

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

CHURCH CLEANING/WORKDAYS: 2nd Saturdays (June 14 and July 12) from 9-11AM

OREGON COMMUNITY UMC ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL at 8 AM

YOUTH GROUP ON SUNDAYS, 5-7PM 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. No Youth Group on May 25 as you honor Memorial Day. Starting in June, the rising 5th graders may begin attending Youth Group.**

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 19 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 at Noon every other Wed. (*May 28 & June 11*): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOeIVlVXQWUk5LR2VFQT09>.

“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 **TODAY: 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.

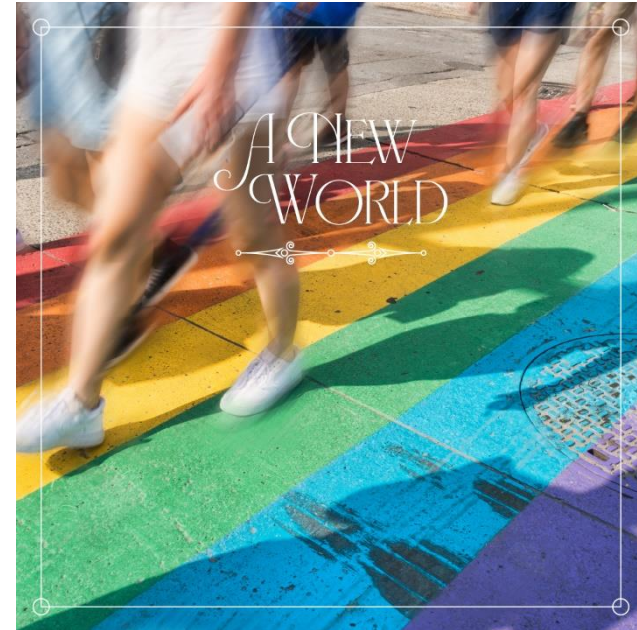
THREADS OF FAITH: If you like to knit, sew, crochet or quilt **join us from 10am - Noon the first Saturday of each month** for a time of fellowship and crafting! Bring your sewing machines and supplies and work on your projects in our Fellowship Hall! **Next meeting is June 7.**

ANNUAL OUTDOOR COMMUNITY YARD SALE is on Saturday May 24th from 7AM to 2PM (RAIN or SHINE). 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 is available through www.FaithUMC.us or contact 717-696-5321. **Donation of gently used items (no clothing)** can be brought to the purple Sunday School room across from the Youth room to be sold by the youth to support their upcoming events. **Donation of books and puzzles** can be dropped off in the 2nd Sunday school room. **THANK YOU! Anyone who wants to help paint lines in the field to mark spots for vendors, see Gwen to help on Thur., May 22 at 6pm.**

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 the next two classes for May 25 & June 1 at Noon at Faith UMC.**

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.

Welcome to Oregon Community United Methodist Church



Address: 1214 Creek Road, Lititz, PA 17543

Church Phone: (717) 656-7198

Website: 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 18, 2025 at 9:00 AM – Fifth 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 beginning was the Dream. **And the Dream was with God and spoke for peace.**
In the beginning was the Dream. **And the Dream was with God and spoke for justice.**
In the beginning was the Dream. **And the Dream was with God and longed for love.**
We come to worship the God of the Dream in a spirit of peace, justice, and love, longing to glimpse the promise of a holy dwelling place for all creation.
Ever-dreaming God, come to us now, in this time, opening our imaginations to your promise for us, in us, and in all you have made. We pray in the name of your Dream made flesh, Jesus the Christ. **Amen**

Written by Sally Johnson, United Methodist Creation Justice Movement

***HYMN** *This Is My Father’s World* **UMH #144**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Psalm 148** **Mike Shifflet**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

***HYMN** *There’s Something About That Name* **UMH #171**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **John 13:31-35** **Mike Shifflet**
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 **Acts 11:1-18** **Mike Shifflet**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

***HYMN** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* **UMH #384**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Revelation 21:1-6** **Mike Shifflet**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

SERMON *A New World* **Pastor Jason**

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH **Pastor Jason**

***HYMN** *For the Healing of the Nations* **UMH #428**

*** 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: Destiny Eckman – brain tumor; 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 & Kole 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 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.

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.*

CALLING ALL KIDS AGES 4-10!!! Vacation Bible School is July 21-25 from 6-8PM. This year we are going on a Road Trip! Our Travelers will discover how they can trust that God is with them in all kinds of situations and know that God is always with us as we share the good news of Jesus with the world. Come and join us for a fun-filled week of skits, games, music, crafts, and snacks. Sign up now by using this link: <https://faithumclititz.mycokesburyvbs.com/> or visit our website and click the link in the events section. We can’t wait to see you here!

PARTNER WITH US FOR ROAD TRIP VBS! Adults and youth are invited to join us on our Road Trip! There is a signup sheet in the hall to volunteer to help. Go to <https://faithumclititz.mycokesburyvbs.com/> or contact Carol Kennedy for opportunities to serve, lead, & have fun with children from our church and the community.