

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PUZZLE PALOOZA! DO YOU LOVE JIGSAW PUZZLES? Join us at Faith UMC on **Saturday, Oct 11, 2025 from 10AM-11:30AM**. If you are a puzzle enthusiast, jump onto Faith's Online Giving link and pre-register your 1–4 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 and must be paid at the time of pre-registration. Pre-register now via our "Online Giving" link at www.faithumc.us. Be sure to 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 about the event, 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 on Saturday, October 25th from 5:00PM to 7:00PM. Bring your kids to wear their costumes, get treats at each vehicle decorated and offering candy in the parking lot, and enjoy some crafts and games. We will be offering one free meal ticket to each person to include a hot dog, bag of chips and a drink. Additional food will be available for purchase at a low cost. We are asking for volunteers to decorate their trunks and hand out candy. If you are interested in helping, please sign up by October 5th. Volunteers will also be needed for cooking and serving hot dogs, clearing tables and helping with crafts and games. Sign up sheets are in the hall. If you have any questions please reach 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: Sun, November 23, after Worship we will decorate the church for Christmas.

SALEM’S LITTLE FREE PANTRY: Salem’s Little Free Pantry is in need of canned tuna and chicken noodle soup. 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.

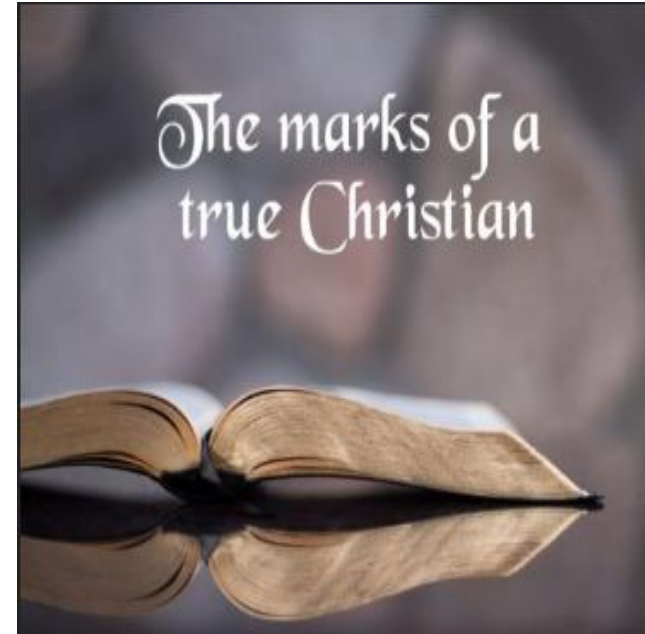
THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM stands up against injustice. **Next meeting: Oct 16 at 5PM (3rd Thurs)** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82735304374?pwd=eDBSZHRCZVphSnh2TENDZ0xrdG0vQT09>. The **Criminal Justice & Bail Reform Team** meets at Noon every other Wed. (*Next meeting: Oct 15*) <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOeIVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>.

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

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.**

PASTOR JASON IS ON VACATION from Thurs, Oct 2 - Sat, Oct 11. For pastoral care needs during that time, contact Dot Lange (215-601-3131). She has contact information for other local pastors.

Welcome to Oregon Community United Methodist Church



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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

October 5, 2025 at 9:00 AM – 17th 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 Mike Shifflet

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Mike Shifflet & God’s People
Destruction and violence are everywhere; strife and contention are all around
The needs of the world are so great; O Lord, increase our faith.
The law is slack, and justice does not prevail.
The needs of the world are so great; O Lord, increase our faith.
How many threats surround us; warfare, homelessness, loneliness, loss.
The needs of the world are so great, but you, O God, are greater still – the One in whom all things are possible. O Lord, increase our faith in you!
Feasting on the Word, Worship Companion, Liturgies for Year C, Vol. 2, Kimberly Bracken Long, ed. WJK Press, 2013, 193.

***HYMN** The Church’s One Foundation UMH #545

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 46 Mike Shifflet
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

OUR OFFERINGS OF PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS Mike Shifflet
***DOXOLOGY** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH #95

THE PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER (UMH #895) Mike Shifflet

***HYMN** Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty UMH #64

SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 12:9-18 The Rev. Sally Ott
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

SERMON Marks of the True Christian The Rev. Sally Ott

COMMUNION: The feast of Christ our Lord is spread before our eyes and He himself is present. **In company with all believers in every time & place, we come to this table to know Him in the breaking of bread.** Open your hearts. **We are open for thanks**
We thank you Lord God for your saving work for becoming a man in Jesus of Nazareth and revealing yourself in Jesus the Christ, who sacrificed himself to bear the wrongs of humanity and offered us the life he gave. **We open ourselves, our hearts, and our minds to the mystery of this meal that unites us with our brothers and sisters so that through the life you offer we may live our lives for others.** He rules with us. He lives with us. He celebrates with us today in the feast of life and love. **For this we cry “Glory!” Amen. Amen. AMEN!**

COMMUNION AT THE LORD’S TABLE The Rev. Sally Ott
***HYMN** For the Bread Which You Have Broken UMH #614

We give thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of your Son, Jesus the Christ. **Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, & send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus the Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH The Rev. Sally Ott
***HYMN** Sent Forth by God’s Blessing UMH #664

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

Pianist: Jody Wiker **Pastor:** The Rev. Jason Perkowski **Ministers:** The People of God
Liturgists: October 5 Mike Shifflet; 12 Dot Lange; 19 Pastor Jason; 26 Ralph Stone

WE WELCOME THE REV. SALLY OTT AS OUR GUEST PREACHER TODAY. Rev. Ott has served as Pastor of Visitation and Outreach at Covenant UMC in Lancaster since Oct. 1, 2013. Prior to this, she served for 20 years as Executive Director of LUMINA which is God’s Mission in Lancaster County. Her variety of experiences has also included serving part-time as Pastor of Newtown UMC from January 2017 through June 2018. She enjoys supply preaching when asked and is honored to bring us God’s Word for today.

BIRTHDAYS: October 1 Jane Hess; 2 Paulette Bledsoe; 3 Jody Norton; 15 Gene Denlinger
ANNIVERSARIES: October 13 Bob and Christie Jolly

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 shootings in sacred spaces, schools, and colleges; 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; foster families; seniors; 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.*

CHURCH COUNCIL: 3rd 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