

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**CHURCH COUNCIL:** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

**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 5-6:30PM at Faith UMC** in the Education Wing **until June 9** (except for May 26). Information and registration is at: <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/261153>.

**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 (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. (**May 14 & 28**): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOeIVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>.

**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.

**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 volunteered should read through the book and complete the online training ASAP.**

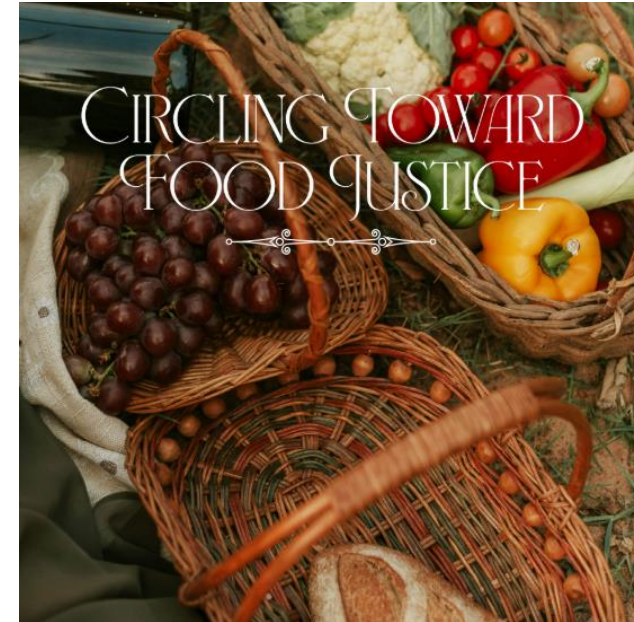
**THREADS OF FAITH:** If you like to knit, sew, crochet or quilt **join us from 10am - Noon the first Saturday of each month** for a time of fellowship and crafting! Bring your sewing machines and supplies and work on your projects in our Fellowship Hall! **Next meeting is June 7.**

**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 that you have done this training or join us **Mon., May 5 from 6:30-8 PM at Faith UMC.**

**ANNUAL OUTDOOR COMMUNITY YARD SALE is on Sat., 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](http://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.

**NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS:** We will be starting the next class to prepare folks to be the new members of our churches at Oregon Community and Faith UMC. If you are interested in participating in this class, please contact Pastor Jason. **We are tentatively scheduling 3 classes, May 11, 18, and 25.**

## Welcome to Oregon Community United Methodist Church



**Address:** 1214 Creek Road, Lititz, PA 17543

**Church Phone:** (717) 656-7198

**Website:** [OregonCommunityUMC.us](http://OregonCommunityUMC.us)

**Facebook:** Oregon Community UMC

**Pastor:** The Rev. Jason Perkowski

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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

May 4, 2025 at 9:00 AM – Third 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

God, you call us from the corners of the Earth.

**From the cities and the prairies, from the ghettos and the tables of the wealthy.**

God, you sing to us from the corners of the universe.

**In the gentle ocean breeze, in the colors that burst forth from our landscapes, in the faces of children ravaged by war.**

God, you speak to us from the corners of the Earth.

**To the east, to the west, to the north and to the south, above us, below us, and within us, your voice rings clear. Send your voice to sing in us, we pray, as we worship this day.**

*Written by Sally Johnson, United Methodist Creation Justice Movement*

### \*HYMN

*Come, We That Love the Lord (Marching to Zion)*

UMH #733

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Psalms 30**

Bob Jolly

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

### \*HYMN

*Amazing Grace*

UMH#378

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Acts 9:1-20**

Bob Jolly

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

### THE PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Pastor Jason

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Revelation 5:11-14**

Bob Jolly

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

### \*HYMN

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

UMH #64

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**John 21:1-19**

Bob Jolly

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

### SERMON

*Circling Towards Food Justice*

Pastor Jason

### COMMUNION: CONFESSION, PARDON & PASSING THE PEACE

UMH #12-13

*All are invited to the Lord’s Table to receive God’s forgiveness and grace through Communion*

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

#### \*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH #95

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING & THE LORD’S PRAYER

UMH #13-14 & #895

### RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

UMH #15

#### \*HYMN

*Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast*

UMH #616

### BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Pastor Jason

### \*HYMN

*Tú Has Venido a la Orilla (Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore)*

UMH #344 v. 1-4

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

**Pianist:** Jody Wiker

**Pastor:** The Rev. Jason Perkowski

**Ministers:** The People of God

**Liturgists:** May 4 Bob Jolly; 11 Dot Lange; 18 Mike Shifflet; 25 Ralph Stone

**BIRTHDAYS:** May 15 Josh Zimmerman; 21 Lillian Fritsch; 23 Julie Perkowski; 30 Vince Habel

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Elmer & Bear family on the death of Mindy Elmer; 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; Shelly, bronchitis; Nat (friend of Wikers), cancer; Joanne (Jackie’s sister), scleroderma; Bobbi Anne Stone, 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;** **Rob & Keyonna Boyle expecting a daughter in July;** Shifflet’s friend Valerie with cancer that is now in remission; God’s faithful love. **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](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.*

**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](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 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 3PM. All are encouraged to attend.** We meet in Wildwood, NJ for Annual Conference from May 20 at 1PM until May 22 at Noon.

**CIRCLE LEGACY** is a group of Native Americans and Allies who meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.*