

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**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 GRETN A GLEN on Sun., Jan. 18, 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>

**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. No regular meeting Jan. 6. They are making plans to see *David* on Jan 13. Contact Kathy for info at 989-8569.

**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 **February 7 at 9AM.**

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

**CHURCH COUNCIL:** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 (3<sup>rd</sup> 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 quarterly.**

**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.**

**FINANCIAL PLANNING:** Did you know that you could leave a gift to the church in your will—along with a testimony that shares a statement of faith with your family and friends? You can also make a donation to the church through your annual Required Minimum Distributions from investments—and benefit from this as a tax-sheltered donation. There are many ways to give beyond just your traditional income that may provide benefits to you. *If you would like more info, please contact Pastor Jason who can help put you in touch with financial resources.*

## 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

January 4, 2026 at 9:00AM – Epiphany of Our Lord

**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**  
We gather as people looking for the star, a sign that God is at work in the world.  
**God, help us find your glory.**  
We gather as people listening for the whispers of the Spirit, hints of the good news in the least likely places. **God, help us notice your glory.**  
We gather as people yearning for Love’s presence, the assurance that we are not alone and Love will have the last word. **God, help us encounter your glory.**  
On this Epiphany Sunday, may the Light of Love shine among us, revealing divine glory through neighbors known and unknown, vulnerable children, and unexpected gifts.  
**God, reveal to us anew the glory of your expansive Love that gathers us together and sustains us in loving service to one another and all creation. Amen.**

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

**\*HYMN** *The First Noel* **UMH #245**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** **Jeremiah 31:7-14** **Mike Shifflet**  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

**\*HYMN** *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* **UMH #247**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** **Psalms 147:12-20** **Mike Shifflet**  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

**THE PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE** **Pastor Jason**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** **Ephesians 1:3-14** **Mike Shifflet**  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

**\*HYMN** *We Three Kings* **UMH #254**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** **John 1:1-18** **Mike Shifflet**  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

**SERMON** *Seeing the Light* **Pastor Jason**

**COMMUNION: CONFESSION, PARDON & PASSING THE PEACE** **UMH #12-13**  
*All are invited to the Lord’s Table to receive God’s forgiveness and grace through Communion*

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

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING & THE LORD’S PRAYER** **UMH #15-16 & #895**

**RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP** **UMH #16**  
**\*HYMN** *Angels from the Realms of Glory* **UMH #220**

**BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH** **Pastor Jason**  
**\*HYMN** *There’s a Song in the Air* **UMH #249**

**\* 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: January 9** Joetta Henry

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Denny Mateer healing from surgery; 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 Wickers), 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, Nigeria, Venezuela, Syria, Somalia, Yemen, 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 GENEROUS CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERINGS THAT WERE 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.

**PUZZLE PALOOZA! DO YOU LOVE JIGSAW PUZZLES?** Join us at Faith UMC on **Sat., Jan. 24 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 & bragging rights! ALL teams get to keep their puzzles. **The cost is \$40 per team, due at time of registration.** More information and registration are available at [www.FaithUMC.US](http://www.FaithUMC.US)-->[Online Giving](#). To join with another team please contact Gwen or the Faith office.

**CHILI FUNDRAISER, Sunday February 8th from Noon to 2pm (or sold out).** Vegan or meat **quarts 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. Soon you will be able to place pre-orders 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.