

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

LENTEN SEASON: Lent began with the Ash Wednesday Service. This began a 40-day season (plus Sunday Celebrations) in preparation for Easter as we remember Jesus' 40 days of prayer and fasting in the wilderness. **Holy Week** will include a **Maundy Thursday Service on April 2 at 7PM at Oregon Community UMC**, two **Good Friday Services at Noon and 7PM**, an **Easter Sunrise Service on April 5 at 6:15AM at Oregon Community UMC's Pavilion**, two **Easter Sunday Services at 9AM at OCUMC and 10:30AM at Faith UMC**.

CANNED FOOD DRIVE: If you forgot to bring some canned soup to share with our local food bank on SouperBowl Sunday, it's not too late. We will be collecting through the end of February.

YOUTH GROUP ON SUNDAYS, 5-7PM for 5th-12th graders. Each week there is dinner, games & a lesson. All students are invited. **Please sign up with Pastor Jason if you are willing to provide a meal. We will go to Gretna Glen on Sun., March 15th meeting at Faith UMC at 3:30PM and return by 7PM.**

OUR GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP meets **every Monday at 5PM** for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one and could use support and tools for dealing with all of the associated emotions & struggles. Contact Pastor Jason for more info and go here to register: <http://bit.ly/3MeeZax>

BIBLE STUDY WITH KATHY "Meet Yourself in the Psalms" 6PM-7:30PM on Tuesdays at Faith UMC. We will read through Psalms and explore how to pray more holistically.

PASTOR'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY at 10AM on Wednesdays at Faith UMC

THREADS OF FAITH is for those who like to knit, sew, crochet or quilt. Join us from **10am - Noon at Faith UMC the first Saturday of each month including March 7 at 9AM.**

CHURCH COUNCIL: Next: **March 12 at 6:30PM** and on the **2nd Thursdays** of ODD numbered months.

CHURCH CLEANING/WORKDAYS: 2nd Saturdays Next: **March 14 from 9-11AM**

THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. Next meeting: **March 19 at 5PM (3rd Thursdays).** Contact Renee Norman for info. **Join us by Zoom at:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82735304374?pwd=eDBSZHRRCZVphSnh2TENDZ0xrdG0vQT09>.

THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE & BAIL REFORM TEAM Next meeting: **March 4 at Noon (every other Wednesday).**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>.

SALEM LUTHERAN'S LITTLE FREE PANTRY: Place donations in the box at Faith. The pantry accepts canned goods (tuna, chicken, soup, vegetables, fruit), cereal, shelf stable milk, peanut butter, jelly, boxed macaroni & cheese, ramen noodles, rice, spaghetti sauce & pasta. Pantry is at 26 Owl Hill Rd., Lititz.

LONG MEMORIAL FREE GROCERIES for those in need every week through their **Friday Night Food Ministry at 6pm.** You can drive up and receive groceries to help support you through the week.

GRAB 'N GO COMMUNITY MEAL for those in need at Zion Lutheran Church in East Petersburg every Monday. Faith UMC provides sixty meals quarterly. **Our next meal will be March 2.** Contact Carol Kennedy to help. **We are looking for a volunteer or a pair of volunteers to take the lead on this ministry. Please let Carol or Pastor Jason know if you are willing to help prepare and deliver these meals to Zion Lutheran quarterly.**

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 Sundays and Mon-Thurs from about 10AM-5PM—but has various meetings throughout the week. Call to make an appointment. He spends time with family from Friday through Sunday morning. *If there is an emergency, please leave a detailed message.*



Oregon Community United Methodist Church

February 22, 2026 at 9:00AM – 1st Sunday of Lent

WELCOME: We gather together to worship God: The Father, The Son, & the Holy Spirit. 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

Today, we follow Jesus into a wilderness full of isolation, fatigue, hunger, thirst, and temptation.

We follow, trusting in God's mercy.

We witness Jesus resist the siren calls of sensationalism, notoriety, and misuse of power for selfish gain.

We recognize God's mercy at work in the face of temptation.

We notice the angels who tend Jesus, messengers of care in a harsh and lonely place.

We pay attention to God's merciful presence that did not abandon Jesus and does not abandon us now.

We come to the wilderness together, clinging to the truth that we are not alone—God is with us.

We gather to worship God, whose unfailing mercy journeys with us into the wildernesses of our lives. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2025.

*HYMN

Take My Life, and Let It Be

UMH #399

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH #895

OUR OFFERINGS: OF PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

*HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

UMH #451

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 6:19-34

Daryl Hawthorne

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

SERMON

Where is Your Treasure?

Pastor Jason

*HYMN

God Will Take Care of You

UMH #130

*BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Pastor Jason

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

Pianist: Jody Wiker **Pastor:** The Rev. Jason Perkowski **Ministers:** The People of God

Liturgists: February 1 Mike Shifflet; 8 Ralph Stone; 15 Bob Jolly; 22 Dot Lange

BIRTHDAYS: February 11 Bobbi Ann Stone; 15 Bernie Spoo; 20 Michael Shifflet; 23 Shirley Baker

PRAYER REQUESTS: Dixie & Denny recovering from falls; Nancy's friend with feeding tube; Dean & Val Cooper, health; those who are grieving; anxiety and stress; unity & love; Jackie Black; Shifflet's neighbor Bob; Katie at CHOP; Nat (friend of Wikers), cancer; Joanne (Jackie's sister), scleroderma; Bobbi Ann Stone, healing; Vince Habel, heart & kidney; Shirley Baker & Cheryl Cooper, healing; & all battling cancer and disease. **PRAISES:** God's faithful love and grace; those healing from illnesses.

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD: Those killed by ICE Officers and safety and wisdom for the officers; those affected by violence and hate; food & housing insecurity; mental health; senior citizens; addictions; deportation and immigration policies; the unemployed; Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi; DS Freymoyer & EPAUMC Staff; Laity and Clergy; wisdom for elected leaders; President Trump and VP Vance; people suffering from environmental disasters; NarSarah Clinic in Sierra Leone; Udobo School in Durban, South Africa; Christ Home for Children; Blackfeet UM Parish; the people of Israel, Palestine, the Middle East, Ukraine, Russia, Nigeria, Venezuela, Syria, Somalia, Yemen, Minnesota, Greenland, Canada, Iran, etc.; veterans & military service members; police & medical personnel; the sick & caregivers; peace; abused persons & abusers; incarcerated persons and prison staff; schools; foster families; 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*.

LUMINA KIDS' NIGHT MEALS on February 23, March 2 & 9. We still need volunteers for **March 2 & 9**. You can carpool to **New Creation UMC, 10 W Farnum St., Lancaster** or **meet there by 6:45PM to serve the meal**. *People have signed up to cover all the supplies—Thank You!!* There is a bin to drop off the non-perishables. Coordinate drop off of refrigerated food items with Marcia. Contact Marcia at 717-799-5048 to volunteer to help on those Monday evenings.

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY is on Saturday, March 21 from 8-10:30AM. There will be Egg Hunts at 8:30, 9:30 & 10:30AM. There will also be a telling of the Easter Story at 9:15AM & 10:15AM.

CAR SHOW: We are planning a Car Show Fundraiser on August 8 at Faith UMC. Charlie Parmer is leading this event. Our next planning meeting is **Thurs., April 9th at 6:30PM**. Contact Charlie at 717-665-6152 if you are interested in being a part of the planning team for this "fun"draiser event!

BRIDGE OF HOPE: There will be a check-in meeting for the team **at 6PM on March 16 at Faith UMC**. Please pencil this in—and reach out to Diane Black to confirm your availability.

WEST DISTRICT TOOLS FOR MINISTRY 2026 on Feb. 28, 2026 at Salem UMC: Manheim. \$10 registration. This is a training opportunity for laity and clergy. Sessions will provide innovative ideas on how to expand ministries beyond the church walls, prepare you for various leadership roles in the church, and offer networking opportunities. Light refreshments served. Pre-registration is encouraged, but walk-ins welcome. **Workshop list and registration at:** <https://www.epaumc.org/news/2026-tools-for-ministry/>

FAITHFUL RESISTANCE ON THE WEST DISTRICT: The West District is hosting a local gathering on **Wed., Feb 25 at Ross Street UMC** for all those who wish to participate in the **Faithful Resistance: An Act of Public Witness** event planned by the UMC in Washington, DC. **9:30AM:** Gathering and singing; **10AM:** Livestream of DC worship service; **11AM:** Time of sharing and prayer. **Register at:** <https://member.gnjumc.org/default.aspx?page=3352&occurrenceId=1007&profileId=1792>

WORSHIP WITH THE BISHOP: **Wed., March 4** provides a wonderful and nearby opportunity to worship with Bishop Moore-KoiKoi when she visits our West District and **preaches at 7 PM at St. Paul's UMC in Elizabethtown**. This is her second year as our Eastern PA Resident Bishop, and you are warmly invited to attend this worship service.