

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**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 to provide a meal.**

**TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY WITH KATHY “Meet Yourself in the Psalms” 6-7:30PM.** This Bible Study reads through the Psalms to explore holistic prayer. Meet in the Parlor at Faith UMC.

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

**PASTOR’S MORNING BIBLE STUDY at 10AM on WEDNESDAYS at Faith UMC.**

**CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM** engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. **Next meeting: May 21 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 29 at Noon (every other Wed.)**. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVlXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>.

**SPAGHETTI DINNER on Sun., April 19. Dine in or Take Out from Noon to 2PM. Take Out Only from 4-6PM.** Walk-ins are welcome while supplies last. You may pay what you want. Donations support the ministries of the church. Meal includes Spaghetti (gluten free & meat free options available), Salad, Bread, and Dessert. If you have any questions or **to place your order you may call 717-560-0321 or email [faithumc@hotmail.com](mailto:faithumc@hotmail.com).** Thank you for your support.

**CARE PACKAGES FOR MILLERSVILLE STUDENTS:** We are continuing our tradition of providing boxes to support college students who are part of The HUB: Millersville University Campus Ministry while they prepare for final exams in May. It has always been very much appreciated. **Please donate Post-it notes, highlighters, crackers, granola bars, microwave popcorn, hot chocolate mix, tea, candy, etc. by April 19. We will wrap the care packages after worship on April 26.** Thank you to Ann Byers for volunteering to lead this ministry in the future.

**COMMUNITY CRAFT / YARD SALE, Sat., May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7AM– 2PM.** There will be dozens of vendors across the church property. Faith UMC will have a variety of items for sale including books, DVDs/CDs, jewelry, toys and other household items. Our Youth Group will sell various items for by donation. **You can reserve a space to sell your items (20’x20’ in the grass for \$20 (no tables provided)).** Pre-registration of spaces is required (payment due May 23) via [FaithUMC.us](http://FaithUMC.us) or 717-696-5321. *Vendors may not sell food or drinks.*

**CAR SHOW:** We are planning a Car Show Fundraiser in August at Faith UMC. Charlie Parmer is leading this event. Contact Charlie at 717-665-6152 to volunteer.

**FOOD TRUCKS:** On the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month from 4-7PM we will have a food truck at Oregon Community. **On April 22 we will Nano Burger Food Truck & Trivia** with prizes and music. **Invite friends! This is a great way for the community to engage with us and to feel welcomed.**

**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 NOT including April 4 at 9AM. Next: May 2.**

**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: **May 9 from 9-11AM**

## 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)

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**Pastor:** The Rev. Jason Perkowski

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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 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

April 19, 2026 at 9:00AM – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

**W**ELCOME: We worship a Risen Savior: Jesus, God’s Son & our Messiah. As a Resurrection People we gather to praise God and we go out to share the Good News. The Father has seated Jesus at His Right Hand to reign with justice & mercy and sent the Holy Spirit to minister to us powerfully. You are welcome 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

Easter people, we gather today as people who spent the week inundated with news reports, social media posts, and reels that inundated us with information, worry, and stress.

**Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we carry the weight of being overwhelmed and anxious, wondering who we can believe.**

We gather as people who long for peace, for God to break through & bring us clarity & hope again.

**Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we don’t always recognize when the Risen One comes alongside us, showing us the way where there seems to be no way.**

We gather as people hoping to catch a glimmer of Resurrection, ready for our hearts to burn with the truth of the resurrected Christ.

**Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we open our hearts to the possibility that God’s Resurrection life is closer than we think.**

Easter people, God knows the burdens we carry, and God is faithful to meet us where we are with good news.

**May the good news of the Resurrection astound us today as we come to worship God! Amen.**

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

\*HYMN *Be Still, My Soul* **UMH #534**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Jeremiah 29:1-14** **Bob Jolly**

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

\* HYMN *Children of the Heavenly Father* **UMH #141**

THE PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER **UMH #895**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Numbers 13:16-20, 23-33; 14:1-9** **Bob Jolly**

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OUR OFFERINGS: OF PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS **Pastor Jason**

\*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* **UMH #95**

\*HYMN *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* **UMH #526**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Deuteronomy 31:1-15** **Bob Jolly**

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

SERMON **Be Courageous and Bold** **Pastor Jason**

\*HYMN *He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought* **UMH #128**

## \*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 10 Odette Brown; 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.

**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.

**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 June 1st.** Contact Carol Kennedy to help. **We are looking for a volunteer or a pair of volunteers to lead this ministry.**

**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.**