

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BRIDGE OF HOPE LANCASTER: Caleb Simmers will be coming **on Sun., March 2 at 11:45am to speak at Faith UMC** about their ministries and how we may be able to partner with a family in our neighborhood who is receiving support from their programs. Learn more at <https://lancaster.bridgeofhopeinc.org/>.

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. To be the 2nd adult and/or provide a meal, sign up in the hall or contact Pastor Jason. ***We will go to Gretna Glen Camp on Sun, March 16 (3:30-7pm). Volunteers are needed to carpool to the camp. Please see Pastor Jason if you are willing to help drive the youth and/or chaperone.***

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 begin to meet again **every Monday from 5-6:30 PM at Faith UMC** in the Education Wing. Our next session will run from **March 3 through 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.

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—especially on Tuesday at 10:20AM**

THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. **Next meeting: March 20 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. (March 5 & 19): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOeIVIVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>.

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

SOUP SALE: It's still cold out there, so why not pick up a quart of Oregon Dairy soup to get through the rest of the winter! Faith UMC will be taking orders for Oregon Dairy Soups by the quart. Orders will be ready for pick up on Sat., March 15th from 10AM-Noon at Faith. **Orders with payment are due TODAY (Sunday, February 23).** Walk in purchases will be available on March 15 while supplies last. Flavors: Vegetable Beef, Chicken Corn Soup, Tomato Bisque, Creamy Potato Soup, Chicken Corn Noodle, and Ham and Bean Soups. \$10/quart. Pick up an order form at Faith or visit www.faithumc.us → Online Giving to order & pay online.

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., March 1.**

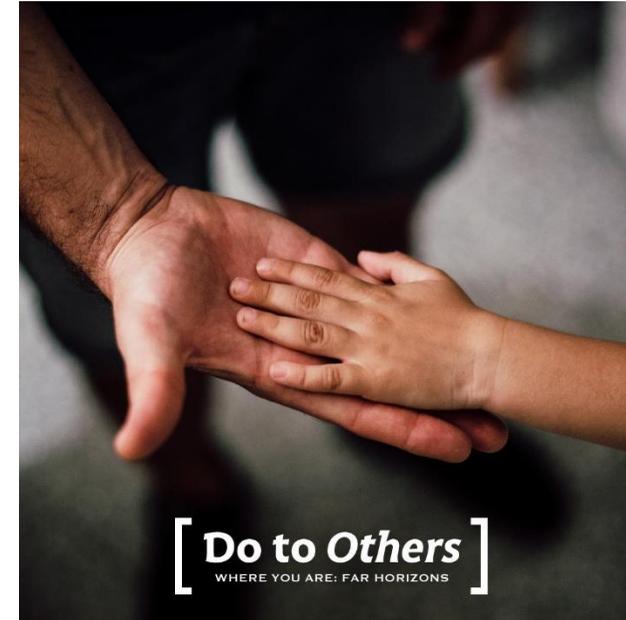
THE ELF SHELF: Are you crafty? Needlework? Woodwork? We need you! Even if you just superglue your fingers together, we can use you! Faith UMC is adding The Elf Shelf to the Breakfast with Santa with a room where the children can “shop” for their loved ones. We will make craft items to be “for sale”. If you want to know more, or have items or ideas to share, **we are meeting Sat., March 1 at 9:00 am at Faith UMC.** See Michelle or Buni for info.

EQUALIZING LAY DELEGATES: If you want to represent the laity of the West District of the EPAUMC and help set policy and missional focus for our denomination, please see Pastor Jason. You would become a delegate to the 2025-2029 Annual Conference sessions will full voice and vote. We meet in Wildwood, NJ May 202-22, 2025.

LENTEN SEASON: Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 5 at 7PM at OCUMC. We will remember Jesus' 40 days of prayer and fasting in the wilderness and receive communion and the imposition of ashes. This will begin a 40 day season in preparation for Easter. Holy Week will include a Maundy Thursday Service at 7PM at OCUMC, two Good Friday Services at Noon and 7PM, a Sunrise Service at 6:15AM at OCUMC's Pavilion, two Easter Sunday Services at 9AM at OCUMC and 10:30AM at Faith UMC. We hope you will join us for these services.

SECRET SISTER 2025: Contact Jackie Black or pick up a form at the church to participate in 2025.

Welcome to Oregon Community United Methodist Church



Address: 1214 Creek Road, Lititz, PA 17543

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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.



Oregon Community United Methodist Church

February 23, 2025 at 9:00 AM – 7th Sunday after the Epiphany

WELCOME: We gather together to worship God the Father, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit! May the Spirit of God unite us and the church universal to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God (*Micah 6:8*). 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

Jesus teaches us, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." But who are the others?

Our enemies and friends, family and strangers.

Jesus teaches us, "Be merciful as your Father is merciful." But what is mercy?

To act with compassion, to help without expecting anything in return.

Jesus teaches us, "Forgive, and you will be forgiven." But how do we forgive?

By recognizing enemies, friends, family, strangers, and ourselves as people in need of compassion.

Let us worship God, who loves us and empowers us to love one another with mercy and compassion.

Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God! Amen

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

*HYMN

Where Charity and Love Prevail

UMH #549

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Ralph Stone

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

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

UMH #895

*HYMN

For the Healing of the Nations

UMH #428

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40

Ralph Stone

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

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

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Ralph Stone

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

*HYMN

Freely, Freely

UMH #389

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 6:27-38

Ralph Stone

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

SERMON

Do to Others

Pastor Jason

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Pastor Jason

*HYMN

When the Poor Ones

UMH #434

** You are invited to stand in body or in Spirit*

Pianist: Jody Wiker **Pastor:** The Rev. Jason Perkowski **Ministers:** The People of God

Liturgists: February 2 Bob Jolly; 9 Dot Lange; 16 Mike Shifflet; 23 Ralph Stone

BIRTHDAYS: February 11 Roberta Stone; 15 Bernadine Alspach; 20 Mike Shifflet; 23 Shirley Baker

PRAYER REQUESTS: Kevin and dialysis medications; Health of Paula's Aunt's Kathy and Emily; Bob Jolly, healing after stomach bug; Jan Berger, healing after stomach bug; friend of Dennis and Mary with cancer; Leah, healing after car accident and surgery; Joetta, strength after pneumonia; Katie at CHOP; Kathy, friend of Shifflet's with cancer; Valerie Cooper, healing for vision in her eye; Shelly, bronchitis; Gene & Nancy travels to Florida; Nat (friend of Wickers), cancer; Joanne (Jackie's sister), scleroderma and other significant health issues; 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; 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; Alfred Byrd; all battling cancer; Kathy & Jack Muth; Chuck Flory, ALS; Judy Brivchik; **PRAISES:** Erin's father, healing from infection; Shifflet's friend Valerie with cancer that is now in remission; Twins and their sister settling in with bio-parents; God's faithful love; ministry for 150 years at Oregon Community UMC. **PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD:** Refugees & immigrants; plane crashes; stability of our government and wisdom for elected leaders; President Trump and VP Vance; people suffering from wildfires in CA; violence between the GMC and the UMC in Nigeria; wisdom & safety for all government officials; 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; 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.

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.

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.

WELCOME NEW FAITH UMC OFFICE MANAGER PAULA FULTZ: I am a native of Pittsburgh, but moved to Landisville over 25 years ago. My husband Tom and I share our home with Cricket and Koko (Rottweilers) and Molly (Dogue de Bordeaux). I have a son John who lives in Pittsburgh with his wife Tracy. I am an active member of Salem Lutheran in Lititz where I am a reader, counter, member of Prayer Shawl and on the committee for Salem's Little Free Pantry. I also am active in dog shows where I am an AKC Certified Steward and Chief Steward. In my free time I love reading, bike riding, gardening, cooking and crocheting.

FAITH UMC JOB OPPORTUNITY: Seeking maturing Christian candidates. Details visit www.FaithUMC.US. **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.

LEARN MORE ABOUT JUNIOR CHURCH & VBS on Feb. 23 at 11:45AM at Faith UMC. Come learn about volunteering as a Junior Church leader for the 10:30AM service. Leaders rotate and can be scheduled flexibly. We will go over a typical lesson and answer your questions. We will review the responsibilities for teachers, assistants, and teen helpers. We will discuss **this year's VBS from July 21-25**. Light refreshments will be served.