

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BRIDGE OF HOPE: We will begin supporting a family moving into our community thru the Bridge of Hope program. To volunteer please contact Pastor Jason to start completing the training and clearances. Learn more at <https://lancaster.bridgeofohopeinc.org/>.

OREGON COMMUNITY UMC ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL at 8 AM meets in the OCUMC Fellowship Hall.

YOUTH GROUP ON SUNDAYS, 5-7 PM for 5th-12th graders. Each week there is dinner, games & a lesson. All students are invited. **To help chaperone or provide a meal, sign up in the hall or contact Pastor Jason.**

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.

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.** Contact Pastor Jason for more info.

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

THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM (CST) engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. **Next meeting: April 17 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. (April 2 & 16): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>.

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 TODAY Sun, March 30, Noon-1:30pm at Faith UMC. 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 our Church & Society Team. Light Lunch provided.

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.**

THREADS OF FAITH is for those who like to knit, sew, crochet or quilt. Join us 10AM - Noon the first Saturday of each month in the Faith UMC Fellowship Hall for fellowship and crafting! Bring your sewing machines and supplies! **Next meeting is May 3 due to Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on 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.

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY on Sat., April 5 from 8-10:30 AM at Faith UMC. Easter egg hunts will be at 8:30, 9:30 & 10:30 AM. Easter Storytime with Pastor Jason 9 AM & 10 AM. All are invited to come and enjoy a good breakfast and to celebrate Easter.

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 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 there is an emergency, please leave a detailed message.



Oregon Community United Methodist Church

March 30, 2025 at 9:00 AM – 4th 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**
When we struggle to live as you teach us, and we fail to answer your call...
God, your steadfast loves surrounds us.
When the truth clogs up in our throat, and we fear what will happen if we speak and if we keep silent...
God, your steadfast love surrounds us.
When we open our hearts and let the truth of our sorrows, our sin, our joys, and our doubts flow freely...
God, your steadfast love surrounds us.
When our stubborn hearts encounter the grace that teaches and guides us into a life of trust and joyful obedience...**God, your steadfast love surrounds us today and every day. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

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

***HYMN** *Through It All* **UMH #507**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Joshua 5:9-12** **Pastor Jason**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

***HYMN** *God of the Ages* **UMH #698**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Psalms 32** **Pastor Jason**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

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 **2 Corinthians 5:16-21** **Pastor Jason**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

***HYMN** *This Is a Day of New Beginnings* **UMH #383**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32** **Pastor Jason**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Steadfast Love* **Pastor Jason**

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH **Pastor Jason**

***HYMN** *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling* **UMH #348**

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

Pianist: Jody Wiker **Pastor:** The Rev. Jason Perkowski **Ministers:** The People of God
Liturgists: April 6 Bob Jolly; 13 Dot Lange; 20 Mike Shifflet; 27 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; 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 to reach the **United Way Call Center** for social services. The Crisis Intervention Lifeline is (717) 394-2631 or *dial 9-8-8.*

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 leonschel37@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.

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. **Sun., May 4** is the **West District Conference at Cornwall UMC at 3 PM.** We meet in **Wildwood, NJ for Annual Conference from May 20 at 1 PM until May 22 at Noon.** Registration is now open for the **2025 Annual Conference Session.** Delegates, visitors and guests should complete registration by <https://www.shelbygiving.com/App/Form/16b7ba68-edef-4dd2-8b05-b0ddcefe623d> by **May 14.**

THE LENTEN SEASON is a 40-day season of prayer and fasting. **LENTEN DEVOTIONS** are at FaithUMC.US; “40 Days of Lent” and “Are We There Yet.” Plus weekly scripture readings at <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts/?z=l&d=24&y=384>. **Holy Week will include a Maundy Thursday Service at 7PM** at OCUMC Fellowship Hall (Sign up in the hallway so that we can prepare seating and food); **a Good Friday Prayer Vigil from Noon-3PM** with guided prayers in the Faith UMC Sanctuary; **and a Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7PM at Faith UMC; an Easter 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 70th GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST, on April 18 at 7:30AM, Farm & Home Center. Tickets are \$25 per person and may be purchased at <http://www.rosesymca.org/goodfriday> (not avail. at the door).

CIRCLE LEGACY is a group of Native Americans and Allies who **meet on the 2nd Friday of each month** for fellowship and learning. They meet 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.*