

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**HOLY WEEK** will include:

- **Maundy Thursday Service on April 2 at 7PM at Oregon Community UMC** in the Sanctuary. This service remembers Jesus' last supper as communion, his prayers for his people, and his commandment to love others.
- **Good Friday Service from Noon-2PM in the Faith UMC Sanctuary.** This will be a quiet, self-guided, contemplative remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.
- **Good Friday Service 7PM in the Faith UMC Sanctuary.** We will have a stripping of the Altar as we remember and retell the truth of Jesus' betrayal, crucifixion and burial.
- **Easter Sunrise Service on April 5 at 6:30AM at Long Memorial UMC's Parsonage**
- **Easter Sunday Services at 9AM at OCUMC & 10:30AM at Faith UMC.**

**GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST AT YMCA OF THE ROSES on April 3 at 7AM** (Farm and Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster). \$25 per person & requires pre-registration. Chris Eden from Otterbein UMC is the guest speaker this year. Go to [www.rosesymca.org](http://www.rosesymca.org) for more info.

**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 with Pastor Jason if you are willing to provide a meal. No Youth Easter Sunday, April 5.**

**OUR GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP** meets **every Monday at 5PM at Faith UMC until April 6.** Contact Pastor Jason for more info and register at: <http://bit.ly/3MeeZax>

**JOIN "EXERCISE IN LOVE"** Tuesdays & Thursdays at 2:15 p.m. in the Library at Long Memorial UMC. Everyone can benefit from this fitness program. Contact Sara Stokes at 717-492-4363 for more info.

**TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY WITH KATHY "Meet Yourself in the Psalms" 6-7:30PM at Faith UMC.** We will read through some of the Psalms to explore how to pray more holistically.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY at 10AM 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 **April 4 at 9AM.**

**CHURCH COUNCIL: Next: May 14 at 6:30PM** and on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays** of ODD numbered months.

**CHURCH CLEANING/WORKDAYS: 2nd Saturdays Next: April 11 from 9-11AM**

**THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM** engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. **Next meeting: April 16 at 5PM (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays).** Contact Renee Norman for info. **Join us by Zoom at:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82735304374?pwd=eDBSZHRCZVphSnh2TENDZ0xrdG0vQT09>.

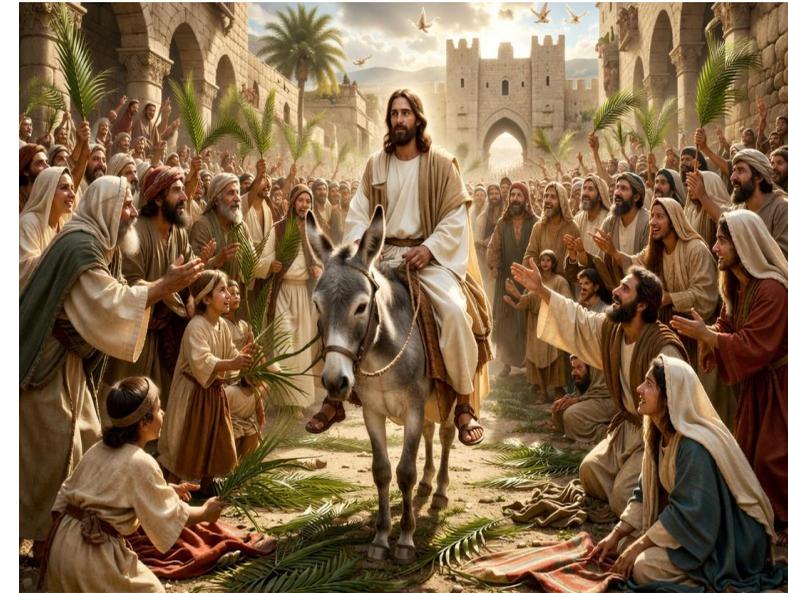
**CRIMINAL JUSTICE & BAIL REFORM TEAM** **Next meeting: April 1 @Noon (every other Wed.)** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOeIVVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>.

**FOOD TRUCKS:** On the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month from 4-7PM we will have a different food truck at OCUMC to sell food. On April 22 we will also have Trivia with prizes and music. Invite friends!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DIRECTOR NEEDED:** We are looking for a volunteer to direct our 5-Day VBS this summer. This is a program that serves our own children and is an outreach to families in the community. You would be responsible for selecting the program, organizing volunteers, and leading the ministry. **See Pastor Jason if interested. If we do not get a volunteer by April 15, we will need to cancel VBS for this summer.**

*Welcome to*

## Oregon Community United Methodist Church



**Address:** 1214 Creek Road, Lititz, PA 17543

**Church Phone:** (717) 656-7198

**Website:** [OregonCommunityUMC.us](http://OregonCommunityUMC.us)

**Facebook:** Oregon Community UMC

**Pastor:** The Rev. Jason Perkowski

[jbperkowski@gmail.com](mailto:jbperkowski@gmail.com) or (717) 333-9238

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 will be on duty Sundays, as well as Monday-Thursday (9AM-2PM) due to a limited schedule to acclimate a new foster child into their home. His Sabbath is Friday until Sunday morning. Call ahead to schedule meetings or to request pastoral care. Leave a detailed message.



# Oregon Community United Methodist Church

March 29, 2026 at 9:00AM – Palm Sunday

**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

Lenten travelers, the journey to the cross begins with a procession into Jerusalem, a demonstration of Jesus' saving power. **We come to praise Jesus, the Messiah, the One who saves!**

The crowds line the path and shout "Hosanna! Save us!" as Jesus rides in, not on a mighty war horse, but on the backs of a donkey & a colt. **We come to call on Jesus, the Messiah, the One who saves!**

The city murmurs, wondering who this person is who demonstrates power through humility, strength without tyranny. **We come to witness Jesus, the Messiah, the One who saves!**

Lenten travelers, will you come on the journey to Jerusalem, following a Messiah who saves us to live after the pattern of the kin-dom of God, not the kingdoms of this world?

**We come to follow Jesus, the Messiah, the One who saves!**

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

### \*HYMN SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*  
**Matthew 21:1-11**  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

**UMH #278**  
**Pastor Jason**

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

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29**  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

**UMH #895**  
**Pastor Jason**

### \*HYMN SCRIPTURE LESSON

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*  
**John 12:1-11**  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

**UMH #280**  
**Pastor Jason**

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

**\*DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Philippians 2:5-11**  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

**Pastor Jason**  
**UMH #95**

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### SERMON

**Palm Sunday: Praise and Plots**

**Pastor Jason**

**\*HYMN** *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*

**UMH #277**

### \*BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

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

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

**Liturgists:** April 5 Mike Shifflet; 12 Ralph Stone; 19 Bob Jolly; 26 Dot Lange

**BIRTHDAYS:** April 14 Jackie Black; 14 Hunter Fritsch; 19 Val Cooper

**ANNIVERSARIES:** April 2 Dot & Al Lange; 15 Mike and Paula

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Shifflet's neighbor Bob as he undergoes treatments; Al Lange healing from Gall Bladder surgery; Jane Hess for ongoing back pain; Dixie & Denny recovering from falls; Nancy's friend with feeding tube; Dean & Val Cooper, health; those who are grieving; anxiety and stress; unity & love; Jackie Black; 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:** Kevin (Joetta's grandson) healing after organ transplants; God's faithful love and grace; those healing from illnesses. **PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD:** Wisdom and redemption for elected leaders; President Trump and VP Vance; those killed by ICE Officers and safety and wisdom for the officers; deportation and immigration policies; those affected by violence and hate; food & housing insecurity; mental health; senior citizens; addictions; the unemployed; Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi; DS Freymoyer & EPAUMC Staff; Laity and Clergy; 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, Iran, etc.; veterans & military service members; police & medical personnel; the sick & caregivers; peace; abused persons & abusers; incarcerated persons and prison staff; schools; foster families; etc.

**CAR SHOW:** We are planning a Car Show Fundraiser on **August 8 at Faith UMC**. Charlie Parmer is leading this event. Our next planning meeting is **Thurs., April 9th at 6:30PM**. Contact Charlie at 717-665-6152 if you are interested in being a part of the planning team for this "fun"draiser event!

**BRIDGE OF HOPE Meeting **MOVED to March 30<sup>th</sup> @ 6PM****. Reach out to Diane Black re: availability.

**BLESSINGS OF HOPE**, in partnership with Financial Planning Ministries (FPM), invites you to a **FREE estate planning seminar**. Learn how to protect your loved ones, plan your legacy, and gain peace of mind. Topics include wills and trusts, living trusts, healthcare directives, guardianship for minor children, avoiding probate, asset protection, and charitable giving. You'll also have the opportunity to create or update your estate planning documents with professional guidance—at no cost. **In-Person: Thursday, April 2, 2026 at 7:00 PM at 1848 Charter Lane, Suite 218, Lancaster, PA.** Online (**Zoom**): **Friday, April 3, 2026 at 10:00 AM**. Registration required via [marketing@blessingsofhope.com](mailto:marketing@blessingsofhope.com)

**DO YOU HAVE JEWELRY THAT YOU NO LONGER WEAR?** Maybe some that is broken? Please give it to the jewelry room that we will have during the May yard sale at Faith. Contact Buni for info.

**LONG MEMORIAL UMC CHOCOLATE EGG FUNDRAISER:** Call to order at 717-569-2931. **ORDERS DUE: March 29<sup>th</sup>. ½ DOZEN (6) chocolate eggs for \$7.00 or a DOZEN (12) chocolate eggs for \$12.00.** Flavors are: MILK CHOCOLATE PEANUT BUTTER; DARK CHOCOLATE PEANUT BUTTER or DARK CHOCOLATE COCONUT. Pick up times: Good Friday (4/3) before or after 7:30PM service; Saturday (4/4) 9:30-11:30AM; Sunday (4/5) 7:30-11:00AM. Pick up at Long Memorial UMC, 2660 Lititz Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601.

**SALEM LUTHERAN'S LITTLE FREE PANTRY:** Place donations in the box at Faith. The pantry accepts canned goods (tuna, chicken, soup, vegetables, fruit), cereal, shelf stable milk, peanut butter, jelly, boxed macaroni & cheese, ramen noodles, rice, spaghetti sauce & pasta. Pantry is at 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.

**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**.