

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

YOUTH GROUP ON SUNDAYS, 5-7PM at Faith UMC for 5th-12th graders. Each week there is dinner, games & a lesson. **Please contact Pastor Jason if you are willing to provide a meal. THERE IS NO YOUTH GROUP NOV 30. Enjoy the Thanksgiving Holiday. YOUTH WILL GO TO GRETNA GLEN CAMP on Sun., Jan. 18. We will meet at Faith UMC at 3:30PM and return by 7PM.**

CARE PACKAGES FOR MILLERSVILLE STUDENTS: We are continuing our tradition of providing boxes to support college students who are part of The HUB: Millersville University Campus Ministry while they prepare for final exams in Dec. *We will be wrapping the boxes **TODAY after worship 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 inc. **Come Dec. 6 at 9AM to help with Elf Shelf Crafts.**

HEALTHY MASCULINITY: Redefining Strength. Saturday, Dec. 6 from 3:30PM-5PM at the Lancaster Public Library Board Room. This is a group for adult men to explore how masculinity impacts mental health, relationships, media and more, and build tools for emotional resilience and authentic connection. More info and registration is available at: <https://ywcalancaster.org/events/healthy-masculinity>

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA is on Sat., Dec. 13 from 8-10:30AM. Enjoy a **pancake and sausage breakfast**, shop for cookies, kids can shop for presents for their family via the Elf Shelf, and we will have a **retelling of the Christmas Story** at 9AM and 10AM with Pastor Jason.

SALEM'S LITTLE FREE PANTRY: You can donate at Faith UMC. Anyone in need can come anytime 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: Dec. 18 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: Dec. 10.** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA & COOKIE EXTRAVAGANZA is on Sat., Dec. 13 from 8-10:30AM at Faith UMC. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us for this event. You can enjoy the **pancake and sausage breakfast** (pay what you want), shop for **Christmas cookies**, kids can shop for presents for their family via the Elf Shelf, and celebrate with a **retelling of the Christmas Story** at 9AM and 10AM with Pastor Jason.

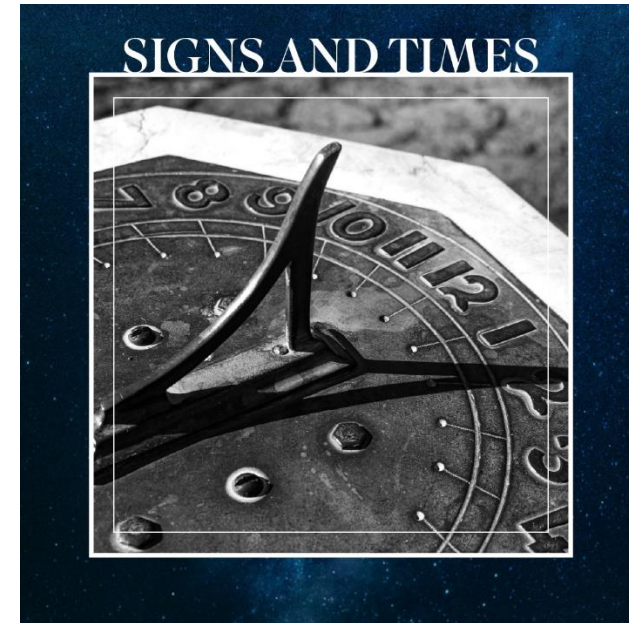
SECRET SISTER forms are **due by December 7** for next year. This will be a joint program with the women of Oregon Community and Faith UMC. Any woman who would like to be a part of encouraging, praying for, and providing small gifts for other women in the church are invited to participate. **Stay tuned for the Secret Sister Reveal for those who were part of the OCUMC Secret Sister in 2025.**

POINSETTIAS AVAILABLE: Help beautify the sanctuary for Christmas by purchasing a poinsettia in memory or honor of someone. You may take your poinsettia home any time after the Christmas Eve service. Order forms are at church. Please return them to Joetta Henry along with payment ASAP.

GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP will meet **Mondays, beginning Dec. 1, 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 emotions and struggles that come from grief. Contact Pastor Jason for more info and to register to participate.

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.**

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 through Sunday morning. *If there is an emergency, please leave a detailed message.*



Oregon Community United Methodist Church

November 23, 2025 at 9:00 AM – Christ the King Sunday

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

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING:

The prophet Isaiah calls to us from the past to imagine the future when God’s reign will be fully realized and recognized throughout creation. When that time comes, God “shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more” (Isaiah 2:4).
Today, we choose to live in hope, believing that the time of God’s reign has come and is coming among us.
We light this candle of hope as a sign of our promise to follow the Light as we answer God’s call to transform our hope into reality today and in the days to come.
Light the first candle of the Advent wreath.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Pastor Jason & God’s People
Beloved, once again, we embark on the Advent path that points us to the coming of Jesus.
We journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.
We remember the signs and the times that heralded the arrival of the baby Jesus, God Incarnate.
We journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.
We tell the stories once again as we learn how to discern the signs and the times, watching for glimpses of God’s here-and-not-yet kingdom among us.
We journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.
Come, let us worship God who shines a light to guide us on the path to peace and flourishing for all creation.
Come, let us worship as we journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.
Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, May 2025

*HYMN	Let There Be Peace on Earth	UMW #431
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Isaiah 2:1-5 <i>This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!</i>	Pastor Jason
*HYMN	For the Healing of the Nations	UMH #428
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Psalms 122 <i>This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!</i>	Pastor Jason
THE PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER		UMH #895

*HYMN	I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light	UMH #206
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Romans 13:11-14 <i>This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!</i>	Pastor Jason
OUR OFFERINGS: OF PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS		Pastor Jason
*DOXOLOGY	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	UMH #95
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Matthew 24:36-44 <i>This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!</i>	Pastor Jason
SERMON	Signs and Times	Pastor Jason
*HYMN	Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus	UMH #196
*BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH		Pastor Jason
<i>* You are invited to stand in body or in Spirit</i>		

Pianist: Jody Wiker **Pastor:** The Rev. Jason Perkowski **Ministers:** The People of God
Liturgists: November 2 Mike Shifflet; 9 Ralph Stone; 16 Bob Jolly; 23 Dot Lange 30 Pastor Jason
BIRTHDAYS: November 6 Dean Cooper; 7 Nancy Sims; 13 Jim Garner; 20 Jason Perkowski
PRAYER REQUESTS: The family of Michael Mateer on his passing; Denny Mateer healing from surgery; Dean & Val Cooper, health; those who are grieving; Mary Ann Unangst for healing and strength; 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; 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; food & housing insecurity; mental health; senior citizens; addictions; those affected by deportation and immigration policies; the unemployed; Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi; DS Freymoyer & EPAUMC Staff; Laity and Clergy; unity & love in the church; wisdom for elected leaders in US and worldwide; 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; veterans & military service members; police & medical personnel; the sick & caregivers; peace; abused persons & abusers; incarcerated persons and prison staff; schools; foster families; etc.

CHURCH CLEANING/WORKDAYS: 2nd Saturdays Next: Dec. 13 from 9-11AM
CHURCH COUNCIL: 3rd Thursdays of ODD numbered months Next: *Stay tuned for new date*
OREGON COMMUNITY UMC ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL at 8 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY WITH KATHY “Meet Yourself in the Psalms” 6PM-7:30PM at Faith UMC. This is a Bible Study reading through Psalms to explore how to pray more holistically.
PASTOR’S MORNING BIBLE STUDY at 10AM on **WEDNESDAYS** in the Faith UMC Adult Classroom, **beginning on Dec. 3.**
NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS for anyone looking to join Faith or Oregon Community UMC will be on Dec. 7 from Noon-4pm. We will have one class and then take in new members on Dec. 14. There will be light refreshments available as well. Please contact Pastor Jason to register to participate.