

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

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, sign up in the hall or contact Pastor Jason.**

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 May 26). More information and registration forms are at: <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/261153> or see Pastor Jason.

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: 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=K2ZiZGQ0LzBOeIVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>.

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.

“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 at Faith UMC**. 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.**

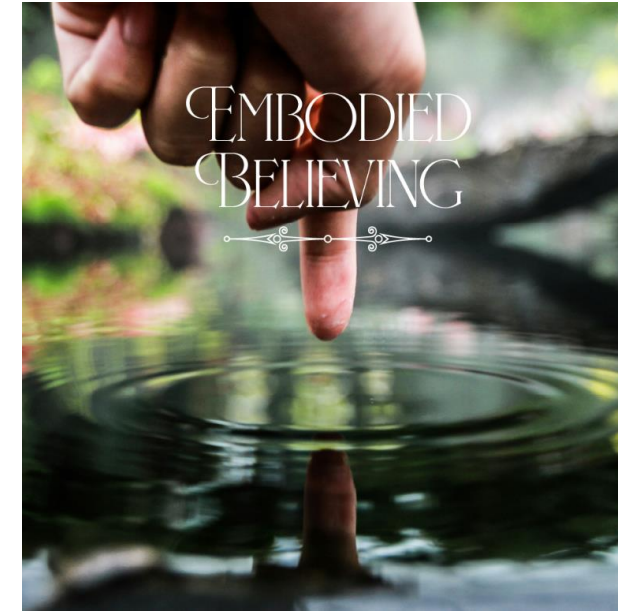
BRIDGE OF HOPE: We will begin supporting a family moving into our neighborhood thru the Bridge of Hope program. To volunteer please contact Pastor Jason to start completing the training and clearances. **Those who had already registered should have received a book and an email with registration information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

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.**

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.**

CARE PACKAGES FOR MILLERSVILLE STUDENTS: We will provide care boxes to college students who are part of The HUB: Millersville University Campus Ministry while they prepare for final exams in May. It has always been very much appreciated. We will be **assembling the care packages on April 27th at 5PM.** You are welcome to help the youth fill and wrap the boxes.

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

April 27, 2025 at 9:00 AM – Second Sunday of Easter

WELCOME: We worship a Risen Savior, Jesus, God’s Son & our Messiah. As a Resurrection People we gather to praise God and we go out to share the Good News. The Father has seated Jesus at His Right Hand to reign with justice & mercy 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 you are here!

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS **Pastor Jason**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** **Pastor Jason & God’s People**

In the rising of the morning sun, the Holy speaks: **You are my children. Shine!**
In the greening of the Earth and blooming of creation, the Holy speaks: **You are my children. Grow!**
In the mountains reaching toward the sky, the Holy speaks: **You are my children. Stand with strength!**
In the darkness of the winter days, the Holy speaks: **You are my children. Trust!**
In the presence of the skies that float above us and the assurance of the Earth beneath us
And with the calm of the Spirit within us, the Holy speaks: **You are my children. Live!**

Written by Sally Johnson, United Methodist Creation Justice Movement

***HYMN** *Majesty, Worship His Majesty* **UMH #176**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Psalms 150** **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** *Christ Is Risen* **UMH #307**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Acts 5:27-32** **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 **Revelation 1:4-8** **Ralph Stone**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

***HYMN** *Trust and Obey* **UMH #467**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **John 20:19-31** **Ralph Stone**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Embodied Believing* **Pastor Jason**

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH **Pastor Jason**

***HYMN** *Blessed Assurance* **UMH #369**

** 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: 2 young adults with brain tumors; Ashley recovery after emergency C-Section and her infant Hannah and fiancée Dustin; those caring for elderly parents—including Julie; **Jackie Black at Paramount Senior Living, Room #206, 2750 Maytown Rd., Maytown, PA 17550;** Jan Berger for health; Kevin’s dialysis and wrist; Paula’s Aunt Emily; friend of Dennis and Mary with cancer; Mary Ferndon healing; **Leah, healing after car accident;** 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:** Aaliyah healing from brain tumor; Spring and the Easter Season; **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.

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.*

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. **FAITH UMC IS HOSTING A CLOTHING DRIVE FOR THEM THRU MID-MAY.**

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.