

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**LENTEN STUDIES: Wednesdays at Long Memorial UMC at 7:30 PM** you are invited to dive deeply into *The Grace of Les Misérables*, a study written by Matt Rawle, talking about the miracle of grace we receive through Jesus—exploring grace, justice, poverty, revolution, love, and hope. If you would like to have a copy of the participant guide, please contact Tara at (717)569-2931 or [longmemorialumc@gmail.com](mailto:longmemorialumc@gmail.com). **Thursdays at Salem: Rothsville UMC from 5-6:30 PM** you can join a study on the book, *Aging: Growing Old in Church* by Bishop Willimon. Using Scripture, literature, research, & personal experience, Willimon reflects on aging as a spiritual journey; explores its challenging realities & rewarding joys; & offers practical advice on supporting seniors as they encounter retirement, loss, bereavement, etc. **Order the book in advance** at Christianbook.com, Amazon, etc.

**MEMBERSHIP:** If you are interested in learning more about the UMC and our local churches, and are considering becoming a member of Oregon Community, we invite you to contact Pastor Jason for more info.

**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. **Youth go to Gretna Glen Camp from 3:30-7 PM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays, inc. March. 19.** Church van leaves from / returns to Faith UMC. Contact Pastor Jason for info.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS for Youth at Faith UMC, 7:30-9 PM every other Monday.** Next meetings: Mar 13 & 27. **Confirmation Retreat is April 21-23 at Gretna Glen.** Sign up now.

**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 (Mar 13 & 27).

**CHATTING VIA ZOOM on Mondays at 6:30 PM:** This member-led, discussion group meets online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518?pwd=cEVDeDljeThaaWVIYjQWmZjTm5oUT09>.

**BIBLE2SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS:** To volunteer to teach or lead a small group of the Bible2School students from Reidenbaugh Elementary School, contact Pastor Jason. We will need more help in 2023-24 as we start a new grade.

**BIBLE STUDY on WEDNESDAYS at 6:30 PM** with Mike at OCUMC. We are studying Samuel.

**FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY AT 10AM at FAITH UMC:** We explore the week's scriptures.

**THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM** of Faith & Oregon Community UMCs are exploring how we can engage in improving our community by standing up against injustice and the forces of wickedness. If interested in learning more, contact Pastor Jason or Renee Norman. **Our next meeting is March 30 at 5:30PM at the Harbison's home.**

**MEDICINE BOTTLE PROJECT:** We collect empty prescription pill bottles for clinics overseas to package medications. **Remove labels & residue.** The collection basket is under a table as you enter the sanctuary.

**SERVANT SATURDAY:** On the 1st Saturday, incl. *April 1*, show God's love to the people around you by finding a way to give of your time, talents and treasure. Use your imaginations to find ways to give by yourself or with others. **DOWNTOWN MINISTRY:** We provide meals & personal care items for people who are unhoused in Lancaster City on Servant Saturday. **April 1 at 2pm we will cook a hot meal** at Faith UMC, and then **go downtown to deliver it.** To help, contact Diana at 717-283-6099.

**TOOLS FOR MINISTRY TRAINING WORKSHOPS: March 18 from 8:30-11:45AM** at Church of the Good Shepherd UMC, 1500 Quentin Rd., Lebanon, PA. We encourage all members to consider attending this training. There are 21 different workshops to choose from, including **Evangelism, Ministry with Seniors, Children, and Youth; Worship outside the walls of the church, etc.** Registration & Workshop Descriptions: <https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=741508&>

**SUMMER CAMP: REGISTER TO ATTEND A UMC CAMP THIS SUMMER—OR VOLUNTEER AS A COUNSELOR / SUPPORT STAFF.** Visit <https://www.epaumc.org/ministry/camp-retreat> for more information or visit each camp's website. There is a poster and camp schedule for Gretna Glenn in the hallway.

# Welcome to Oregon Community United Methodist Church



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

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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

March 5, 2023 at 9:00 AM – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

**W**ELCOME: We gather together to worship God: The Father, The Son, & the Holy Spirit. We come to learn from the life, ministry and teaching of Jesus--who is fully God and fully human. He is the living Word of God. You are welcome in this space to explore this miracle 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

### A TIME FOR CENTERING & PRAYER

Pastor Jason

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jason & God's People

Welcome pilgrims on the way to the cross. **We are learning to follow Jesus.**

When God says, "Go!" without telling us the destination, **show us, Christ, how to go forward in faith.**

When re-birth is the impossible way forward, **Christ, be our midwife as we accept God's call to be reborn.**

When we find ourselves in the in-between of where we've been and where we're going,

**Christ, meet us on the way and bless us in the going.**

Pilgrims on the way, come let us worship God!

**We come to worship God as we learn to live inside out! Amen.**

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Director of Worship Arts, August 2022.*

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Genesis 12:1-4**

Dot Lange

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

### \*HYMN

*Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

UMH #382

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Psalms 121**

Dot Lange

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

### \*HYMN

*Blessed Assurance*

UMH #369

### THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

UMH #895

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**

Dot Lange

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

### \*HYMN

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

UMH #297

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**John 3:1-17**

Dot Lange

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

### SERMON

*Go From Your Country*

Pastor Jason

### NEW MEMBERSHIP COMMUNION

Today we welcome Kathy Fisher into our church family

UMH #33-39

UMH #12-15

*All are invited to the Lord's Table to receive God's forgiveness and grace through Communion*

### \*HYMN

*Come Sinners to the Gospel Feast*

UMH #616 v. 1, 3, 5

### CONFESSIONAL HYMN

*Glory Be to the Father*

UMH #71

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

\*Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH #95

\*Offertory Prayer

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH #13-15 & #895

## BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN

*How Great Thou Art*

UMH #77 v. 1-3

\* *You are invited to stand*

**Pianist:** Jody Wiker

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

**Liturgists:** March 5 Dot Lange; 12 Christie Jolly; 19 Mike Shifflet; 26 Ralph Stone

**BIRTHDAYS:** March 10 Sandy Baird; 20 Kathy Fisher; 21 Shannon Weaver

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Calvin and Sherry Hill's ministry in the Blackfeet UMC Parish; Ralph Stone, recovering from hip replacement; Candidates for licensing and ordination, incl. Pastor Jason; Sarah Kuzmenko, Migraines; Beth Perkowski, testing & healing; Robert T. Perkowski, heart, healing and strength in legs; Josh & Megan (Jackie's grandkids); Shirley Gehr, healing; Roberta Stone; Donald Stone; Lee Manifold, Marcia's father; Dick Baird, Sandy's father; Doris Cooper, Dean's mom; Joetta's sister; Kevin's kidneys, Joetta's grandson; Maria, Angela and all foster children; Kathy Muth, cellulitis; Jack Muth, brain cancer; Chuck Flory, ALS; Bob Rinier; Joanne Steinmetz (Jackie's sister); Judy Brivchik, eyesight; Dot's oldest son Jerry, Myeloma; Roseanne, cancer; Harmony Chiccarine, Leukemia; all those with cancer; Fred Hess; Campus Ministries; Bishop John Schol, Conference Staff, DS Jenny Freymoyer, Pastors and Laity; Pastoral Appointments. **PRAISES:** God's presence and healings; Bible2School Program; Breaking ground on restroom. **PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD:** People of Syria, Turkey, and Ukraine; Victims of gun violence; The UMC & disaffiliations; Veterans & Service members; police & medical personnel; the sick and their 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 loved ones; our ministries; our community; leaders; & COVID.



**FINANCE UPDATE:** Thank you to everyone that has already made a gift in 2023. **Please consider if you are able to make a gift** to support our ministries. You can set up recurring gifts through your own financial institution or at [www.OregonCommunityUMC.US](http://www.OregonCommunityUMC.US) or via the QR Code.

**OFFERINGS:** You can direct gifts to the **General Ministry or Building Funds**. **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.** Distributions from a self-directed IRA to a charity are not taxable income (regardless of age). Contact Pastor Jason for more info. You can also give to support **UMCOR relief efforts** via <https://umcmmission.org> incl. work in Turkey, Syria & Ukraine.

**VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) FREE TAX PREP** by IRS-certified volunteers for those earning \$10,000 - \$60,000. Available in-person, by Drop-Off/Pick-Up, or at MyFreeTaxes.com. Call 211 or [vita.uwlancc.org](http://vita.uwlancc.org).

**IMPACT! MISSIONS** restore homes to be sold to low-income families & does repairs for those in need. **To volunteer** on 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, **contact Leon** at 717-344-9924 / [leonshel37@gmail.com](mailto:leonshel37@gmail.com).

**SOUP SALE:** Faith UMC will be selling Oregon Dairy Soups for **pick up on Saturday, March 25th** at Faith from 12-2PM. **Orders and payments are due by March 10th.** Choose from Vegetable Beef, Chicken Corn, Tomato Bisque and Creamy Potato Soup for \$10/quart or Chicken Corn Noodle and Ham & Bean Soup for \$40/gallon. Place orders by visiting [faithumc.us](http://faithumc.us) → "Online Donation," emailing [faithumc@hotmail.com](mailto:faithumc@hotmail.com), or calling (717)560-0321.

**POTLUCK AND BAPTISM:** Noah, Emily & Isabella Solodky will be baptized on **March 19<sup>th</sup> at Long Memorial UMC**. **There will be a potluck luncheon** in the Fellowship Hall following the regular worship service and then the **Baptism Service will be at 1:30PM in the Sanctuary**. *Everyone is invited to this meal and very special service.*

**BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY AND EGG HUNT** on **Saturday, March 25th from 8-10:30AM**. We will be serving a hot breakfast of pancakes and sausage to enjoy in our dining room or for take-out. Gluten free option available! **Cost is by donation. Egg hunts at 8:30, 9:30 and 10:30 AM.**