

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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. Kids are invited to wear their costumes, stop by all of the decorated vehicles to get candy in the parking lot, and enjoy some crafts and games. We will be offering one free meal ticket to each person for a hot dog, bag of chips and a drink. Additional food will be available for purchase at a low cost. **We are seeking volunteers to decorate their car trunks and hand out candy—as well as to cook and serve hot dogs, clear tables or help with crafts and games.** Sign up sheets are in the hallway or call Lisa Baker at 717-615-6707. We hope to see you there!

THREADS OF FAITH is for those who like to knit, sew, crochet or quilt. Whether you are experienced or just learning, you are welcome to join us from 10am - Noon at Faith UMC the first Saturday of each month! Bring your sewing machines and supplies and work on your projects while we chat and share talents in our brightly lit, spacious Fellowship Hall! **Next meeting is November 1 starting at 9AM to help with Elf Shelf Crafts for kids at Breakfast with Santa and then your own crafting as well.**

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. 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. Please plan to stay that day to help hang wreaths, decorate the tree, etc.

SALEM'S LITTLE FREE PANTRY is in need of **canned tuna and soup**. You can donate this in the box in the hallway at Faith UMC. Anyone in need can come at any time to 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: Nov. 20 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 29.** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY: On November 2, we would like to honor all of our loved ones that have passed away since last year. **VETERANS DAY:** On November 9 we would like to honor all of our church members and their family who have served or are currently serving in the military. Please email/drop off info about your loved ones to Pastor Jason no later than the Monday before each service (Oct 27 / Nov 3). Include their full name, date of birth/death, and for veterans their military branch and rank. You can bring a photo that morning to place on a table in the back of the sanctuary. Their names will be read off during those services to honor their memory and/or their service.

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 19, 2025 at 9:00 AM – 19th 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 have gathered once again, Lord of all and Lord of us.
We come to lift our prayers, and to sing your praises once again.
We come to ask and hope and long to see your justice in the land.
We worship in that hope and will work in that Spirit.

Derek Weber, March 2025

***HYMN** *Thy Word is a Lamp* **UMH #601**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Jeremiah 31:27-34** **Bob Jolly**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

***HYMN** *Here I Am Lord* **UMH #593**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Psalms 119:97-104** **Bob Jolly**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

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

***HYMN** *Sweet Hour of Prayer* **UMH #496**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **2 Timothy 3:14-4:5** **Bob Jolly**
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 18:1-8** **Bob Jolly**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Persistent Faith* **Pastor Jason**

***HYMN** *The Gift of Love* **UMH #408**

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

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

BIRTHDAYS: **October 1** Jane Hess; **2** Paulette Bledsoe; **3** Jody Norton; **15** Gene Denlinger

ANNIVERSARIES: **October 13** Bob and Christie Jolly

PRAYER REQUESTS: Shirley Gehr for health and heart issues; Pastor Ian Solodky for knee injury; Youth group members with sprains and injuries Michael Mateer for healing from cancer and other health issues; Dean & Val Cooper for health; those who have lost loved ones; 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; 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:** Weddings this weekend; 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 the government shutdown; 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; 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; hungry & homeless persons; incarcerated persons and prison staff; design of new prison and its programs; all struggling with addictions or mental illness; schools; foster families; senior citizens; 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*.

COMMUNITY MEAL: People in need may pick up a Grab ‘n Go Meal at Zion Lutheran in East Pete every Monday. Faith UMC provides sixty meals quarterly. Our next date is Oct 27. *Preparation is Oct 26 at 11:45AM, and 9:30AM for packaging on October 27. Contact Carol Kennedy for more info.*

CHURCH CLEANING/WORKDAYS: 2nd Saturdays Next: Nov. 8 from 9-11AM

CHURCH COUNCIL: 3rd Thursdays of ODD numbered months Next: Nov. 20 at 6:30PM

OREGON COMMUNITY UMC ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL at 8 AM in the Fellowship Hall. We would love to have additional members of the church join us for this time of prayer and study.

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.

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

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY WITH KATHY “Meet Yourself in the Psalms” 6PM-7:30PM starting on October 21 at Faith UMC. This is a Bible Study reading through some of the Psalms to explore how to pray more holistically.

LOVING CAT SEEKS A NEW FOREVER HOME: Due to the owner’s declining health, Sunday is looking for a new owner to love and care for him. He is a grey and white striped cat about 13 years old. For more information, please call 717-468-2998.

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