

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**CHURCH COUNCIL:** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 hallway 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. Join us **September 6**.

**THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM (CST)** engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. Next meeting: **August 21 at 5PM (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. *(Next meeting is August 6—and then every other Wednesday after that)* <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOeIViVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 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. **TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO DELIVER ITEMS TO GO TO THIS PROJECT.** Columbia School District has requested the following items:

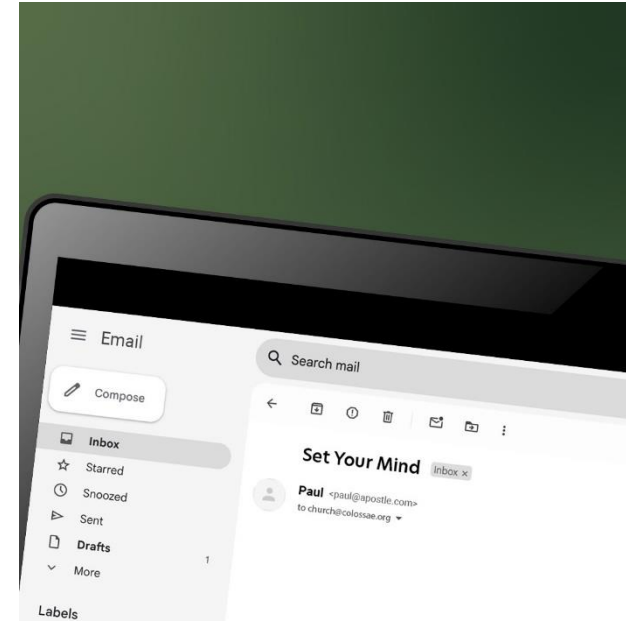
- **Hygiene/Clothing/Personal Care Items:** hand sanitizer, baby wipes, deodorant (travel size), toothbrushes & toothpaste, hairbrushes/combs/picks, hair ties, detangling spray, chapstick, kid's t-shirts (solid colors), new underwear and socks (kid's sizes), lotions for different skin types, hair products 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

**EXCITING UPDATE:** Our neighborhood family has moved into their new home and are looking forward to start this new chapter. On Wednesday, Faith and Oregon Community churches joined hands to help move furniture from the church to the house. Meals were provided and we look forward to supporting this young family as they acclimate to a new home. Questions: See Diane Black who is spearheading this mission. Her email is [dnewcomer48@gmail.com](mailto:dnewcomer48@gmail.com)

**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**.

**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

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

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

**Facebook:** Oregon Community UMC

**Pastor:** The Rev. Jason Perkowski

[jbperkowski@gmail.com](mailto:jbperkowski@gmail.com) or (717) 333-9238

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

August 3, 2025 at 9:00 AM – 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**WELCOME:** We come together to worship the Creator God who spoke all things into existence, whose Spirit fills us and invites us into righteous and loving relationship, and who came among us in human flesh as Jesus the Rabbi and Savior. You are welcome to engage with us and our loving God 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, we gather as people who have received new life in Jesus Christ.  
**We come to set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.**  
The world tries to distract us with anxious rumors, worrisome lies, and misleading half-truths.  
**We come to set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.**  
In this place, we gather to remind, remember, and renew our commitment to dwell in the love of Christ.  
**We come to set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.**  
Children of God, come! Let us worship God, who clothes us in new life and renews us in grace.  
**Come, let us worship as we set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.**  
*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, February 2025.*

**\*HYMN** Great is Thy Faithfulness UMH #140

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Psalm 107:1-9, 43 Bob Jolly  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

**\*HYMN** Change My Heart, Oh God TFWS #2152

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Hosea 11:1-11 Bob Jolly  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

## THE PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE Pastor Jason

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Luke 12:13-21 Bob Jolly  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

**\*HYMN** Seek Ye First UMH #405

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Colossians 3:1-11 Bob Jolly  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

**SERMON** Set Your Mind 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** Give Thanks TFWS #2036

*\* 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:** August 6 Cheryl Cooper; 20 Don Hess  
**ANNIVERSARIES:** August 20 Don & Jane Hess

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** 3 families who lost loved ones and had funerals this week; 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; Shifflet’s neighbor Bob; **Leah, healing after car accident and surgery;** Katie at CHOP; Nat (friend of Wikers), cancer; Joanne (Jackie’s sister), scleroderma; Bobbi Ann Stone, healing; Vince Habel, heart & kidney problems; Shirley Baker and Cheryl Cooper for healing; Denny Armstrong, kidney failure; & all battling cancer and disease

**PRAISES:** God’s faithful love and grace; those healing from illnesses; & a break in the weather.

**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](mailto:Faithumc@hotmail.com). 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](http://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 [leonschel37@gmail.com](mailto:leonschel37@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.

**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.

**Change My Heart, Oh God** (*The Faith We Sing #2152*)  
Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true;  
Change my heart, O God, May I be like you.  
You are the Potter, I am the clay;  
Mold me and make me, This is what I pray.

**Give Thanks** (*The Faith We Sing Number 2036*)  
Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One, Give thanks because he's given  
Jesus Christ His Son.

And now let the weak say, “I am strong”,  
let the poor say, “I am rich  
because of what the Lord has done for us.”

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