

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**PUZZLE PALOOZA!** Join us at Faith UMC on **Saturday, Oct 11 from 10AM-11:30AM**. Jump onto Faith's Online Giving link and pre-register your 2–4-member team for this fast-paced event! Twenty teams will vie to be crowned the Palooza champion by completing a 500-piece puzzle in the fastest amount of time. Doors open up at 9:45PM for a puzzle swap. The cost is \$40.00 per team due at the time of pre-registration. Pre-register via "Online Giving" link at [www.faithumc.us](http://www.faithumc.us). Choose "Register Now" under "Puzzle Palooza" on the online giving site. It will then ask you to enter the name of a contact person for the team along with their email and phone number in case we need to contact you ahead of the event. To join with another team or if you have questions, please contact Gwen at 717-696-5321 or the church office.

**TRIVIA NIGHT COMPETITION at OCUMC on Friday, October 24 from 6-8PM.** Come out and bring a team with you to compete at answering trivia questions created by Pastor Jason. The team that earns the most points after 4 rounds will earn a prize. Everyone is welcome. **FREE TO PLAY**, but we will have hotdogs, pizza and drinks to sell for dinner/snacks. A sign-up sheet for teams will be available as we get closer. Challenge your friends, family and coworkers to come and compete with you or against you!

**TRUNK OR TREAT at Faith UMC on Sat., Oct 25 from 5-7PM.** We will be offering one free meal ticket to each person to receive a hot dog, bag of chips and a drink—with extras for purchase at a low cost. We are asking for volunteers to decorate their cars and hand out candy, to cook and serve hot dogs, to clear tables and help with crafts and games. Sign up by October 5. Sign up sheets are in the hall at Faith or by reaching out to Lisa Baker. We hope to see you here!

**CHARGE CONFERENCE on Wednesday, November 5 at 6:30PM at Faith UMC.** Our Charge Conference for Faith and Oregon Community UMC will be a joint charge conference at Faith UMC. All are invited to join us as we report on and celebrate our ministries, complete official annual documentation, and learn about upcoming District and Conference opportunities. All members of Church Council are expected to attend. **All Charge Conference Forms/Reports are due in Arena by September 30, 2025.**

**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.

**HANGING OF THE GREENS:** Sunday, November 23, after Worship we will decorate the church for Advent and Christmas.

**SALEM'S LITTLE FREE PANTRY:** Salem's Little Free Pantry is in need of Spaghetti Sauce and Pasta. You can donate this in the box in the hallway. Anyone in need – at any hour of the day or night – can come and get groceries from this outdoor pantry located on the porch at Salem Lutheran, 26 Owl Hill Rd, Lititz.

**COMMUNITY MEAL:** People can pick up a **Grab 'n Go Meal at Zion Lutheran** in East Pete every Monday. **We provide sixty meals quarterly.** Our next date is Oct 27. **Contact Carol Kennedy to help.**

**THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM** stands up against injustice. **Next meeting: Oct 16 at 5PM (3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs)** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82735304374?pwd=eDBSZHRCZVphSnh2TENDZ0xrdG0vQT09>. The **Criminal Justice & Bail Reform Team** meets at Noon every other Wed. (**Next meeting: Oct 1**) <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>.

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

**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 **October 4**.

## Welcome to Oregon Community United Methodist Church



**Address:** 1214 Creek Road, Lititz, PA 17543

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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

September 28, 2025 at 9:00 AM – 16<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  
We gather today to worship God, who listens when we call. **We gather to rest in the shadow of God’s wings.**  
We gather to pray to God, who answers when we call. **We gather to lift our voices in the shadow of God’s wings.**  
We gather to praise God, who rescues us when we call. **We gather to rejoice in the shadow of God’s wings.**  
Beloved, come! Let us worship God, who covers and delivers us in Love. **We gather to worship in the shadow of God’s wings.**  
*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, April, 2025*

**\*HYMN** My Hope is Built UMH #368

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Jeremiah 32:1-15 Ralph Stone  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

**\*HYMN** Are Ye Able UMH #530

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Psalms 91:1-16 Ralph Stone  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

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

**\*HYMN** His Eye is on the Sparrow TFWS #2146

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Ralph Stone  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

**OUR OFFERINGS: OF PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS** Pastor Jason  
**\*DOXOLOGY** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH #95

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Luke 16:19-31 Ralph Stone  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

**SERMON** Safety in the Shadow of the Lord Pastor Jason

**\*HYMN** Shalom to You UMH #666

**\*BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH** Pastor Jason

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

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Those who have lost loved ones; Police Officers shot in York County; all those affected by violence and hate; Mary Ann Unangst for strength; those dealing with anxiety and stress; unity in the midst of differences of opinions and wisdom to recognize opinions versus absolutes; Dean & Val Cooper for health; those caring for elderly parents; Jackie Black at Paramount Senior Living; 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. **PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD:** All those affected by violence and hate; those killed and injured in school and college shootings; 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; 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; 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; etc.

**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*.

**PASTOR JASON IS ON VACATION** from Thursday, October 2 through Thursday, October 9. If you have any pastoral care needs during that time, please contact Dot Lange (215-601-3131). She has contact information for local pastors who can provide support.

**REGULAR EVENTS:**

**CHURCH COUNCIL:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of ODD numbered months **Next: Nov. 20** at 6:30PM

**CHURCH CLEANING/WORKDAYS:** 2nd Saturdays **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 one of the meals.](#)

**His Eye is on the Sparrow** *(The Faith We Sing #2146)*

1. Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come? Why should my heart be lonely and long for heav’n and home, When Jesus is my portion? My constant Friend is He:

**Chorus:** His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me; His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me. I sing because I’m happy, I sing because I’m free, For His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.

2. “Let not your heart be troubled.” His tender word I hear, And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubt and fear. Though by the path He leadeth, But one step I may see: **(Chorus)**

3. Whenever I am tempted, Whenever clouds arise, When songs give place to sighing, When hope within me dies, I draw the closer to Him; From care He sets me free: **(Chorus)**

**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