

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE on Dec. 24th 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.

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.**

CHURCH CLEANING/WORKDAYS: 2nd Saturdays Next: **Jan. 10 from 9-11AM**

CHURCH COUNCIL: 3rd Thursdays of ODD numbered months Next: **Jan. 15 at 6:30PM**

THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. ***Next meeting: Jan. 15 at 5PM (3rd Thursdays).*** Contact Renee for more info. **Join us by Zoom at:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82735304374?pwd=eDBSZHRCZVphSnh2TENDZ0xrdG0vQT09>. **THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE & BAIL REFORM TEAM** meets at Noon every other Wed. ***Next meeting: Jan 7 at:*** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>.

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.

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 date is Monday, January 12 (meet at 9:30AM) with prep Sunday, Jan 11 after worship services.** 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.**

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 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 28, 2025 at 10:30AM – First Sunday after Christmas

WELCOME: 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 Christmas 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!

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS **Pastor Jason**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** **Pastor Jason & God’s People**
Beloved, we have waited, watched, and witnessed the coming of the Christ child. As we gather today on the other side of Christmas, we might be tempted to ask, “What now?”
We continue to wait and watch for the day that all the earth awaits.
In this season of Christmas, we remember that though Christ has come among us, the good news of freedom for captives, flourishing for the poor, and power returned to the disempowered does not reign in so many places.
We continue to wait and watch for the day that all the earth awaits.
With Mary and Joseph, we listen for God to show us how to protect and advocate for the vulnerable among us.
We continue to wait and watch for the day that all the earth awaits.
As we gather to worship today, may God bind us together in love, empowering us to live as followers of the Christ child who declare good news wherever we go.
We gather today as people who wait, watch, and work for the day that all the earth awaits. Thanks be to God! Amen

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

***HYMN** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* **UMH #240**
SCRIPTURE LESSON **Isaiah 63:7-9** **Dot Lange**
*This is the Word of the Lord — **Thanks be to God!***

CHILDREN’S TIME **Pastor Jason**
***HYMN** *Sing We Now of Christmas* **UMH #237**
SCRIPTURE LESSON **Psalms 148** **Dot Lange**
*This is the Word of the Lord — **Thanks be to God!***

THE PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER **UMH #895**
OUR OFFERINGS: OF PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS **Pastor Jason**
***HYMN** *The Friendly Beasts* **UMH #227 v. 1-3 & 6**
***DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* **UMH #95**
SCRIPTURE LESSON **Hebrews 2:10-18** **Dot Lange**
*This is the Word of the Lord — **Thanks be to God!***

***HYMN** *What Child is This?* **UMH #219**
SCRIPTURE LESSON **Matthew 2:13-23** **Dot Lange**
*This is the Word of the Lord — **Thanks be to God!***
SERMON *Signs and Power* **Pastor Jason**

***HYMN** *Joy to the World* **UMH #246 v. 1 & 2**
***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: **January 4** Mike Shifflet; **11** Ralph Stone; **18** Bob Jolly; **25** Dot Lange
BIRTHDAYS: **December 7** Paula Shifflet; **19** Sharon Garner; **27** Annabelle Fritsch; **30** Ralph Stone

PRAYER REQUESTS: Denny Mateer healing from surgery; 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 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; veterans & military service members; police & medical personnel; the sick & caregivers; peace; abused persons & abusers; incarcerated persons and prison staff; schools; foster families; etc.

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://UdoboSchool.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.

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 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 → Online Giving -- > Chili Fundraiser. Ordering in advance guarantees availability, but walk-in’s are cheerfully welcomed while supplies last.