

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**SEEKING NEW FAITH UMC CHURCH OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR:** 20 hours per week @ \$15/hr. We are accepting resumes & cover letters. When the job description is prepared, it will be posted at: [www.FaithUMC.us](http://www.FaithUMC.us)

**SEEKING NEW FAITH UMC SUBSTITUTE PIANIST:** Jody & Anthony Wiker have been filling in. If anyone is willing to substitute or apply for a long-term position as a pianist, 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 22 & 29. *We will go to Gretna Glen Camp on Sun, Jan. 19 (3:30-7pm).***

**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 Tues. for 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade & Weds. for 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade** students from Reidenbaugh Elem. **Volunteers needed as Small Group Leaders.** *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: January 16 at 5:00 PM (3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**(Dec 11 & Jan 8):** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOeIVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>.

**Reimagine Justice Lancaster** meets online at Noon on Tuesdays of the opposite weeks **(Dec 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**

**BISHOP'S DAY ON THE WEST DISTRICT:** Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi is visiting each district in EPA & GNJ to worship with you and answer your questions. Meet her at Lampeter UMC on Monday, December 9 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Everyone in the church is encouraged to come.

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA at Faith UMC 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! There will also be crafts for the children to do. *Breakfast is by donation.*

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE:** Faith UMC will be holding their annual Christmas Cookie Sale **on Dec 14<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:00 to 10:30 AM (while supplies last).** 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.**

**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://umcmision.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



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

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

**Website:** [OregonCommunityUMC.us](http://OregonCommunityUMC.us)

**Facebook:** Oregon Community UMC

**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.



**W**ELCOME: 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, prepare the way! The Word of God is coming!  
**We come to listen and receive God’s Word among us.**  
Children of God, the prophets call to us now and from generations past, urging us to prepare and refine our hearts for the coming of the Word of God. Are you listening?  
**We come to listen and prepare to receive God’s Word among us.**  
Children of God, this is the mark of our preparation: that passion for God’s Word would burn within us, cleansing us and renewing us to reflect God’s love throughout the world.  
**May God ignite our passion for God’s Word that has come among us as we listen, prepare, and receive all that God has for us today. Amen.**

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, June 2024*

LIGHTING THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE: PEACE

Dot Lange & Dean Cooper

The prophet Malachi calls us to watch for the messenger God will send us, a messenger who burns with a passion for God’s coming salvation. “For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness” (Malachi 3:2b-3).  
**In a world driven by a passion to maintain the status quo, we choose to live with a passion for God’s peace, to listen to those who call us to righteousness, and to submit ourselves to God’s grace, that we might be refined and purified until we reflect God’s love throughout the earth.**  
We light this candle of peace as a sign of our commitment to passionately pursue the work of making peace in our hearts, our families, our communities, and throughout the earth until God’s kin-dom comes on earth as it is in heaven.

*HYMN	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	UMH #234 v. 1-3
SCRIPTURE LESSON	<b>Malachi 3:1-4</b> <i>This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!</i>	Dot Lange
SCRIPTURE LESSON	<b>Philippians 1:3-11</b> <i>This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!</i>	Dot Lange
OUR OFFERINGS: OF PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS		
*DOXOLOGY	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH #95
*HYMN	<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>	UMH #384
THE PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER		UMH #895
SCRIPTURE LESSON	<b>Luke 1:68-79</b> <i>This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!</i>	Dot Lange
*HYMN	<i>Hail to the Lord’s Anointed</i>	UMH #203

SCRIPTURE LESSON	<b>Luke 3:1-6</b> <i>This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!</i>	Dot Lange
SERMON	<i>Advent: Passion</i>	Pastor Jason
BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH		Pastor Jason
*HYMN	<i>A Charge to Keep I Have</i>	UMH #413
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<i>* You are invited to stand in body or in Spirit</i>		
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<b>Pianist:</b> Jody Wiker <b>Pastor:</b> The Rev. Jason Perkowski <b>Ministers:</b> The People of God		
<b>Liturgists:</b> December 1 Bob Jolly; 8 Dot Lange; 15 Mike Shifflet; 22 Ralph Stone; 29 Pastor Jason		
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<b>BIRTHDAYS:</b> December 7: Paula Shifflet; 19: Sharon Garner; 27: Annabelle Fritsch; 30: Ralph Stone		

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Valerie Cooper – lost vision in eye; 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; 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](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 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 financial distress. They need volunteers to restore these homes. **Contact Leon Bame for more info at 717-344-9924 or [leonshe137@gmail.com](mailto:leonshe137@gmail.com).**  
**IMPACT MISSION LUNCH CREW** needs volunteers on Thurs. 10AM-Noon to help make bagged lunches for volunteers at Christ UMC. Contact Sue at [sgrimm1028@gmail.com](mailto: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! Work on your projects while we chat and share talents in our Fellowship Hall! **Our next gathering will be Sat., January 4.**

**DO YOU LOVE JIGSAW PUZZLES?** Join us at Faith UMC on Saturday, Jan 25 from 10am to 11:30am (check-in at 9:30am). Get a team of 2-4 together and race to complete a 500-piece puzzle. The winning team gets a prize along with bragging rights! ALL teams get to keep their puzzles after the event. The cost is \$40 per team, due at time of registration. Save the date! Watch for more information and registration forms.