

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

CHURCH CLEANING/WORKDAYS: 2nd Saturdays (August 9 and Sept. 13) 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. **During summer, the rising 5th graders may begin attending Youth Group and graduates may still attend. We still need volunteers to provide a meal for youth group each week.** Please sign up on the sheet in the Faith UMC hallway or by calling Pastor Jason if you are willing to help.

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Jason at 10AM in the Adult Classroom in the Education Wing at Faith UMC

THREADS OF FAITH: If you like to knit, sew, crochet or quilt **join us at Faith UMC from 10am - Noon the first Saturday of each month** for a time of fellowship and crafting! Bring your supplies and join us **August 2**.

THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM (CST) engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. **Next meeting: August 21 at 5PM (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. (*Next meeting is August 6—and then every other Wednesday after that*) <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>.

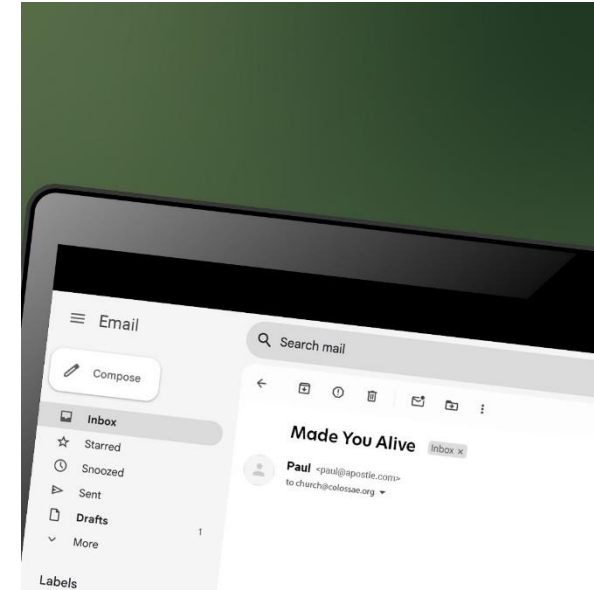
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Twenty-four children participated in a fun filled week of skits, Bible stories, games, music, crafts, and snacks. We went on a road trip and learned that God is with us wherever we go. **Thank you to all our volunteers!** We are continuing our mission project to support the Columbia Borough School District for a few more weeks if you would like to contribute.

VBS MISSION PROJECT: Each year during VBS we invite children *and the congregation* to support a Mission Project. This year we will be helping the Columbia Borough School District support their families in need. They have requested the following items:

- **Hygiene/Clothing/Personal Care Items:** hand sanitizer, baby wipes, deodorant (travel size), toothbrushes & toothpaste, hairbrushes/combs/picks, hair ties, detangling spray, chapstick, kid's t-shirts (solid colors), new underwear and socks (kid's sizes), lotions for different skin types, hair products for different hair types
- **Snacks & Extras:** granola bars, Nutri-grain bars, crackers, applesauce pouches, fruit snacks, individual bags of goldfish, graham crackers, veggie straws, pretzels, fidget toys, stress balls, stickers or small reward items

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.

Welcome to Oregon Community United Methodist Church



Address: 1214 Creek Road, Lititz, PA 17543

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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*.



Oregon Community United Methodist Church

July 27, 2025 at 9:00 AM – 7th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME: In this season of Pentecost, we remember Jesus’ promise that the Holy Spirit would come and baptize us, empower us, & remind us of God’s teachings so that we might become who we were always meant to be. As you experience the Holy Spirit’s work in your life, you are welcome to engage with us 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
Children of God, when the journey ahead seems long and hard, full of unknown dangers and all-too-real risks, remember:
Keep the faith. God, who made us alive, is our Guardian and Guide.
When the voices on the side of the road tempt us with their misinformation full of unearned certainty, simple solutions, and quickness to blame and shame those who disagree with them, remember:
Stay the course. God, who made us alive, is our Wisdom and Judge.
When those in power place barriers in our way, making it harder to share the love of God in our communities, trying to convince us it is easier to do nothing than remain firm in God’s call to act for the flourishing of all our neighbors, remember:
Do not be afraid. God, who made us alive, is our Strength and our Advocate.
Children of God, come! Let us worship God, whose persistent love empowers us to persevere, to stay the course, to live by faith and not fear.
Come, let us worship God, who makes us alive, through grace to love and serve God and one another.
Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, February 2025

***HYMN** What a Friend We Have in Jesus UMH #526

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 11:1-13 Mike Shifflet
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

***HYMN** Here I Am Lord UMH #593

SCRIPTURE LESSON Hosea 1:2-10 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

***HYMN** Sweet Hour of Prayer UMH #496

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalms 85 Mike Shifflet
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 Colossians 2:6-19 Mike Shifflet
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

SERMON Made You Alive Pastor Jason

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH
***HYMN** It Is Well With My Soul UMH #377

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

Pianist: Jody Wiker **Pastor:** The Rev. Jason Perkowski **Ministers:** The People of God
Liturgists: August 3 Bob Jolly; 10 Dot Lange; 17 Mike Shifflet; 24 Ralph Stone 31 Pastor Jason

BIRTHDAYS: July 14 David Fritsch; 16 Christie Jolly; 21 Al Lange 30 Bob Jolly;
ANNIVERSARIES: July 4 Anthony and Jody Wiker; 11 Jason and Julie Perkowski

PRAYER REQUESTS: Flooding; Water damage at Pastor Ian’s home; Dean & Val Cooper for health; Destiny & Kole – brain tumors; 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; **Leah, healing after car accident and surgery;** Katie at CHOP; Kathy, friend of Shifflet’s with cancer; Shelly, bronchitis; Nat (friend of Wikers), cancer; Joanne (Jackie’s sister), scleroderma; Bobbi Ann 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: Birth of Rob & Keyonna Boyle’s daughter Alizabeth; Aaliyah healing from brain tumor; 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; 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.

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION FOR CAROL KENNEDY ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 10. In celebration of Carol's long and devoted service to Faith UMC, we will host a potluck luncheon immediately following the 10:30AM service on Aug 10. Beef BBQ and drinks will be provided. You are welcome to bring your favorite side or dessert to share. Donations to cover the costs of the celebration and a gift for Carol may be given in the Faith UMC office to Paula Fultz or given to Diana Valentine or Amy Boughter directly or in their mailbox at Faith. Cash is preferred, but if you write a check, please make it payable to Amy Boughter. There are plain envelopes available in Amy's mailbox. Place your donation in an envelope; mark it “Carol's Retirement,” seal it and return it as noted above. We have been blessed by Carol's dedication and love to our church family and would love to place a bench in her honor in the proposed Memorial Garden as well as providing a gift for Carol personally. There will also be a box in the church hallway to drop off cards/notes thanking Carol for her service. Thank you for joining us for the meal and for any gifts you choose to contribute. Carol has been a support to many of the joint efforts that we have done together between Faith UMC and Oregon Community UMC.

TRIVIA NIGHT COMPETITION at OCUMC on Saturday, October 25 from 6PM-8PM. You can come out and bring a team to compete at answering trivia questions created by Pastor Jason. The team that earns the most points after 4 rounds will get the prize. Everyone is welcome. There is no cost to play, but we will have hotdogs, pizza and drinks to sell for dinner/snacks. A sign up sheet will be available as we get closer. Challenge your friends, family and coworkers to come and compete you’re you or against you!

HOLIDAY CRAFT BAZAAR at OCUMC on Saturday, November 15 from 8AM – 1PM. Please mark this on your calendar. Vendors can rent a table to sell craft items in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up for a table if you are interested—and invite your friends and colleagues to do so.

SPAGHETTI DINNER at Faith UMC on Sunday, August 17 from Noon - 1:00PM (Dine In or Take Out) and again from 4 - 6:00PM (Take Out Only). What is better than a sunny summer Sunday? A sunny summer Sunday spaghetti dinner where Faith takes the stress out of Sunday meal planning. The dinner includes spaghetti (gluten free or regular as well as meat and meatless sauce options), salad, bread and dessert.

Walk-ins are welcome while supplies last, however, people are encouraged to pre-order by calling the church at 717-560-0321 or through email at Faithumc@hotmail.com. You can also sign up on the sheet in the church hallway. There is no set price for the dinners. Your donation will support the ministries of the church. You can pay by check, cash or credit when you pick up your meal. Online payments can be completed on the church web site: www.Faithumc.us. Please click [Online Giving](#) site. Be sure to choose "Spaghetti Dinner" on that giving site.

IMPACT! MISSIONS 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 leonshel37@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.

COMMUNITY MEAL: People in need may pick up a **Grab ‘n Go Meal at Zion Lutheran Church** in East Petersburg every Monday. **Faith UMC provides sixty Grab ‘n Go Meals quarterly.** The remaining date for 2025 is Oct 27. *Contact Carol Kennedy if you are interested in participating in this ministry.*

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.

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.*

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED on Wednesday, July 30, 2025, at 5PM to help move furniture and items to our new neighbor's house at 955 Fruitville Pike. Loading will begin at Faith, and trucks are also needed. This marks an important step in welcoming our new family to the area. We have been blessed that several families have donated furniture and household items. **We are still looking for dressers and dining room chairs. We are looking for volunteers to help us move furniture to the house which is only several miles up Fruitville Pike on Wednesday evening, July 30, 2025.** If 5PM is a bit too early please join us when you are able. Please let Diane Black know as soon as possible if you could lend us a few hours of your time on July 30th. Her email is dnewcomer48@gmail.com

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