

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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. Volunteers needed September 17 & 24. Two volunteers needed for October 1 while Pastor Jason is away.* Contact Pastor Jason for more info. Students from any church or school are invited to join us.

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: September 25 and October 9.**

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.

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. **The next meeting is Sept 21 at Faith UMC at 5:30 PM (and the 3rd Thursday of every month).** If interested in learning more or joining the team, contact Pastor Jason or Renee Norman. If you are interested in learning about one of our partners, **POWER INTERFAITH LANCASTER COUNTY** and their work on justice issues around schools, the criminal justice system, etc., please visit <https://powerinterfaith.org>. To learn more about **Bail Reform**, join every Wednesday by Zoom at Noon: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>

MEETING WITH POWER INTERFAITH RE: JUSTICE WORK TODAY at Noon in the Faith UMC Fellowship Hall. We will have guest speakers to talk about some of the work being done in Lancaster and across the state regarding Educational Funding, Criminal Justice Reform, etc. You will get to learn about POWER and how you can get involved locally. Please see Renee Norman or Pastor Jason with questions.

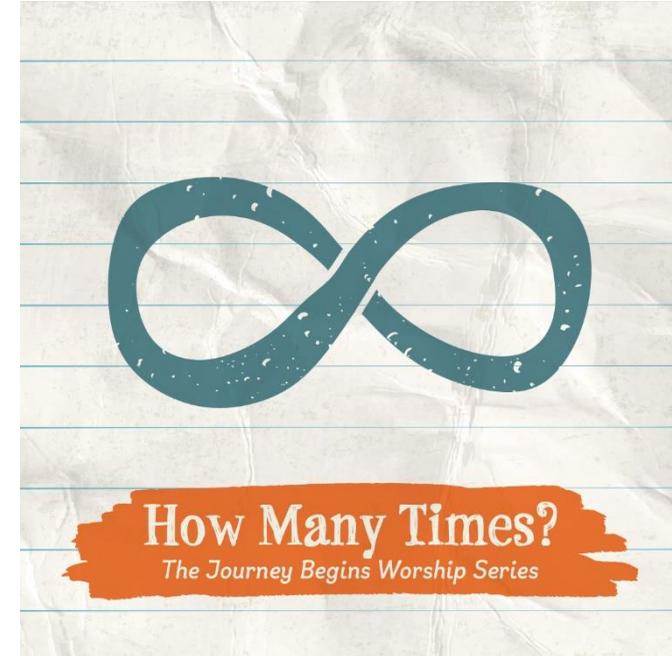
LONG MEMORIAL FREE GROCERIES for those in need every Friday Night at 6pm. You can drive up and receive groceries to help support you through the week. *Volunteers are needed from 5-6pm.*

MEMBERSHIP: If you are interested in learning about the UMC and are considering becoming a member of Oregon Community, we invite you to contact Pastor Jason. We have one family who will be joining the beginning of October, and invite you to consider if you would like to take the membership class and join as well.

NEFFSVILLE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL is looking for a teacher's aide for Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 8:50am to 12:00pm. Interested people should contact the director, Carol Zartman, at 717-314-9405. **They are also accepting registrations for the 2023-24 school year for their 4/5 year-old classes.** Their school is an outreach of Long Memorial UMC located at 2660 Lititz Pike, Lancaster. Find out more at their website: www.neffsvillechristianpreschool.com. You may receive more information or set up an appointment to visit the school by contacting the director, Carol Zartman, at 717-314-9405.

TRUNK OR TREAT: Come and join us at Faith UMC on **Saturday, October 28th for our Annual Trunk or Treat event from 6-8pm!** We are in need of all of you who want to decorate your trunks and hand out candy to the kiddos in our community. This is a fun evening for all! Come in costume if you'd like and help us bring some fun and joy to our neighbors! We will have pumpkin decorating and lawn games, as well as offering free hot dogs and hot / cold cider. **As this event was a huge success last year and had a large turnout, we are really in need of volunteers in each area.** If you would like to join in by either being a part of the trunk brigade or volunteering with the kitchen, dining room, games or pumpkin decorating, please contact Lisa Baker at lisa.baker2294@gmail.com or call her at 717-615-6707. **Volunteers and decorated vehicles should arrive by 5:00 to set up.** We also are asking for donations of hot dogs and buns. Thank you!

Welcome to Oregon Community United Methodist Church



Address: 1214 Creek Road, Lititz, PA 17543

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Pastor: The Rev. Jason Perkowski

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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

September 17, 2023 at 10:30 AM – 16th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME: We come together to worship the triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit who created, redeem and restore all things. You are welcome in this sacred space in the presence of the Holy and Loving God 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 & CENTERING PRAYER

Pastor Jason

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jason & God's People

Children of God, when we face strife, upset, and harm in our midst, we so often turn to God and ask:

How many times should I forgive?

When Jesus answers that we should forgive again and again and again, we are tempted to repeat the question:

How many times should I forgive?

Until God turns the question around: "How many times have I forgiven you?" **Seventy times seven.**

"How many times have I loved you?" **Seventy times seven.**

"How many times has my grace been sufficient for you?" **Seventy times seven.**

Let us learn, then, how to forgive not out of our own power, but out of God's, who forgives us that we might be free to learn to live with one another well. **Amen.**

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

*HYMN

O How I Love Jesus

UMH #170

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 14:19-31

Mike Shifflet

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Jason

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 114

Mike Shifflet

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

*HYMN

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

UMH #121

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 14:1-12

Mike Shifflet

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

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

UMH #895

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

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

*Offertory Prayer

*HYMN

Freely, Freely

UMH #389

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 18:21-35

Mike Shifflet

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

SERMON

How Many Times?

Pastor Jason

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

*HYMN

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

UMH #402

Pianist: Jody Wiker **Pastor:** The Rev. Jason Perkowski **Ministers:** The People of God
Liturgists: September 3 Dot Lange; 10 Bob Jolly; 17 Mike Shifflet; 24 Ralph Stone

BIRTHDAYS: September 12 Phylliss Weachter

PRAYER REQUESTS: Joetta Henry and family on the passing of Fred Hess; The passing of Dick Baird, Sandy's father; The passing of Lee Manifold, Marcia's father; Kathy Fisher, healing from hip surgery; Bob Jolly, healing from eye surgery; Al Lange, recuperation; Dean Cooper, healing for heart; Vince, healing; Shirley, healing; Larry Cooper, continued healing and relief from back pain; Cheryl Cooper, MS; Bruce, hamstring; Fritsch & Stone family; Rev. Dorcas, cancer; Cynthia from NJ, battling cancer; Shirley Gehr; Joetta's sister; Kevin's kidneys & surgery (Joetta's grandson); Robert T. Perkowski, healing and strength; Josh & Megan (Jackie's grandkids); Maria, Angela and Gerhart children; Kathy Muth, cellulitis; Jack Muth, brain cancer; Chuck Flory, ALS; Bob Rinier; Joanne Steinmetz (Jackie's sister) with scleroderma; Judy Brivchik, eyesight; Harmony Chiccarine, Leukemia; 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:** Wisdom & safety for government officials globally; President Joe Biden and VP Kamala Harris; Healthy and gentle campaigns and election process; Prayers for political candidates—safety & wisdom; People of Syria, Turkey, & Ukraine; 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; leaders.



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.

MEDICINE BOTTLE PROJECT: We collect empty prescription pill bottles for clinics overseas to package medications. **Remove labels & residue.** **NECKTIES & T-SHIRTS NEEDED** for the crafts that we will have for sale at Breakfast with Santa next December. The collection basket is under the table 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.

BINGO NIGHT on Sat., September 30 from 5-7pm in Fellowship Hall. There will be snacks and silly prizes for winners! **Best of all, NO COST to you** and you are asked to bring NOTHING—except your best smiles!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR: **Contact Pastor Jason if you are willing to help. Be part of the teaching rotation at Faith UMC for Junior Church at 10:30AM.** This class is for 3 years old through 4th grade. Contact us if you are interested in **helping lead small groups for the Bible2School students from Reidenbaugh Elementary.** Faith UMC is hosting this religious education program for 2nd, 3rd & 4th grade students every Tues. & Wed. morning. You could volunteer for 1 class per week. It takes about 1.5 hours.

FALL SOUP SALE: Faith UMC is kicking off their Fall Soup Sale on Sunday, September 17th! **Orders and money will be due October 8th.** Look for order forms in the hall. **Soup will be available for pick-up on November 4th.** We will be offering each variety of soups offered by Oregon Dairy this year (only by the Quart). Please give all orders to Pastor Jason to deliver to Lisa Baker. We do ask that all orders be submitted with order forms and payment. Any questions, please give Lisa a call at 717-615-6707 or email at lisa.baker2294@gmail.com.

Fred Hess' Celebration of Life: You are invited to join us for Fred's Memorial Services on Monday, Sept. 18. Visitation will be at 10am and the service at 11am at Oregon Community UMC.

