

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TODAY IS SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY. If you forgot to bring some canned soup to share with our local food bank it's not too late, we will be collecting through the end of February.

LENTEN SEASON: Lent begins with an **Ash Wednesday Service on February 18 at 7PM at Oregon Community UMC.** We will remember Jesus' 40 days of prayer and fasting in the wilderness and receive communion and the imposition of ashes. This will begin a 40 day season (plus Sunday Celebrations) in preparation for Easter. **Holy Week** will include a **Maundy Thursday Service on April 2 at 7PM at Oregon Community UMC**, two **Good Friday Services at Noon and 7PM**, an **Easter Sunrise Service on April 5 at 6:15AM** at Oregon Community UMC's Pavilion, **two Easter Sunday Services at 9AM at OCUMC and 10:30AM at Faith UMC.**

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.** **3rd Sundays are at Gretna Glen including on Sun., Feb. 15, 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.

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 **March 7 at 9AM.**

CHURCH CLEANING/WORKDAYS: 2nd Saturdays Next: **Feb. 14 from 9-11AM**

CHURCH COUNCIL: Next: **March 12 at 6:30PM** and on the **2nd Thursdays** of ODD numbered months.

THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. **Next meeting: Feb. 19 at 5PM (3rd Thursdays).** Contact Renee Norman for info. **Join us by Zoom at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82735304374?pwd=eDBSZHRCZVphSnh2TENDZ0xrdG0vQT09>.**

At that meeting we will discuss an excerpt from *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism*, written by [Dr. Robin DiAngelo](#). Contact Pastor Jason or Renee to get a copy.

THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE & BAIL REFORM TEAM Next meeting: **Feb. 18 at Noon (every other Wednesday).** **Join by Zoom at:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVIVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>.

SALEM'S LITTLE FREE PANTRY: Place donations in the box at Faith UMC. The pantry accepts in date canned goods (tuna, chicken, soup, vegetables, fruit), cereal, shelf stable milk, peanut butter, jelly, boxed macaroni & cheese, ramen noodles, rice, spaghetti sauce and pasta. Anyone in need can come at any time to get groceries 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.

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

February 8, 2026 at 9:00AM – 5th Sunday after the Epiphany

WELCOME: We gather together to worship God: The Father, The Son, & the Holy Spirit. 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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God, why are you here? **We gather to worship with our hearts and our lives.**

People of God, who do you worship? **We worship God, who loves us and teaches us to love.**

People of God, how do you worship?

We worship God by breaking the bonds of injustice and freeing the oppressed.

People of God, come, let us worship God, whose glory surrounds us!

May our worship demonstrate God's glory in our neighborhood, community, and the whole earth.

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

*HYMN

Sweet Hour of Prayer

UMH #496

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN

The Gift of Love

UMH #408

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

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Pastor Jason

UMH #95

*HYMN

Seek Ye First

UMH #405

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 6:1-22

Ralph Stone

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

SERMON

Whose Praise Do You Want?

Pastor Jason

*HYMN

Take Time to Be Holy

UMH #395

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

Pianist: Jody Wiker Pastor: The Rev. Jason Perkowski Ministers: The People of God

Liturgists: February 1 Mike Shifflet; 8 Ralph Stone; 15 Bob Jolly; 22 Dot Lange

BIRTHDAYS: February 11 Bobbi Ann Stone; 15 Bernie Spoo; 20 Michael Shifflet; 23 Shirley Baker

WEST DISTRICT TOOLS FOR MINISTRY 2026 on February 28, 2026 at Salem UMC: Manheim.

\$10 registration. This is a training opportunity for laity and clergy. Sessions will provide innovative ideas on how to expand ministries beyond the church walls, prepare you for various leadership roles in the church, and offer networking opportunities with other members of the UMC. Light refreshments will be available. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged, but walk-ins will be welcome as space permits. **Workshop list and registration at: <https://www.epaumc.org/news/2026-tools-for-ministry/>**

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 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 killed by ICE Officers and safety and wisdom for the officers; 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, Minnesota, Greenland, Canada, etc.; veterans & military service members; police & medical personnel; the sick & caregivers; peace; abused persons & abusers; incarcerated persons and prison staff; schools; foster families; etc.

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**.

CHILI FUNDRAISER, Sunday February 8th from Noon to 2pm (or sold out). Vegan or Meat Based Chili: \$15 Quarts or \$8 Pints. **TAKE OUT ONLY. No eat in service** so that we may all enjoy eating chili while watching the Superbowl. Pay online at www.FaithUMC.us → Online Giving -- > Chili Fundraiser. Walk-ins are cheerfully welcomed while supplies last. *You do need to select the specific tile for Pints versus Quarts—mind your Ps and Qs.*

LUMINA KIDS' NIGHT MEALS on February 23, March 2 & 9: 1 or 2 individuals are needed to carpool with Marcia to New Creation UMC, 10 W Farnum St., Lancaster at 6:30pm. We will serve the meal at 7:15pm pack up and return home. Food items and drinks are needed to feed 20 children and 5 adults. Please see sign-up sheet to provide food or help serve. Questions contact Marcia Eisenhour (717-799-5048)

NEW MEMBERS: Contact Pastor Jason if you would like more info on becoming a member at OCUMC.

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 March 2.** 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.**

CAR SHOW: We are tentatively planning a Car Show Fundraiser in August at Faith UMC. Charlie Parmer is leading this event. We are meeting on **Thursday, Feb 12 at 6:30PM** in the Fellowship Hall to plan for this. Please join us if you are interested in being a part of the planning team for this "fun"draiser event!

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.*