

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FAITH UMC JOB OPPORTUNITIES: Seeking maturing Christian candidates. Details visit www.FaithUMC.US
OFFICE MANAGER / ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT for approx. 20 hours per week in-office to provide administrative support for Pastor, Finance Committee, and church ministries. This includes managing communications, developing weekly worship materials and digital newsletters, and supporting financial accounting with the Treasurer. Strong tech and communication skills necessary. **PIANIST to help lead worship on Sunday Morning** at 10:30AM as well as a one-hour midweek rehearsal. Stipend is \$100/week. Able to play at a blended service with contemporary and traditional elements.

OREGON COMMUNITY UMC ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL at 8 AM meets in the OCUMC Fellowship Hall—*restarts on January 5 after a break during the holidays.*

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 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 3rd Grade & Weds. for 4th and 2nd Grade students from Reidenbaugh Elem. **Volunteers needed as Small Group Leaders.** *No more Sessions until January 7 & 8.*

THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. *There will not be a December meeting. Next meeting: January 16 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. (Jan 8 & 22): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>. Reimagine Justice Lancaster meets online at Noon on Tuesdays of the opposite weeks (Jan 14) at: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/82819147194?pwd=BF8E8JopVvfExanCW0QPjJ7p9DcbDq.1>

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY at 10 AM in Faith UMC Fellowship Hall.

OREGON COMMUNITY UMC COAT DRIVE: Thank you to everyone who donated coats to those in need. The coats were donate to The Lancaster County Food Hub to distribute to those most in need.

MEDICINE BOTTLE COLLECTION: We send *small* prescription pill bottles to clinics in poor countries. *Please remove all labels and sticky residue.* A basket is on the table in the lobby at OCUMC—or at Faith UMC.

CHRISTMAS BENEVOLENT GIVING: Our Christmas Eve Offering from Oregon Community UMC once again supported two ministries. *If you would still like to make a donation please mark your envelope or the memo line of your check “Christmas Gift.”* 1) **BLACKFEET UMC PARISH** is 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** supports children 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/>

PUZZLE PALOOZA! DO YOU LOVE JIGSAW PUZZLES? Join us at Faith UMC on **Saturday, January 25, 2025 from 10:00am to 11:30am (check-in at 9:30am).** Get your team of 2-4 together and let’s 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. Information and registration is available at www.FaithUMC.US under Events. *To join with another team please contact Gwen or the office.*

Welcome to Oregon Community United Methodist Church



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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.



WELCOME: We gather together to worship God! We celebrate that The Holy Spirit came upon the Virgin Mary, the Word of God became flesh within her, & she brought the only begotten Son, Jesus, into the world. 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

*HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

UMH #234

*CALL TO WORSHIP & LIGHTING CHRIST CANDLE

Pastor Jason & God’s People

Children of God, Jesus Christ is born! **God has come to make a home among us!**
Yet the story is not over. After birth comes the ordinary and mundane growing, maturing, and discovering, even for the Christ Child. **In the ordinary and mundane, God has come to make a home among us.**
And sometimes, in the midst of the everyday, something surprising happens, and we discover anew just what God is up to in our midst. **In the surprising and spectacular, God has come to make a home among us.**
Children of God, let us worship the God who dwells with us in all things and all seasons.
We come to make our home with God who makes a home among us. Amen.

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

*HYMN

What Child Is This

UMH #219

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 148

Pastor Jason

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

CHILDREN’S TIME

Pastor Jason

*HYMN

Love Came Down at Christmas

UMH #242

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

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

*HYMN

Sing We Now of Christmas

UMH #237

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

UMH #895

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Pastor Jason

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

*HYMN

There’s a Song in the Air

UMH #249

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 1:1-18

Pastor Jason

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

SERMON

Home

Pastor Jason

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Pastor Jason

*HYMN

Joy to the World

UMH #246

* 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: Cheryl & the family of Larry Cooper on his passing; Valerie Cooper, lost vision in eye; Nat (friend of Wikers), healing; Joanne (Jackie’s sister), scleroderma and other significant health issues; Stone & Fritsch family, healing; Erin’s father, healing from infection; Ally Lavery, foot surgery; Gary Sellard, chemotherapy; Bernadine’s friend Betty, healing; Andrew, freedom from addictions; Vince Habel, heart & kidney problems; Shirley Baker and Cheryl 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:** Shifflet’s friend Valerie with cancer that is now in remission; God’s faithful love ministry for 150 years at Oregon Community UMC. **PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD:** Violence between the GMC and the UMC in Nigeria; 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 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.

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.

COMMUNITY MEAL: People in need may pick up a **Grab ‘n Go Meal at Zion Lutheran Church** in East Petersburg every Monday. **Faith UMC provides sixty Grab ‘n Go Meals quarterly.** Our dates for 2025 are: Feb. 3, Apr. 7, Jul 7, and Oct 27. *Contact Carol Kennedy if you are interested in participating in this ministry.*

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.** **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 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 the Fellowship Hall at Faith UMC! **Our next gathering will be Sat., January 4.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CHRISTMAS GIFTS for the staff at Oregon Community UMC. We are overwhelmed at your generosity and blessed to serve with you in ministry to our community. Thank you for these gifts as well as your love and your prayers. We are blessed to be a part of the Oregon Community family!!