone, and her husband Daniel's health

Udobo School in Durban, South Africa

Campus Ministry: Ed Weber at Millersville; Rev. David

Piltz & Rev. Diana Esposito at Drexel & West Chester; Rev. Dr. Mel Sensenig & Rev. Ibrahim Bangura at

Albright; & Lebanon Valley

Becky, Angela and Maria Rodriguez – custody

Becky Rodriguez – kidney failure & dialysis

Phil Buchanan – strength & healing in legs/back

Norm Whiteley (Ella's brother) – health

Charlotte Garfield

Dottie Sheaffer - healing for back

Eileen Williams – muscles, healing, & new home

Shelda's granddaughter Bella's health

Bradlev McGowan - ALS

Linda Philbin – motor neuropathy

Donna Parmer – ongoing medical conditions

Noah Boughter – wisdom, safety and recovery

Annette McClarigan & family

Those with cancer: Cyndi Campbell, Dean Grove, Mark Reitzel, Pat Shenk, Kerry Link, Joe, John Rathyon, Glen

(friend of Harbisons), Duane Lehman, Bob (Valente family), Priscilla Rice, Allan Dutton (wife Jane is a Deacon at Grandview), Smith's nephew Mark with

leukemia

Janet – nodules in lungs

Carl Jones – strength & healing and health of siblings

Frank (Marilyn Jones's brother) -back surgery

Rosemary (Marilyn Jones' sister) – healing

Heather Lindsey

Michelle Rathvon Mitterer – healing from strokes

Chuck Flory - ALS

Darlene Brown - Abdominal surgery

John – Cardiac Issues

Laurie – Recovery from surgery

Lorraine Jones - arthritis

Kathleen (Shifflet) McDuffie-rheumatoid arthritis & hip pain

Healthy pregnancy for Christi and Mark Shifflet

Mike Shifflet's mom—physical therapy

Neighbors of Shifflets

Bob Jolly's parents

Katie & Dustin Oakes in Japan

Clarita – kidney issues

All Impacted by COVID-19 - incl. Quinn, Leon Bame's mother, Ruthie, Deanna Brivchik, Ken, Dennis Meck

Sr.'s mom, Marcia Eisenhour's Dad

Jason Hurst- grandson of Judy Hurst

Sandy Patschke – healing after back surgery

Sherry Guard

Alan Price – Buni's father recovering from a fall

Jenkins Family (Buni's granddaughter)—house fire and son Lincoln broken collarbone

Jackie Black - continued healing

Don Klos – ongoing healing and strengthening

Erek Perkowski and his son Shaughn – custody

Ray – recovering from Strokes

Mike & Brenda Hardwig - healing

Glenn Slater

Grandview Church as newly independent church

Margie & Terry Urban's granddaughter Analise

Annette McClarigan – heart and shoulder problems

The Pond family

Lisa & Patrick McGovern

Brenda and Dave Loechner—health

Mike Loechner—housing

Don Campbell – healing after surgery

Pat Dietz – healing from a fall

Diana Valentine – rotator cuff injury

OUR PRAISES:

Church beginning to reopen for worship in person God's presence through illness and struggle Healings from COVID-19 & vaccinations Birth of Fave Hassara





Welcome

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Oregon Community United Methodist Church 1214 Creek Road, Lititz, PA 17543 (717) 656-7198 www.OregonCommunityUMC.us

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The Rev. Jason Perkowski jbperkowski@gmail.com or (717)333-9238

Faith & Oregon Community United Methodist Churches

April 18, 2021 at 10:30AM – 3rd Sunday of Easter

ELCOME FRIENDS: We have come together to worship God and to love one another. Today we remember the resurrection of Jesus, our Messiah—remembering that he chose to come and live among us, was willing to even die on the cross for us, and then rose from the dead to redeem our souls. While some of us are worshiping online and some in person, we are aware that the Holy Spirit has gathered us together across space and time. You are welcome in this sacred space no matter who you are; from where you have come; or what experiences, struggles, questions or gifts you bring. We are glad you are here and hope you find what you need in today's service. May God bless you!

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Jason

Please 'sign in' by liking or commenting on the video or sending an email to JBPerkowski@gmail.com. Let us know who watched the video with you and send in any prayer requests that we can lift up. If attending in person, please register in advance through the links on the church website: FaithUMC.US or OregonCommunityUMC.US

A TIME FOR CENTERING & PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jason & God's People

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

When we are confused...Lord, give us peace.

When we are afraid...Lord, give us peace.

When we are lost in grief...Lord, give us peace.

O God, meet us in this room and grant us peace!

(Safiyah Fosua, *The Africana Worship Book for Year B*, Discipleship Resources, 2007, p.60)

*HYMN Thine Be the Glory

UMH #308

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 24:36-49

Drew Hassara

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

TITHES AND OFFERINGS OF PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS

There is a jar to receive the offering where you registered. You may also give online.

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

UMH #895

*HYMN Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

UMH #402

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 John 3:1-7

Drew Hassara

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

CHILDREN'S TIME Pastor Jason

*HYMN Here I Am, Lord UMH #593

SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 3:1-19

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

Drew Hassara

SERMON Touch and See Pastor Jason

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

*HYMN Lift High the Cross UMH #159

OCUMC Pianist: Jody Wiker & Cellist, Guitar and Vocals: Anthony Wiker

Vocals: Phil Buchanan

Audio / Visual Technology: Bryan Nelson

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES ON THE NORTH LAWN OF THE CHURCH, weather permitting. PRE-REGISTRATIONS are preferred for all persons planning to attend in person. *Links are available on our websites*. Walk-ins are welcome but must register upon arrival. There will be circles painted on the lawn that each family may sit in—with 8 feet between circles. You must wear masks the entire service. Please bring your own lawn chairs (or blankets) and dress for the weather. In case of rain, services will be *ONLINE* only. Link to register: https://forms.gle/EezjoRzcX1uC5NGn7

WORSHIP SERVICES WILL CONTINUE TO BE BROADCAST at FM 89.9 each Sunday at 10:30AM as well as

on Facebook Live through the churches' and Pastor's Facebook pages & church websites.

JR CHURCH AT 9:30 AM EACH SUNDAY: Kids up to 4th Grade may join us *via Zoom* with Julie Hassara. We are emailing activity pages *and the password*. If interested, email faithumc@hotmail.com.

YOUTH GROUP, SUNDAYS, 5-7 PM (in person or by Zoom). On 3rd Sundays youth go to Gretna Glen. Today, families will need to drive their children to the camp by 2pm and then pick them back up at camp by 4:30pm. Wear a mask & dress for the weather. Contact Pastor Jason (717-333-9238) to RSVP ASAP so that we can make arrangements for chaperones since Pastor Jason can not attend this month.

CHATTING CLUB: MONDAYS AT 7 PM BY ZOOM at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518.

This Week's Topic: What Humans Can Learn from How Animals Find Their Way Home. Journalist Kathryn Schulz told of a cat that found his way back home a few weeks after he escaped during his owner's move to a different residence. Many animals have navigational and migratory skills that baffle scientists. We will discuss the science and philosophically what it may mean for us to find our "way home." For more info: www.Chattingatthegeneralsutter.us

BIBLE STUDY led by Amy Boughter on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM in Faith UMC Welcome Center.

BIBLE STUDY led by Mike Shifflet on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM at Oregon Community UMC.

Masks & distancing are required.

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY BY ZOOM AT 10 AM: We discuss the scriptures from the Common Lectionary. Join us: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83172825482.

^{*} Please stand if you are able

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ANNUAL AND DISTRICT CONFERENCE UPDATE: Members to Annual Conference must again vote in advance to suspend the Rules of Order so that we can hold Annual Conference as an online session. They will do so on TODAY, at a 3 PM online Special Session. We will also hold an online District Conferences at 4 PM. All of it will be conducted again on Zoom (including Zoom polls for voting), and you are asked to register in advance so that you can get the links. Members of Annual Conference must also register to attend the Eastern PA Annual Conference which will take place online from May 20-22, 2021. All former Equalizing Delegates will continue to serve until after the next General Conference. Your attendance is expected. Everyone is invited to watch the streaming of these sessions via EPAUMC.org

District Conference Registration: https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=615219&

Annual Conference Registration: https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/newreg.php?eventid=610768&

FAITH & JUSTICE ASSEMBLY AROUND FAIR FUNDING FOR EDUCATION IN PA: TODAY 4-5:30 PM by Zoom. This is sponsored by POWER Interfaith Lancaster County. Pastor Jason will be helping to lead this rally with clergy, educational justice advocates, David Adams of The Urban Assembly of NYC, Bishop Royster & Mayor of Lancaster City, Danene Sorace. This will be a good way to come and learn about education funding and the needs of our most impoverished school districts—along with a very specific plan of how to fix the system. To get the link, register in advance at: tinyurl.com/Enough4ALLPA

GRETNA GRITTY MUD RUN: Gretna Glen is looking forward to hosting the return of its signature Gretna Gritty Mud Run, on Saturday, May 8 beginning at 8:00 AM. Known as the "hometown hero of mud runs," it will again offer competitive and non-competitive runs for teams and individuals, plus a children's 1-mile Nitty Gritty fun run. Go to www.gretnaglen.org for more information and to register.

UMC SUMMER CAMPS are gearing up for an summer. To get more information and to register for camp go to www.gretnaglen.org or another camp. *Camp scholarships are available*.

OFFERING TITHES & GIFTS TO THE LORD: You can direct gifts to the churches in four areas: **General Ministry, Debt Reduction/Building Fund**, the **Benevolence Funds** or the **Community Care Ministry** (which is sent to three local food ministries). Mark your preference clearly in the memo. **You can mail a check** to Faith UMC, 1290 Fruitville Pike, Lititz PA 17543 or Oregon Community UMC, 1214 Creek Rd, Lititz, PA 17543 or **donate digitally through links on each churches' own website**.

PASTOR JASON & CAROL OFFICE HOURS: We are sometimes telecommuting. Contact us directly: **Pastor Jason:** (717)333-9238 / jbperkowski@gmail.com. **Office:** (717)560-0321 / faithumc@hotmail.com

SPECIAL NEEDS: If someone has needs the church can support, please contact Pastor Jason. You can also dial 2-1-1 or visit www.211.org to reach the United Way Call Center who can direct you to social service organizations. You can also reach the Crisis Intervention Lifeline: 717-394-2631

SERVANT SATURDAY: On the Saturday before Communion Sunday (**May 1**), we are asking everyone to make an effort to show God's love to the world around you—giving of your time, talents and treasures locally or across the world. There is info on the church website with some suggestions to get you started.

DOWNTOWN FOOD MINISTRY: We are providing meals, toiletries, blankets, etc. for people who are homeless at 2pm on the Saturday before Communion Sunday. To help, contact Diana at 717-435-8577. We need people to cook, prepare donations, deliver food, etc. UPDATED WISH LIST: socks, good disposable razors (two and three blade), shaving cream packets, packs of crackers (like peanut butter or cheese crackers), granola bars, individually wrapped packs of nuts, individual boxes of raisins, water bottles. Place donations in the "drop-off box" by the front door. WISH LIST: https://smile.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/5zDLQnj?ref_=wl_share If you shop on AmazonSmile for this (or for yourself) & select Manheim Township: Faith United Methodist as your charitable organization, they'll get a percentage of your purchase (no cost to you).

IMPACT! MISSIONS is an interdenominational Christian Housing Ministry. They align homeowners in need of a warm, safe, and dry home with groups and individuals who are willing to serve to make that happen. Use your skills to help Impact! Missions restore houses for those in need. Leon Bame volunteers on the first and third Saturdays and would love to have some people from Faith & Oregon Comm. UMC join him. For more info, please contact Leon at 717-344-9924 or leonshel37@gmail.com.

UMC CAMPS are financially struggling due to the cancellation of 2020 summer camp, retreats, and other programs due to COVID-19. If you would like to support those camps you can make a donation at: Treasurer's Office, Eastern PA Conference, P.O. Box 820, Valley Forge, PA 19482 with *Camp and Retreat Ministries* in the memo line. Text-to-Give at 610-463-0244 (with *CAMP - Camp Retreat Ministry*) or https://www.epaumc.org/administration/finance/giving/

BENEVOLENCE / PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND: This is a separate fund that helps us meet the needs in our local congregation and community *as they arise*—separate from the three ministries listed below. We have helped people with rent, car payments, utilities, groceries, gas, etc. The recipient remains anonymous to everyone except Pastor Jason, but the particular type of usage is approved by the church treasurer and finance team.

COMMUNITY CARE MINISTRY: We have expanded the ways in which we are caring for our community. If you are able and would like support your neighbors during this difficult season, we will be equally splitting any gifts labeled "Community Care Ministry" between the following three ministries:

- The Lancaster City / Columbia Food Ministry and Tutoring Program distributes food to people in need through local churches and have hired Millersville University students to help tutor public school students. These programs are being partially supported by our sister churches and synagogues in Lancaster County POWER Interfaith
- Anchor Lancaster Breakfast Ministry at First UMC Lancaster distributes a bagged breakfast from 8:30-9:45AM outside their Walnut Street entrance to people who are homeless or food insecure (and previously provided a full hot in-house meal before the Corona Virus). They are feeding 100-150 people each day.
- Long Memorial UMC's Friday Night Share Food Ministry distributes boxes of food to families every Friday at 6 PM, supporting families in Manheim Township and the neighboring areas. They are located at 2660 Lititz Pike in Neffsville.