

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

CHURCH CLEANING/WORKDAYS: 2nd Saturdays (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 contact 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. 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 (3rd Thursdays).** **Join us by Zoom at:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82735304374?pwd=eDBSZHRCZVphSnh2TENDZ0xrdG0vQT09>. Contact Renee Norman for more info. The **Criminal Justice & Bail Reform Team** meets at Noon every other Wed. (*Next meeting: Aug 20*) <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>.

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.**

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.

WEST DISTRICT DAY AT GREтна GLEN on Sat., September 6, 2025 from 10:30 AM-3:00 PM
This is a time for our West District United Methodist community to gather for fun and fellowship. Laity, clergy, family, and friends of folks from the EPAUMC West District are all welcome to join us at Gretna Glen Camp! **Come when you can. Leave when you have to. The address is 87 Old Mine Road, Lebanon, PA 17042.**

We will worship together, enjoy lunch, and then have a variety of optional camp activities for all ages (boating, fishing, singing, crafts, plunger-chucking, etc....or just sit and visit awhile). We will have golf carts available to shuttle people, as needed. We want everyone to be able to participate. There is a good-sized parking lot, but carpooling might be helpful. **On the day of the event, we will be accepting donations to support scholarships to Gretna Glen Retreats and Events via cash, check, or electronic giving. This event, however, is a free gift to all that attend.**

You will be able to register at <https://www.epaumc.org/west-district/> so that we can plan for food and staffing for the event. You can also sign up in Hallway and Pastor Jason will register our church as a group.

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

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 10, 2025 at 9:00 AM – 9th 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

Beloved, we gather today as inheritors of faith in God’s salvific work, a faith handed down to us over generations that we claim and proclaim today in this community.
By faith, we follow God’s call as we journey toward a better country.
By faith, our grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, neighbors, and friends shared God’s love with us, a love that longs to draw us all as members of the Body of Christ.
By faith, we follow God’s call as we journey toward a better country.
By faith, we remember the story today, the story of God’s desire for all creation to be reconciled to God and one another.
By faith, we follow God’s call as we journey toward a better country.
By faith, we carry the faith forward, building a community of belonging, provision, and care as we journey with God toward a better country.
By faith, we gather to nourish and encourage one another on the journey toward a better country as we build God’s already-but-not-yet kingdom here and now. Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, February 2024

*HYMN Shine, Jesus, Shine TFWS #2173

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 Dot Lange

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

*HYMN Take My Life, and Let It Be UMH #399

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalms 50:1-8, 22-23 Dot Lange

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

THE PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER UMH #895

*HYMN Soon and Very Soon UMH #706

SCRIPTURE LESSON Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Dot Lange

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

OUR OFFERINGS: OF PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS UMH #95

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 12:32-40 Dot Lange

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

SERMON Desire a Better Country Pastor Jason

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH Pastor Jason

***HYMN** *Lift Every Voice and Sing* UMH #519

** 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

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A RETIREMENT POTLUCK LUNCHEON AFTER THE FAITH UMC WORSHIP SERVICE TODAY (11:45AM) TO HONOR CAROL KENNEDY’S SERVICE AS A LONG TIME OFFICE ADMIN. WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE EVERYONE JOIN US. NOTES, CARDS, OR CONTRIBUTIONS TO HER GIFT CAN BE GIVEN TO PASTOR JASON.

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

PASTOR JASON IS ON VACATION after worship today through Aug. 17. If you have pastoral care needs during that time, please contact Dot Lange (215) 601-3131 or Bob Jolly (717) 725-9959 & Christie Jolly (717) 368-9995. They will have contact information for local pastors who can provide support.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Family & friends of McKenna Rose Gardner inc. Pastor Shannon & Ginger Weaver on her death; 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.

OREGON COMMUNITY UMC COMMUNITY DAY on Sat., Sept 13 from 10AM-2PM (1214 Creek Road, Lititz, PA by the Oregon Dairy). We will be selling Chicken BBQ, hotdogs, and baked goods. There will be a free bounce house, yard games, face painting and music. This is a fun event for the whole family!!

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—by calling Joetta at 717-371-0112.

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. 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.

Shine, Jesus, Shine (*The Faith We Sing #2173*)

Refrain:

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory,
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire;
flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,
send forth your word, Lord and let there be light.

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining in the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us, set us free by the truth You now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me. (*Refrain*)

2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness, search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
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3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness;
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