

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SEEKING NEW FAITH UMC CHURCH OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR: Members of the Faith UMC SPRC will be working to select a new Church Office Administrator. When the job description is prepared, it will be posted at: www.FaithUMC.us

SEEKING NEW FAITH UMC SUBSTITUTE PIANIST: Jody & Anthony Wiker have been filling in and will continue to do so for now. The SPRC is exploring how to fill that position in the long term. If there are any individuals who are willing to substitute as a pianist in the meantime, please contact Pastor Jason.

OREGON COMMUNITY UMC ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL at 8 AM meets in the OCUMC Fellowship Hall

YOUTH GROUP ON SUNDAYS, 5-7 PM at Faith UMC for 5th-12th graders. Each week there is dinner, games & a lesson. All students are invited to join us. Sign up to be the 2nd adult and/or provide a meal in the hall or by contacting Pastor Jason. *No meeting Dec 1.*

GRIEFSHARE helps people process the loss of loved ones and to find support from peers. This is open to the church and community. *We will be starting a new round of classes after the new year.*

BIBLE2SCHOOL is meeting at Faith UMC **on Tuesdays for 3rd Grade and on Wednesdays for 4th and 2nd Grade** students from Reidenbaugh Elementary. **Volunteers are needed as Small Group Leaders** to assist on Tuesdays or Wednesdays for 90 minutes. *Please contact Pastor Jason if you would like to help.*

THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. **Next meeting: December 19 at 5:00 PM (3rd Thursdays).** *Join us by Zoom only at:*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82735304374?pwd=eDBSZHRCZVphSnh2TENDZ0xrdG0vQT09>. To learn more, contact Renee Norman. The **Criminal Justice & Bail Reform Team**, meets online at Noon every other Wed.

(Nov 27 & Dec 11): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVXQwUk5LR2VFOT09>.

Reimagine Justice Lancaster meets online at Noon on Tuesdays of the opposite weeks (Dec 3 & 17) at:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/82819147194?pwd=BF8E8JopVvfExanCW0QPjJ7p9DcbDq.1>

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY at 10 AM in Faith UMC Fellowship Hall with Pastor Jason

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA on Saturday December 14th 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 before his busiest night of the year! Breakfast is by donation. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** There are **signup sheets in the hall**. We need people to bake cookies, run the cookie room, cook pancakes and sausage, package and hand out food, run the craft table for kids, collect money, set up / tear down tables & chairs in sanctuary, decorate, sanitize tables between groups, clean up, etc.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE: We will be holding our annual Christmas Cookie Sale **on Dec 14th beginning at 8:00 AM until sold out.** Choose your own cookies from our huge selection of holiday favorites and maybe try something new! Servers will be there to guide you through the selections and help fill your chosen container. **Cost per container is \$20.00.** If you are available to bake, please sign up in the hall. Most cookies freeze well so you can get an early start with your baking.

OREGON COMMUNITY UMC COAT DRIVE: OCUMC is collecting new or used winter coats to be donated to those in need (especially those who are unhoused) through local shelters and police departments. If you have a coat to donate, please drop it off at Faith or Oregon Community UMC **by Sunday, December 15.**

CHRISTMAS BENEVOLENT GIVING: This year Oregon Community UMC will once again support two ministries 1) **BLACKFEET UMC PARISH** is a ministry that Oregon Community has been supporting for years. They are a joint parish in Montana that does ministry on the Native American reservation. For more info you can explore: <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/910092/>. 2) **CHRIST HOME FOR CHILDREN in Paradise, PA.** They support children in need in a group home setting who have been removed from their homes due to crises, neglect, or abuse. For more info: <https://www.christshome.org/childrens-services/>

Welcome to Oregon Community United Methodist Church



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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 Sanctuary at 9:00 AM at Oregon Community UMC
BROADCAST ONLINE at 10:30 AM from Faith UMC on Facebook
& church websites under *Online Worship*.**

OFFICE HOURS: Pastor Jason is generally available Mon-Thurs from about 9-3pm. He is spending time with family from Friday at Noon through Saturday. If there is an emergency, please leave a detailed message.



December 1, 2024 at 9:00 AM – 1st Sunday of Advent

WELCOME: We gather together to worship this Advent Season, remembering the coming of Jesus as the Christ in the stable at Bethlehem. We also prepare for the advent of the second coming where Jesus will return to restore all of creation to holiness. May the Spirit of God inspire & fill us as we take this journey together. As we retell the stories of God’s faithful love throughout time, may our hearts rejoice! 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!

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Jason

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Pastor Jason & God’s People
Children of God, pay attention! The days are coming when God’s peace will reign and all creation will flourish under the reign of our Creator. **The days are surely coming!**
Children of God, prepare your hearts! The days are coming and are already here when God will come near and show us how to recognize God’s reign among us. **The days are surely coming and are already here!**
Children of God, be alert and listen! God has come near to build the kin-dom on the earth here and now. Will you join in? **The days are surely coming and are already here! We come to prepare our hearts to pay attention, to listen, and to follow God’s call to build the kin-dom of earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**
Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, June 2024

LIGHTING THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE: HOPE

From deep in the past, Jeremiah calls to us, “The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah” (Jeremiah 33:14). Beloved, the days are surely coming when the yearning of the land; the longing of the sun, moon, and stars; the desperate need of the people of earth for flourishing and peace will receive their fulfillment.
While fear, anxiety, misinformation, and suspicion surround us on every side, we choose to watch & wait in hope, preparing our hearts to notice & cooperate with God’s grace already at work in our midst.
We light this candle of hope as a sign of our commitment to pay attention and prepare for the days that are surely coming and are already here—the days when God’s kin-dom of love, justice, and mercy will reign.

***HYMN** People, Look East UMH #202
SCRIPTURE LESSON Jeremiah 33:14-16 Bob Jolly
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN’S TIME Pastor Jason
SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 25:1-10 Bob Jolly
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

***HYMN** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus UMH #196
SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Bob Jolly
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

THE PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE Pastor Jason
SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 21:25-36 Bob Jolly
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

SERMON Preparations Pastor Jason
COMMUNION: CONFESSION, PARDON & PASSING THE PEACE 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
***HYMN** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel UMH #211
RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP UMH #15
BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH Pastor Jason
***HYMN** Be Thou My Vision UMH #451
*** 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 1 Bob Jolly; 8 Dot Lange; 15 Mike Shifflet; 22 Ralph Stone; 29 Pastor Jason

BIRTHDAYS: December 7: Paula Shifflet; 19: Sharon Garner; 27: Annabelle Fritsch; 30: Ralph Stone

PRAYER REQUESTS: Various needs of the Stone & Fritsch family; Ally Lavery – foot surgery; Joanne (Jackie’s sister), scleroderma and other significant health issues; Shifflet’s friend Valerie with cancer; Gary Sellard, chemotherapy; Bernadine’s friend Betty for healing; Andrew, freedom from addictions; Vince Habel, heart & kidney problems; Shirley Baker, Cheryl Cooper and Larry Cooper for healing; Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi; DS Freymoyer & EPAUMC Staff; Laity and Clergy; unity & love in the church; Patty’s ALS; Jane Hess, healing; Denny Armstrong, kidney failure; Frank & Charlene, health; Alfred Byrd, lungs; All those battling cancer; Kathy Muth, cellulitis; Jack Muth, brain cancer; Chuck Flory, ALS; Judy Brivchik, eyesight; **PRAISES:** God’s faithful love ministry for 150 years at Oregon Community UMC. **PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD:** Wisdom & safety for all government officials; President Joe Biden and VP Kamala Harris; For a peaceful transfer of power; President-elect Donald Trump and VP-elect JD Vance; All those suffering from recent hurricanes; School shootings and threats; NarSarah Clinic in Sierra Leone; Udobo School in Durban, South Africa; Christ Home for Children; Blackfeet UMC Parish; The people of Israel, Palestine, the Middle East, Ukraine & Russia; Veterans & military 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; design of new prison and its programs; all struggling with addictions or mental illness; schools; campus ministries; foster families; seniors; those grieving; 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 FRIDAY NIGHT FREE GROCERIES for those in need every week at 6pm.

MEDICINE BOTTLE COLLECTION: We send *small* prescription pill bottles to clinics in poor countries. *Please remove all labels and sticky residue.* A basket is under the table as you enter the Sanctuary.

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–6PM. *Tell staff to credit Non-profit partner #10221 - Faith UMC before they unload.* Write or tape partner number on bags/boxes.

IMPACT! MISSIONS is a Christian Housing Ministry that helps create warm, safe, and dry homes to be sold to lower-income families and does repairs on homes for existing homeowners in need. **For info contact Leon at 717-344-9924 or leonshe137@gmail.com.** **IMPACT MISSION LUNCH CREW** needs volunteers on Thursdays, 10AM-Noon (or some Wednesdays) *to 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.

THREADS OF FAITH: If you like to knit, sew, crochet or quilt, we would like to invite you to Threads of Faith! Join us from 10am - Noon the first Saturday of each month (*except December*)! Work on your projects while we chat and share talents in our Fellowship Hall! **Our next gathering will be Sat., January 4.**