

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE** on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> at Oregon Community UMC at 5PM & Faith UMC at 7pm. Thank you for joining us for this service of carols and a retelling of the Christmas story. We will also share in Communion. Join us for refreshments in the fellowship hall after the service.

**CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERINGS WILL BE SPLIT BETWEEN 1) THE UDOBO PRE-SCHOOL:** in Durban, South Africa at Christmas for food, educational supplies, & teaching staff. Visit <http://UdoboSchoo.com> for details. **2) BLACKFEET UMC PARISH** in Montana, supporting ministries and training programs to support the Blackfeet Nation. **3) THE CHRIST HOME FOR CHILDREN** in Paradise, PA that provides a home for children and teens in crisis. Checks can be made out to *Oregon Community UMC* with "**Christmas Eve Offering**" in the memo. **Gifts will be shared between all 3 ministries.** All gifts in the Christmas offering envelopes, placed in the Teddy Bear, and unmarked gifts in the Christmas Eve offering plate will go directly to these ministries.

**OREGON COMMUNITY UMC ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** at 8 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

**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 on the sheet in the hallway if you are willing to provide a meal.** **YOUTH WILL GO TO GRETNA GLEN on Sun., Jan. 18, meeting at Faith UMC at 3:30PM and return by 7PM. No Meeting on Dec. 28—Happy Holidays.**

**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 emotions and struggles that come from grief. **We will not meet on Dec. 29 but will restart Jan. 5.** Contact Pastor Jason for more info and go here to register: <http://bit.ly/3MeeZax>

**EVENING 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 in the Adult Classroom. **We are on break Dec. 31 due to the holidays.**

**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 January 3 at 9AM.

**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.**

**PUZZLE PALOOZA! DO YOU LOVE JIGSAW PUZZLES?** Join us at Faith UMC on **Saturday, January 24, 2026 from 10AM-11:30AM** (check-in at 9:30AM). Get your team of 2-4 together and let's race to complete a 500-piece puzzle. The winning team gets a prize along with bragging rights! ALL teams get to keep their puzzles after the event. **The cost is \$40 per team, due at time of registration.** More information and registration will soon be available at [www.FaithUMC.US](http://www.FaithUMC.US) under Events. To join with another team please contact Gwen or the office.

**CHILI FUNDRAISER, Sunday February 8th from Noon to 2pm (or sold out).** Vegan or meat quarts for \$10 to go with added toppings that make it just right for your family's tastebuds. **TAKE OUT ONLY. No eat in service** so that we may all enjoy eating chili while watching the Superbowl. Preorders may be placed at [www.FaithUMC.us](http://www.FaithUMC.us) → Online Giving -- > Chili Fundraiser. Ordering in advance guarantees availability, but walk-in's are cheerfully welcomed while supplies last.

## 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 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

December 24, 2025 at 5:00 PM – Christmas Eve Service

**W**ELCOME: We gather together to worship God: The Father, The Son, & the Holy Spirit. We celebrate that The Holy Spirit came upon the Virgin Mary, the Word of God became flesh within her, & on this night some 2025 years ago she brought the only begotten Son, Jesus, into the world. 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. Together, we seek to honor & understand the gift of the Christ Child! We are so glad you are here!

## PRELUDE

### Selection of Hymns & Carols

Anthony and Jody Wiker

## GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved, on this day/night, we gather to enliven the story once again of God who came to dwell among us as a vulnerable baby. **We rejoice in the day that all the earth awaits.**

We remember the stable, the animals, and the manger that witnessed the arrival of Emmanuel, God with us. **We rejoice in the day that all the earth awaits.**

We recall the angels who announced the Messiah's birth to the shepherds, those most unlikely witnesses of God's glory. **We rejoice in the day that all the earth awaits.**

In our remembering and enlivening, we gather today as people of God's promise, witnesses to God's glorious presence among us in the vulnerable, forgotten, and tucked away places of the world.

**We gather to rejoice in the day that all the earth awaits, the day that has already come and will yet be. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, June 2025*

## \*HYMN

### O Come, All Ye Faithful

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## LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES & CHRIST CANDLE

Gary & Candice Crosby

Tonight/Today, we gather to remember with the prophet Isaiah: "For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Great will be his authority, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this." (Isaiah 9:6-7)

**We gather to once again bask in the glory that visited a stable and a manger, shepherds watching their flocks, and a young couple cradling the newborn Messiah.**

We light the Christ candle as a sign of the glory that came among us in unexpected places and to unexpected people, that we may be people who seek and follow the glory of the Christ child here and now.

*Light All 4 Advent Candles and the Christ Candle*

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

### Isaiah 9:2-7

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

## \*HYMN

### Joy to the World

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## CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Jason

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

### Luke 2:1-5

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

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

### Luke 2:6-14

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

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

## THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

### Luke 2:15-20

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

*Go Tell It on the Mountain*

## COMMUNION

*All are invited to the Lord's Table to receive God's forgiveness and grace through Communion*

**CONFESION:** Lord Jesus, this most holy of nights brings us Gladness, Grief, and Joy. Gladness, because you left the splendor of Heaven's glory to come to a dark and cold world, to bring the light and warmth of your Kingdom to a world so in need of Your Love, Your Peace, Your Joy. Grief, because you came into the world, yet the world did not receive You. You came to Your own, and your own did not welcome you. And still today, people turn away from you. We turn away from you. Sin still scars your creation and the hearts of your own people. And Joy, because you offer perfect forgiveness and full cleansing to all who acknowledge their need of you. Cleanse our hearts tonight, Lord Jesus, so that I may welcome you as I long to, certain that I am also welcomed by You. Amen.

*(Rick Lindholtz, 2008, <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/12/confession-for-christmas-eve.html>)*

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

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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## RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

### \*HYMN

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

### \*HYMN

*Love Came Down at Christmas*

### \*HYMN

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

## HOMILY

*Signs and Glory*

## BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

## \*HYMN

*Silent Night*

*Please dip the unlit candles toward the lit ones as you share the light and love with your neighbor!*

## PLEASE JOIN US FOR REFRESHMENTS IN FELLOWSHIP HALL AFTER THE SERVICE

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

**Musicians:** Jody & Anthony Wiker **Pastor:** The Rev. Jason Perkowski **Ministers:** The People of God

**Liturgists:** December 7 Mike Shifflet; 14 Ralph Stone; 21 Bob Jolly; 28 Dot Lange

**Advent Candles:** Dec. 21 Ralph Stone & Hunter Fritsch 24 Candice & Gary Crosby

**BIRTHDAYS:** December 7 Paula Shifflet; 19 Sharon Garner; 27 Annabelle Fritsch; 30 Ralph Stone

Pastor Jason

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UMH #220 v. 1 & 2

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UMH #251

UMH #12-13

UMH #15

UMH #224

UMH #242

UMH #238

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