

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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.**

OREGON COMMUNITY UMC ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL at 8 AM will resume AFTER EASTER.

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, 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 are needed for the 2025-26 School Year.** Contact Pastor Jason if interested.

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 16 & 30): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZlZGQ0LzBOeIVlVXQWUk5LR2VFQOT09>.

“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.**

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 and crafting! Bring your sewing machines and supplies! **Next meeting is May 3.**

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.

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.**

CHURCH COUNCIL: 3rd Thursdays of ODD numbered months (May 15, July 17, and Sept. 18) at 6:30PM

CHURCH CLEANING/WORKDAYS: 2nd Saturdays (May 10, June 14) from 9-11AM

HOLY WEEK will include a Maundy Thursday Service at 7PM at OCUMC Fellowship Hall; 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. ***There will be a breakfast between the Sunrise and 9AM Easter Services.***

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 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

April 13, 2025 at 9:00 AM – Palm Sunday

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

Today, we join Jesus in the final ascent to Jerusalem, knowing the depths we will descend on our journey through Holy Week. **Open the gates of righteousness, that we may come worship God!** We join the disciples in declaring that Jesus, riding on a donkey, is our Ruler, the One who will bring peace and salvation for all. **Open the gates of peace, that we may come worship God!** We join with the bystanders who questioned and wondered who this Jesus really is, who feared the consequences of angering the powers that be. **Open the gates of truth, that we may come worship God!** The journey through Holy Week brings us face-to-face with the stark reality of sin and God’s faithfulness to save. **Open the gates of salvation, that we may come worship God whose steadfast love never fails!.**

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

***HYMN** *This is the Day* **UMH #657**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Luke 19:28-40** **Dot Lange**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

THE PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER **UMH #895**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29** **Dot Lange**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

***HYMN** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* **UMH #278**

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

***DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* **UMH #95**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Psalms 31:9-16** **Dot Lange**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

***HYMN** *All Glory, Laud and Honor* **UMH #280**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Isaiah 50:4-9a** **Dot Lange**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Open the Gates* **Pastor Jason**

***HYMN** *Hymn of Promise* **UMH #707**

BAPTISM OF ODETTE ELIZABETH BROWN & MEMBERSHIP OF ERIN LEIGH BROWN **UMH #33**

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH **Pastor Jason**

***HYMN** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* **UMH #474**

** 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: April 14 Jackie Black & Hunter Fritsch; 19 Valerie Cooper

ANNIVERSARIES: April 2 Dot and Al Lange; 15 Mike and Paula Shifflet

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: 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:** 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.

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 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.

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.

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.