

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

CHURCH CLEANING/WORKDAYS: 2nd Saturdays (*except* Sept. 13) Next: **October 11** 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. **Please contact Pastor Jason if you are willing to help provide a meal for youth group some evening. No Youth Group on August 31 due to Labor Day weekend.**

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Jason at 10AM in the Adult Classroom in the Education Wing at Faith UMC. **No Bible Study on Friday, August 29 due to Labor Day weekend.**

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: September 18 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: Sept 3*) <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>.

CHURCH AND SOCIETY COMMUNITY CONVERSATION on Sunday, Sept 21 from Noon-1:30PM. Join us as we have a time of learning around **“Homelessness and Housing Insecurity in Lancaster County”** with **Duncan Hopkins** and then spend time in discussion about how we can be a part of the solution. A light meal will be provided. Please register on the sign-up sheet in the hallway to RSVP so we can plan for the food and seating.

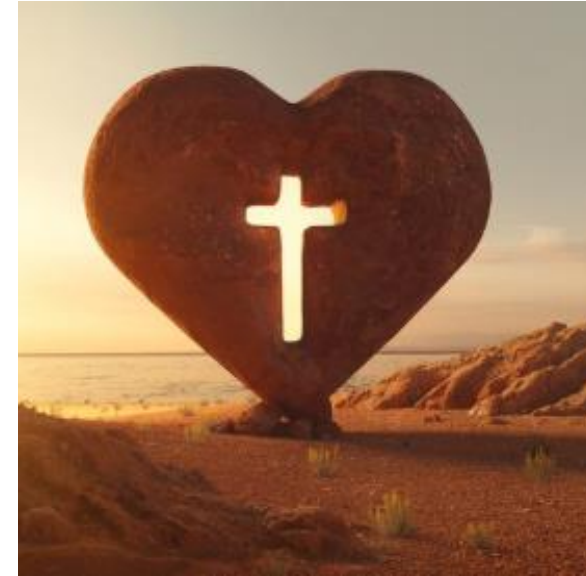
EPAUMC ADJOURNED SESSION OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE on Sat., Sept 20 from 9:45AM-12:30PM in Philly. Information and Registration is found at: <https://www.epaumc.org/sas2025/>. All Lay Delegates, Equalizing Lay Delegates and Clergy are expected to attend as we pass resolutions on our Annual Budget, Clergy Leave Policies, etc.

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.**

Register at: <https://member.gnjumc.org/default.aspx?page=3352&occurrenceId=848&profileId=1655> 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*.

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

August 31, 2025 at 9:00 AM – 12th 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 **Bob Jolly**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** **Bob Jolly & God’s People**

Children of God, when we witness the needs of strangers and listen to the struggles of our friends, remember: **Let mutual love continue.**

When we hear the struggles of those in prison and recognize the suffering of people near and far, remember: **Let mutual love continue.**

When temptations to hoard more money, more power, and more influence surround us on every side, remember: **Let mutual love continue.**

As we gather for worship, remember: God is here among us, surrounding us with love and forming us to live in love everywhere we go.

We choose to cooperate with God’s love today and every day so that mutual love will continue wherever we go and whatever we do. Amen.

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

*HYMN	<i>O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing</i>	UMH #57
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Jeremiah 2:4-13 <i>This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!</i>	Bob Jolly
*HYMN	<i>How Firm a Foundation</i>	UMH #529
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Psalms 81:1, 10-16 <i>This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!</i>	Bob Jolly
THE PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER		UMH #895
*HYMN	<i>A Mighty Fortress is Our God</i>	UMH #110
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Luke 14:1, 7-14 <i>This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!</i>	Bob Jolly
OUR OFFERINGS: OF PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS		Bob Jolly
*DOXOLOGY	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH #95
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 <i>This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!</i>	Bob Jolly
SERMON	Love In the Flesh	Rev. Dr. Jeff Raffauf
*HYMN	<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>	UMH #384
*BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH		Rev. Dr. Jeff Raffauf

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

Pianist: Jody Wiker **Pastor:** The Rev. Jason Perkowski **Ministers:** The People of God
Liturgists: **September 7** Pastor Jason; **14** Dot Lange; **21** Mike Shifflet; **28** Ralph Stone

BIRTHDAYS: **September 1** Joan Byrne; **19** Sharon Wilson

WE WELCOME THE REV. DR. JEFF RAFFAUF AS OUR GUEST PREACHER TODAY. He is a retired Elder in the UMC and served at West Lawn UMC before his retirement and helped them develop many thriving ministries. We are thrilled to have him share a good word with us.

PASTOR JASON IS AWAY Friday, August 29-Monday, September 1. 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; Dean & Val Cooper for health; Destiny for healing of brain tumor and heart; Kole for brain tumor; those caring for elderly parents; **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.

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.**

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!!

HELPERS ARE NEEDED FRIDAY, SEPT 12 from 6-7PM to set up for the Community Day as well as on Saturday. Let Christie or Pastor Jason know if you are available. We could use members to bring yard games (cornhole, washers, horse shoes, etc), to make baked goods, to help set up shade tents, etc. We will also need help on Saturday with selling / bagging the Chicken BBQ from Pete’s BBQ, etc.

ANNUAL FAITH UMC OUTDOOR YARD SALE is on Saturday, September 27 from 8AM to 1PM (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 through *Events* page at www.FaithUMC.us or contact 717-696-5321. **Donation of gently used items (*no clothing*)** can be brought to the purple Sunday School room at Faith 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 for supporting our fundraisers at Faith UMC!

TRIVIA NIGHT COMPETITION at OCUMC on Friday, October 24 (*NEW DATE*) 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!

TRUNK OR TREAT at Faith UMC on Sat., Oct 25. Start to plan to decorate your vehicles, look for deals on candy, and / or be ready to sign up to help Lisa Baker with various games, activities and food for this fun event.

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.

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 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.

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.

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