

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**GUEST PASTOR:** We welcome The Rev. Peter Wolfgang to bring us the message today. He serves as Associate Pastor of Community UMC. He previously served as Senior Pastor of other vibrant community focused UMCs in Ohio. He is also a friend and fellow Trustee of Ross Street UMC with Pastor Jason. His partner Dyan and he work together on various projects seeking to follow Jesus in making the world a better and gentler place.

**PASTOR JASON WILL BE ON VACATION from June 18-28** in preparation for his transition to Millersville Community UMC. If you have pastoral care needs during that time, contact Melodie in the office during regular hours or Michelle Bame (717-537-5064). *They'll contact other local pastors or Pastor Jason as needed.*

**THE REV. TREVOR WEBSTER WILL BEGIN SERVING ON JULY 1.** He anticipates his normal hours on duty will be Monday-Thursday, as well as Sundays. **PASTOR TREVOR AND HIS FAMILY WILL JOIN US FOR HIS FIRST SUNDAY, JULY 5,** at Oregon Community & Faith UMC. We encourage you to come out, meet and welcome your new pastor. *There will be refreshments at Noon at Faith UMC. Communion is moved to July 12.*

**YOUTH GROUP ON SUNDAYS, 5-7PM** for 5th-12th graders. Each week there is dinner, games & a lesson. **Please sign up on the sheet in the hallway to provide a meal.** *We are looking for additional adults to assist Bryan Nelson and Pastor Trevor with the ministry. Please sign up in the hallway to chaperone or bring a meal.*

**TUESDAY EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: from 6-7:30PM.** Meet in the Parlor at Faith UMC.

**JOIN "EXERCISE IN LOVE"** Tuesdays & Thursdays at 2:15PM in the Library at Long Memorial UMC. Everyone can benefit from this fitness program. Contact Sara Stokes at 717-492-4363 for info.

**PASTOR'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY at 10AM on WEDNESDAYS** in the Faith UMC Adult Classroom. *John Rice is filling in until Pastor Trevor is able to take over in July.*

**FOOD TRUCKS:** On the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month from 4-7PM we will have a different food truck at Oregon Community UMC. Invite friends! Upcoming dates: *June 24 (Tri County Barbecue), July 22 (Pappy's BBQ), Aug 26, Sept 23 and Oct 28 (Chuck Wagon Grill).* *This is a great way to engage with our neighbors.*

### SAVE THE DATES FOR UPCOMING OCUMC EVENTS:

- Monday, July 13 – Line Dancing with Nancy from 7-9PM. \$5 per person
- Sunday, July 26 – Sundaes Sunday after Church
- Saturday, August 22 – Back-to-School Bash w/ School Supplies and Fun Events for Families
- Saturday, September 12 – Community Day and Chicken BBQ
- Saturday, October 24 – Fall Festival
- Saturday, November 14 – Holiday Bazaar - Picture w/Turkey, kid crafts, & Santa letter writing

**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. Next: August 1.

**SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING:** Everyone who works with children and other vulnerable people through the ministries of our church must ANNUALLY complete training to identify and report abuse as a Mandatory Reporter. There is an online training that is available: <https://www.reportabusepa.pitt.edu/>. We need a certificate of completion to be turned into the church office by the end of June and clearances updated within the last 5 years.

**ROCK AND ROLL YOUR WAY INTO ADULT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** every Friday, July 17-Aug 7, 11AM -2PM (ages 50 and older). We will have Bible devotions inspired by Beatles songs, such as *All You Need Is Love*—plus a light lunch, fellowship, games, a craft, and maybe even a little singing! Come share in faith, fun, and friendship. We look forward to seeing you there! Sign-up sheet in hallway or by calling the church office at (717) 560-0321 to reserve your seat, space is limited. See Michelle or Buni to help run the program.

*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

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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 YouTube as  
@FaithUMCLititz & our church websites under *Online Worship*.

**OFFICE HOURS:** Pastor Jason will be on duty Sundays, as well as Monday-Thursday (9AM–5PM). His Sabbath is Friday until Sunday morning. Call ahead to schedule meetings or to request pastoral care. Leave a detailed message. *Pastor Jason's last Sunday preaching here is June 14 and his final day serving Oregon Community UMC is June 30. Pastor Trevor Webster will begin serving here July 1—with his first sermon on July 5.*



# Oregon Community United Methodist Church

**BIRTHDAYS:** June 6 Cynthia; 22 Josiyah Boyle; 23 Erin Brown; 28 Dot Lange  
**ANNIVERSARIES:** June 3 Jim & Sharon Garner 24 Ralph & Bobbi Ann Stone

June 21, 2026 at 9:00AM – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**W**ELCOME: We are all welcomed into this sacred space by God revealed as Father Creator, the Living Word Incarnate as Jesus the Son, & the Holy Spirit that indwells all Creation. You are welcome to engage with us 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're so glad you are here!

## GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bob Jolly

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who have wandered far from home. Come, all who have remained nearby, yet found your hearts growing distant.

**The mercy of God is greater than our wandering. The mercy of God is greater than our resentment.**

God does not meet us with control, but with compassion. God does not wait for us to earn love but welcomes us with grace.

**Like a father watching the road, God longs for reconciliation. We come to worship the God whose love never lets us go. Come, let us return to God, whose mercy comes before merit!**

*Written by The Rev. Peter Wolfgang*

\*HYMN *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* **UMH #400**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Luke 15:11–32 (The Prodigal Son)** **Bob Jolly**  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

\*HYMN *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling* **UMH #348**

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

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Hosea 11:1-9** **Bob Jolly**  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

SERMON *Mercy Before Merit* **Pastor Peter**

\*HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* **UMH #384**

\*CLOSING PRAYER & SENDING FORTH **Pastor Peter**

Merciful God, we confess that we often confuse love with control. We try to manage people instead of understanding them. We seek to earn what can only be received as grace. We wander from you in rebellion, and we turn from others in resentment. Yet you remain faithful. When we run away, you watch for our return. When we harden our hearts, your mercy endures. When shame tells us we are unworthy, your love calls us home. Forgive us, restore us, and teach us to live as your children. Give us hearts that choose relationship over control, compassion over judgment, and mercy over merit. Help us to welcome those who have strayed from us in our own lives. Amen

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

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** For Pastor Trevor Webster and his family as they transition to serve at OCUMC; Shifflet's neighbor Bob as he undergoes treatments; Jane Hess for ongoing back pain; Nancy's friend with feeding tube; Dean & Val Cooper, health; those who are grieving; anxiety and stress; unity & love; Jackie Black at Paramount Nursing Home for healing; 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:** Wisdom and redemption for elected leaders; President Trump and VP Vance; those killed by ICE Officers and safety and wisdom for the officers; deportation and immigration policies; those affected by violence and hate; food & housing insecurity; mental health; senior citizens; addictions; the unemployed; Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi; DS Freymoyer & EPAUMC Staff; Laity and Clergy; 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.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOVE AND SUPPORT:** *We are so grateful for the last 15 years serving Faith UMC and for you inviting us to be a part of your lives. We have loved serving alongside you in so many ministries and walking with you in times of joy and struggle. Thank you for the celebration on Sunday—and so many kind words, gifts, and tokens of your love. We could not have asked for a better church family. — Pastor Jason and Julie*

**GERMAN MADE CAR SHOW AT FAITH UMC** on Sat., Aug. 8, 9AM-2PM (*Rain or Shine*). It will include German cars on display, plus food trucks and music. Cars will compete for awards. **\$20 to show your car** (register by Aug. 1) or \$25 the day of the show. **Registration and payment links are posted at FaithUMC.US under Events.** Contact Charlie at 717-665-6152, Melodie in the office, or use the sign-up sheet in the hallway to volunteer.

**WEST DISTRICT DAY AT GRETNA GLEN CAMP** on Sat., Aug. 29, 10:30AM-3PM. Our West District UMC community will gather for fun, fellowship and food for ALL AGES. Laity & clergy from the West District are welcome! Come when you can, leave when you must. The address is 87 Old Mine Road, Lebanon, PA 17042. **Registration info to be announced. This is a free event, but donations to Retreat Scholarships are appreciated.**

**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 June 1<sup>st</sup>.** Contact Carol Kennedy to help. **We are looking for a volunteer or a pair of volunteers to lead this ministry.**

**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.

**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.**

**CHURCH COUNCIL:** Next: **July 9** at 6:30PM and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays of ODD numbered months.

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

**POST A REVIEW OF Oregon Community UMC** to spread the word about your church. We would love to have your honest feedback made public on your favorite review site or via Google: [https://g.page/r/CTEG10kq\\_DqWEBE/review](https://g.page/r/CTEG10kq_DqWEBE/review).

**ONLINE WORSHIP** is now available on YouTube.com instead of Facebook at @FaithUMCLititz and via our website under Online Worship. **We are not broadcasting to Facebook any longer—although a link is there.**

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