

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES: April 20, 2025

9:00AM at Oregon Community UMC, 1214 Creek Road, Lititz (www.oregoncommunityumc.us)

9:30AM at Samuel UMC, 1744 Old Rothsville Road, Lititz

10:30AM Worship Service at Faith UMC, 1290 Fruitville Pike, Lititz (www.FaithUMC.us)

11:00AM Worship Service at Long Memorial UMC, 2660 Lititz Pike, Neffsville

ADDITIONAL BIBLE STUDIES & FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES: *Not Meeting on Easter*

- Adult Sunday School at Oregon Community UMC: Sundays at 8:00 AM
- Adult Sunday School at Faith UMC: Sundays at 9:00 AM
- Adult Sunday School at Long Memorial UMC at 10:00 AM
- Children's Sunday School at Long Memorial UMC at 10:00 AM on 1st Sundays
- Junior Church at Faith UMC (3 years old through 4th Grade): Sundays at 10:30AM
- Youth Group (multi-church ministry) from 5-7PM every Sunday at Faith UMC
- Friday Bible Study at 10 AM in Faith UMC Fellowship Hall

BIBLE2SCHOOL for students from Reidenbaugh Elem is finished for the year. **Volunteers are needed for the 2025-26 School Year.** Contact Pastor Jason if interested.

GRIEFSHARE helps people process the loss of loved ones and to find support from peers. This is open to the church and community. We are meeting **every Monday from 5-6:30 PM at Faith UMC** in the Education Wing **until June 9, 2025** (except for **April 21** and **May 26**). More information and registration forms are at: <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/261153> or see Pastor Jason.

THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM (CST) engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. **Next meeting: May 15 at 5:00 PM (3rd Thursdays).** **Join us by Zoom 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. (**Apr 30 & May 14**): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOeIVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>.

“COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS: Pursuing the Common Good” is a new opportunity from our Church and Society Team (CST) to gather to learn about timely issues in our community and to have civil, kind and honest conversations. Our next session will be **on Sun, May 18, Noon-1:30pm**. That session's topic is **“Immigration and Loving Our Neighbors.”** Hosted by: Faith UMC's Church and Society Team.

EDUCATION JUSTICE TOWN HALL on Sun., April 27 at 4 PM at The Church of the Apostles UCC, 1850 Marietta Ave. Join **POWER Interfaith Lancaster Co.** for an important conversation on Education Justice with local legislators. **This is your chance to learn and speak up for fair & equitable funding for public schools.**

BRIDGE OF HOPE: We will begin supporting a family moving into our neighborhood thru the Bridge of Hope program. To volunteer please contact Pastor Jason to start completing the training and clearances. **Those who had already registered should have received a book and an email with registration information from Bridge of Hope. If you need copies of your clearances that we have on file, let us know.**

MANDATED REPORTER/SAFE SANCTUARIES TRAINING: You are required to attend this training annually if you have any interaction with children or youth programs or work with vulnerable adults. Please provide us with a certificate proving that you have done this training or join us **on Mon., May 5 from 6:30-8 PM.**

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.

THREADS OF FAITH is for those who like to knit, sew, crochet or quilt. Join us 10AM - Noon the first Saturday of each month for fellowship & crafting at Faith UMC! Bring your sewing machines & supplies! **Next meeting: 5/3**

EXERCISE IN LOVE at Long Memorial: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2:15 PM in the LMUMC Library



Faith, Long Memorial, Oregon Community & Samuel United Methodist Churches



Easter Sunrise Service - He Has Risen!

April 20, 2025 @ 6:15 AM

Welcome to Oregon Community UMC and to this shared service with our sister churches!

May your spirit be stirred as we worship together.

The Rev. Jason Perkowski serving Faith & Oregon Community UMCs

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OFFICE HOURS: Pastor Jason will be on duty Mon-Thur, 10AM–5PM & Fri 10-Noon. His Sabbath is Friday at Noon -Sat. *Please call ahead to ensure that we are available and not in a meeting.*



Faith, Long Memorial, Oregon Community & Samuel United Methodist Churches

April 20, 2025 at 6:15 AM – Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at Oregon Community UMC

WELCOME: Today we remember and testify to the resurrection of Jesus, God’s Son and our Messiah. He chose to come and live among us, willingly died on the cross for us, and then rose from the dead to redeem our souls. The Father has seated the Son at His Right Hand and sent the Holy Spirit to minister to us powerfully. 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 that you are here!

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Jason
If you’re worshipping online, please ‘sign in’ by commenting on the video & post prayer requests, too.
OUR OFFERINGS: There are offering plates available. You may also give to each church online or by mail.

A TIME FOR CENTERING & PRAYER

Pastor Jason

HYMN

In the Garden

UMH #314 v. 1, 2

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Hedwige & God’s People
Morning has broken, but this morning is different. **The birds are singing tunes of joy in the trees surrounding the graves. The flower buds are bursting in colors vibrant around each stone.**
We’ve come to visit the grave of a friend, but "he is not here." **The Sun is rising in the East; the shadowed grays turn bright! The Son is risen in our Hearts; darkness and death end in defeat.**
Now we understand what Christ said, what God did.
Now we can proclaim, CHRIST IS RISEN! HALLELUJAH!
Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed!**

By The Rev. Nathan Decker on UMCDiscipleship.org

HYMN

The Day of Resurrection

UMH #303

THE PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Pastor Hedwige

HYMN

He Rose

UMH #316 v. 1, 3, 4

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 27:57-66

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

HYMN

Christ Is Risen

UMH #307

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 28:1-10

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

SERMON

Resurrection

Pastor Jason

HYMN

Christ Is Alive

UMH #318 v. 1, 3, 5

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Pastor Hedwige

UMH #310

OCUMC Pianist and Worship Music: Jody & Anthony Wiker

Pastors: Jason Perkowski & Hedwige Mutwale Mukalay **Ministers:** The People of God

PLEASE JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST AFTER THE SERVICE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

PRAYER REQUESTS: Jackie Black at Paramount Senior Living, Room #206, 2750 Maytown Rd., Maytown, PA 17550; Jan Berger for health; **Aaliyah healing from brain tumor**; Kevin’s dialysis and wrist; Death of Paula’s Aunt Kathy and health of Aunt Emily; friend of Dennis and Mary with cancer; Mary Ferndon healing; **Leah, healing after car accident and surgery**; Katie at CHOP; Kathy, friend of Shifflet’s with cancer; Valerie & Dean Cooper; Shelly, bronchitis; Gene & Nancy travels to Florida; Nat (friend of Wikers), cancer; Joanne (Jackie’s sister), scleroderma; Stone & Fritsch family, healing; 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; Patty’s ALS; Jane Hess, healing; Denny Armstrong, kidney failure; Frank & Charlene; Alfred Byrd; all battling cancer; Kathy & Jack Muth; Chuck Flory, ALS; Judy Brivchik; **PRAISES:** Odette’s Baptism and Erin’s Membership; **Rob & Keyonna Boyle expecting a daughter in July**; Erin’s father, healing from infection; 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:** For peace even when we disagree; arson at the Governor’s Home and at Tesla dealerships; those affected by deportation; the unemployed & furloughed; Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi; DS Freymoyer & EPAUMC Staff; Laity and Clergy; unity & love in the church; Refugees & immigrants; stability of our government and wisdom for elected leaders in US and worldwide; President Trump and VP Vance; people suffering from environmental disasters; struggles between the GMC and the UMC; 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; 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.

OFFERINGS: Thank you to everyone that supports our ministries. **CASH GIFTS TODAY WILL BE SHARED BETWEEN ALL THREE CHURCHES & CHECKS WILL GO TO THE CHURCH TO WHOM THEY ARE MADE OUT.** Please consider if you are able to make a gift. You can direct gifts to the **General Ministry, Building Funds, or UMCOR relief efforts** (via <https://umcmmission.org>).

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 FREE GROCERIES for those in need every week through their Friday Night Food Ministry at 6pm. You can drive up and receive groceries to help support you through the week. *Volunteers needed.*

EQUALIZING LAY DELEGATES: If you want to represent the laity of the EPAUMC and help set policy and missional focus for our denomination, see Pastor Jason. You would be a delegate to the 2025-2028 Annual Conference sessions. We meet in **Wildwood, NJ for Annual Conference from May 20 at 1 PM until May 22 at Noon. Sun., May 4** is the **West District Conference at Cornwall UMC at 3 PM.** All are encouraged to attend.

BOOK CLUB on *The Sum of Us* by Heather McGhee. The Church and Society Team (CST) invites you to a monthly book via <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82735304374?pwd=eDBSZHRCZVphSnh2TENDZ0xrdG0vQT09>. We will meet to discuss the remaining chapters on Mon., May 5 at 5pm. Contact Renee Norman for more info.

CIRCLE LEGACY is a group of Native Americans and Allies who **meet on the 2nd Friday of each month** for fellowship and learning at **Community Mennonite Church, 328 W Orange St, Lancaster, PA 17603 at 6:30PM.** Potluck dinner included. This is a chance to continue our commitment to be in relationship with and support of the Native Nations of Eastern PA and beyond. *All are invited. See Mike & Paula Shifflet for more info.*

ANNUAL OUTDOOR COMMUNITY YARD SALE is on **Saturday May 24th from 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM (RAIN or SHINE)** at **Faith UMC.** We have **Yard Sale spaces for rent that are 20’x 20’ in the grass for \$20.** Pre-registration to rent a space is required, with payment due the day of the event. On-line space registration through www.FaithUMC.us or contact 717-696-5321. **Donation of gently used items (no clothing)** can be brought to Faith to be sold by the youth to support their upcoming events. **Donation of books, and puzzles** can be dropped off too.