

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING: Saturday, March 22 at 10AM** OCUMC Church Council Members will meet to discuss annual paperwork and to discuss ideas for future plans: outreach, building upgrades/maintenance, telephone/internet updates, etc. If you are part of Church Council please let Pastor Jason know if you can attend.

**BRIDGE OF HOPE LANCASTER:** If you are interested in being a part of the Bridge of Hope Ministry to support a family as they settle into a new home on Fruitville Pike please join the Missions Team as they meet **TODAY Sun., March 16** (rescheduled from last week) at 11:45am at Faith UMC to learn more 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 are meeting **every Monday from 5-6:30 PM at Faith UMC** in the Education Wing 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 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 for more info.

**THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM (CST)** engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. **Next meeting: March 20 at 5:00 PM (3<sup>rd</sup> 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. (March 19 & Apr 2): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVXQwUk5LR2VFOT09>.

**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>. At the first meeting they discussed the first 3 chapters and we will meet to discuss the remaining chapters on Mon., April 7 and Mon., May 5 at 5pm. Anyone interested in joining us can reach out to Pastor Jason or Renee Norman.

**COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS: Pursuing the Common Good is a new opportunity from our Church and Society Team (CST) that begins on Sun, March 30, Noon-1:30pm.** This month's topic is **"Balancing Justice and Compassion: A Conversation on the Justice System"** including Bail, Incarceration, the New Prison and Reentry. Presenter: Pastor Jason. Hosted by: Faith UMC's Church and Society Team. Light Lunch provided.

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

**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., April 5.**

**SECRET SISTER 2025:** Contact Jackie Black or pick up a form at the church to participate in 2025. **FORMS MUST BE TURNED IN BY SUNDAY, MARCH 30.** April 6 you will randomly select your new Secret Sister.

**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.

## 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 10-5pm—but has various meetings throughout the week. Call to make an appointment. He spends time with family from Friday at Noon through Saturday. If is an emergency, please leave a detailed message.



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# Oregon Community United Methodist Church

March 16, 2025 at 9:00 AM – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

**WELCOME:** In this season of Lent, we gather to worship God the Father, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit! In this somber season we account for our lives, learn deeper disciplines of faith, and prepare for the ministries to which God calls us. We also eagerly anticipate Holy Week in which we will remember Jesus’ servant ministry, his sanctifying sacrifice, and his glorious life-giving Easter resurrection. You are welcome on this journey with us 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, when you are surrounded on every side by shadows that frighten and voices that deride and confuse, what do you say? **God is our light and our salvation! Whom shall we fear?**  
When threats bombard you from every corner, stealing the security and peace you long for, what do you say? **God is the stronghold of our lives! Of whom shall we be afraid?**  
When anxiety and loneliness overwhelm and you do not know who or what to trust any more, what do you say? **Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!**  
Because God knows our suffering. God makes a home among us, welcoming us to come home to God and one another. **Come! Let us worship God who hides us in the day of trouble and conceals us together under the cover of the tent of Love. Amen**

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

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18**

Mike Shifflet

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

## \*HYMN

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

UMH #140

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Psalms 27**

Mike Shifflet

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

## \*HYMN

*Guide, O Thou Great Jehovah*

UMH #127

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

UMH #895

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

## \*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH #95

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Philippians 3:17-4:1**

Mike Shifflet

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

## \*HYMN

*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

UMH #361

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Luke 13:31-35**

Mike Shifflet

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

## SERMON

*Conceal Me*

Pastor Jason

## BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Pastor Jason

## \*HYMN

*Children of the Heavenly Father*

UMH #141

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

**Pianist:** Jody Wiker    **Pastor:** The Rev. Jason Perkowski    **Ministers:** The People of God  
**Liturgists:** March 2 Bob Jolly; 9 Dot Lange; 16 Mike Shifflet; 23 Ralph Stone

**BIRTHDAYS:** March 10 Sandy Baird; 20 Kathy Fisher; 21 Shannon Weaver

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Jackie Black as she moves to Paramount Senior Living in Maytown; Jan Berger and Jackie Black for health; Family & Friends of Tina Miller on her passing; Aaliyah healing from brain tumor; Kevin and dialysis and wrist; Health of Paula’s Aunt’s Kathy and Emily; friend of Dennis and Mary with cancer; Mary healing; Leah, healing after car accident and surgery; Katie at CHOP; Kathy, friend of Shifflet’s with cancer; Valerie Cooper, vision; 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: 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:** Those unemployed and furloughed; Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi; DS Freymoyer & EPAUMC Staff; Laity and Clergy; unity & love in the church; Refugees & immigrants; plane crashes; 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; 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](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.

**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.

**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 2025-2028 Annual Conference sessions will full voice and vote. We meet in **Wildwood, NJ for Annual Conference from May 20 at 3PM until May 22at Noon. Sunday, May 4** is the **West District Conference at Cornwall UMC at 3 PM** where delegates will be officially elected. Nominees are encouraged to attend.

**THE LENTEN SEASON** is a 40-day season of prayer and fasting remembering Jesus’ time in the wilderness. **LENTEN DEVOTIONS:** On the church website are two Lenten Devotions: “40 Days of Lent” and “Are We There Yet” which has scripture readings for each day. You can also read through the scriptures that are being taught on Sundays. Those scriptures are available at <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts/?z=1&d=24&y=384>. 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, as well as Easter Sunday Services at 9AM at OCUMC and 10:30AM at Faith UMC.

**YMCA OF THE ROSES 70<sup>th</sup> GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST**, Friday April 18 at 7:30AM, Farm & Home Center, Lancaster. Tickets are \$25 per person and may be purchased at <http://www.rosesymca.org/goodfriday>. Tickets are not available at the door.