

Faith & Oregon Community United Methodist Churches



October 25, 2020 at 10:30AM – 21st Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME FRIENDS: We have come together to worship God and to love one another. While worshiping online, we also are aware that we are not alone—for the Holy Spirit gathers us across space and time. You are welcome in this sacred space no matter who you are; from where you have come; or what experiences, struggles, questions or gifts you bring. We are glad you are here...and hope you find what you need today.

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Jason

Please 'sign in' by liking or commenting on the video or sending an email to JBPerkowski@gmail.com. Let us know who watched the video with you and send in any prayer requests that we can lift up.

A TIME FOR CENTERING & PRAYER

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Pastor Jason & God's People

Eternal God, I can identify hatred by its mean little eyes and its clinched fists.

Make me big enough to love, love, love.

I know injury when I have suffered it. **Help me to be magnanimous as our Lord Jesus was.**

I know about doubt. I have felt it threaten to shake my security to pieces.

Give me the kind of faith that hangs on and hangs in there.

Deliver me from incapacitating despair; wander with me in whatever my particular kind of darkness may be. **And when I am sad, let not my sadness so overwhelm me that I forget the rumble of joy at the heart of the universe.**

I know I ask a lot, O God, when I ask for these gifts of the Spirit.

So I rest back for these moments of prayer on my faith that you are.

I breathe deeply and relax the tense will, the rigid self-control, the taut fixed features of the image I maintain before my fellow human beings.

I just am who I am with you, O God of Life.

Make me an instrument of your peace, so that where there is hatred, I can love,

where there is injury, I can pardon.

In the spirit of him who was the great instrument of your salvation, even Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen. (Kenneth G. Phifer, *A Book of Uncommon Prayer, The Upper Room*, p.48.)

HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

UMH #545

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 90

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Jason

HYMN

What Wondrous Love Is This

UMH #292

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE & THE BLESSING OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH #895

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 22:34-46

Pastor Jason

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HYMN

Jesu, Jesu

UMH #432 v. 1, 2, 4

SERMON

Pressing On: On These Two Commandments

Pastor Jason

HYMN

In Christ There Is No East or West

UMH #548

Faith Worship Team Director: Phil Buchanan;

Faith Instrumentalists: Liz Hornberger, Dolly Bankert Haar & the Faith Singers.

OCUMC Pianist: Jody Wiker & **Cellist, Guitar and Vocals:** Anthony Wiker

Audio / Visual Technology: Bryan Nelson

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

Explore OregonCommunityUMC.US & FaithUMC.US for more info about our churches.

WORSHIP SERVICES ARE BROADCAST at FM 89.9 each Sunday at 10:30AM as well as on Facebook Live through the churches' and Pastors' Facebook pages & church websites.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PASTOR JASON & CAROL OFFICE HOURS: We are working between home and the office.

The best way to reach us directly is by email or cell phone. Pastor Jason: (717) 333-9238 or jbperkowski@gmail.com. Office: (717) 560-0321 or faithumc@hotmail.com

UMC CAMPS are financially struggling due to the cancellation of summer camp, retreats, and other programs due to COVID-19. If you would like to support those camps you can make a donation at: Treasurer's Office, Eastern PA Conference, P.O. Box 820, Valley Forge, PA 19482 with *Camp and Retreat Ministries* in the memo line. Text-to-Give at 610-463-0244 (with *CAMP - Camp Retreat Ministry*) or <https://www.epaumc.org/administration/finance/giving/> or submit to Faith UMC.

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK AND TO PHYSICALLY DISTANCE (AT 6 FEET APART) while you are in our building, even if you are just stopping in for a few minutes to drop something off or pick something up. Let's do our part to keep everyone safe.

SPECIAL NEEDS: If someone has needs the church can support, please contact Pastor Jason. You can also dial 2-1-1 or visit www.211.org to reach the **United Way Call Center** who can direct you to social service organizations. You can also reach the **Crisis Intervention Lifeline: 717-394-2631**

COMMUNION: We will offer a no-contact Communion Service in the Faith UMC parking lot at 1pm every First Sunday. You will need to **bring your own bread and juice** which will be collectively blessed by Pastor Jason during the service. You will also need to stay in your vehicles with windows closed to keep one another safe. **We will broadcast the service on FM 89.9.**

SUPPORT FAITH UMC WHILE YOU SHOP: For eligible purchases at AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the customer's selected charitable organization. This link <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-2403028> will take you directly to smile.amazon.com in support of **Manheim Township Faith United Methodist Church** so you won't have to search for us. It's the easiest way to find and support Faith UMC.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

JUNIOR CHURCH BY ZOOM AT 9:30 AM EACH SUNDAY: Kids up to 4th Grade are invited to join us online with Julie Hassara. We are emailing weekly activity pages *and the Zoom password*. If interested, email faithumc@hotmail.com. **Join Zoom:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86236612038>

YOUTH GROUP AT 5 PM EACH SUNDAY: **Starting tonight youth will have the option to attend in-person at Faith UMC or by the Zoom link. By Zoom:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/421338708> The link & password will be sent by text message. **The third Sunday each month (including November 15) youth will go to Greta Glen Camp** leaving Faith UMC at 1:30pm and returning by 5:00pm. You must wear a mask and dress warmly. All activities will be OUTSIDE and socially distanced. For more info, please contact Pastor Jason (717-333-9238). **RSVP & permission slips required.**

CHATting CLUB: MONDAYS AT 7 PM BY ZOOM. We discuss a new topic each week & make space for various opinions. Join us: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518>.

This Week's Topic: *Chrissy Teigen's openness about her miscarriage and how it can help others.* We will discuss the many emotions connected to miscarriages and ways congregations and families can minister to people who have experienced this loss. **Check out [ChattingAtTheGeneralSutter.US](https://www.facebook.com/ChattingAtTheGeneralSutter.US) for more info.**

EVENING BIBLE STUDY led by Amy Boughter is meeting in-person on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM in the Welcome Center at Faith UMC. **Masks and social distancing are required.** We are currently studying a variety of life application topics. Everyone is welcome: men & women, young & experienced!

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY BY ZOOM AT 10 AM: We discuss the scriptures for the upcoming sermon. Click here to join us: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83172825482>

TO ZOOM BY PHONE: (646) 876 9923 (NY) or (301) 715 8592 (MD) and enter the 11-digit number at the end of the links listed above for the meeting you are trying to join.

ATTENTION SECRET SISTERS: Save the date: Secret Sister Reveal on Dec 5th. More details to follow.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: We are exploring the option of doing prayer quilts. You do not have to sew, you just have to have an interest. If you would like to be part of this ministry, please let Amy Boughter know. You may *TEXT* her at 717-371-2302 or email thamno@live.com. Please include your contact information and name in the message. Please respond by Nov 2nd.

ALL SAINTS DAY: On November 1, we would like to honor all of our loved ones that have passed away since last year. **VETERANS DAY: On November 8** we would like to honor all of our church members and their family who have served in the armed services. **Please email/drop off a photo of your loved ones to the church no later than the Monday before each service.** Include their full name, date of birth/death, and for veterans their military branch and rank. We will display a slideshow honoring them as part of the service. If you sent us photos for service members last year, we have those on file, please just let us know if you want them to be included.

OFFERING TITHES & GIFTS TO THE LORD: If you are able to make an offering to our Ministries or the Debt Reduction Fund, we encourage you to do so. If you are facing economic uncertainties, *please let us know how we can help you.* **BENEVOLENCES:** You may give to the **Faith UMC or OCUMC Benevolence Funds** to be used to help people in our churches and community. You can also give to the **Community Care Ministry** which will be split between the 1) Lancaster City / Columbia Food Banks and Tutoring 2) Anchor Lancaster Breakfast & 3) Long Memorial Friday Night Food Ministry. Please mark *Benevolence* or *Community Care Ministry* in memo. **You can mail a check** to Faith UMC, 1290 Fruitville Pike, Lititz PA 17543 or Oregon Community UMC, 1214 Creek Rd, Lititz, PA 17543 or **donate digitally using the [Online Giving](https://www.givingwithfaithumc.com) link at [FaithUMC.US](https://www.faitumc.us).**

PRAYER REQUESTS:

OUR CONCERNS:

The UMC and the delegates to 2021 General Conference as we seek to find a way to make space for all people to be welcomed in God's kingdom and to address theological differences around human sexuality

President Donald Trump & VP Michael Pence
Presidential and Legislative candidates
All government & military officials and their staff from the US & other nations: wisdom & safety
Veterans and Service Members
Civilians, leaders, and soldiers in war torn regions
Victims of "religious," white supremacist and racist bombings and shootings

For peace & wisdom in areas of conflict
Police officers and their families
Individuals & families harmed in interactions with police
First responders, emergency personnel, and medical staff
For an end to violence—including gun violence, domestic violence, terrorism, and weapons of mass destruction
Victims & families involved in violent crime, sexual abuse and harassment
Abusers and their families
Healing & peace for divisions caused by race, class, gender, sexuality, politics & fears
All affected by natural disasters—including hurricanes
The people of Puerto Rico, Jamaica and other places affected by earthquakes
Refugees & huddled masses yearning to be free
People who are hungry and homeless
Security and immigration reform
Prisoners & Prison Leadership
Schools & Education Reform
Members of AA, NA, & AlAnon
Those struggling with addictions, finances, etc.
Those suffering from depression, suicidal ideation, and other mental health issues

All those caring for sick loved ones
Those grieving the loss of loved ones
Wisdom around natural resources and the environment
Eradication of deadly diseases
Bishop Johnson, the EPAUMC Staff, and District Superintendent BK Chung and appointments
Coleman Memorial Chapel & Rev. Beverly Andrews
Rev. Dorcas, her UMC ministries in Sierra Leone, and her husband Daniel's health
Udobo School in Durban, South Africa
Campus Ministry: Ed Weber & the United Campus Ministry at Millersville; Rev. David Piltz & Rev. Diana Esposito at Drexel & West Chester; Rev. Dr. Mel Sensenig & Rev. Ibrahim Bangura at Albright; & Lebanon Valley
Becky, Angela and Maria Rodriguez – custody
Becky Rodriguez – kidney failure & dialysis
Phil Buchanan – strength & healing in legs/back
Harry & Ella Buchanan – strength & healing
Norm Whiteley (Ella's brother) – health

Charlotte Garfield
Dottie Sheaffer – healing for back
Eileen Williams – healing for muscles
Shelda's granddaughter Bella's health
Bradley McGowan – ALS
Linda Philbin – motor neuropathy & strength
Donna Parmer – ongoing medical conditions
Those with cancer: inc. Brian Rhodes, Cyndi Campbell, Dean Grove, Mark Reitzel, Pat Shenk, Kerry Link, Joe, John Rathvon
Rosemary (Marilyn Jones' sister) – healing
Noah Boughter – wisdom, safety and recovery
Annette McClarigan & family
Carl Jones – strength & healing
Heather Lindsey
Michelle Rathvon Mitterer – healing from strokes
Pastor Jim's Aunt Margaret Willett
Chuck Flory – ALS
Darlene Brown – Abdominal surgery
Lorraine Jones - Arthritis
Margie Urban –Ecoli infection and heart problems
Dave Urban – recovering from a fall
Kathleen Shifflet – rheumatoid arthritis
Joetta Henry
Bob Jolly's parents
Katie & Dustin Oakes in Japan
Clarita – kidney issues
Mary Shenk's sister Eva
All Impacted by COVID-19
Quinn – recovering from COVID-19
Laurel Meck - healing
Parents raising children—esp. new parents and those educating their children at home due to COVID
Justice and true peace regarding racial tensions
Military service members who are deployed
Mike Loechner – heart problems
Adalyn, Eileen Williams's niece—possible virus
Wagaman/Schroeder family after a house fire
Sebastian—recovery
Jason Hurst— grandson of Judy Hurst
Dean and Family—wildfires and other needs
Allen Kennedy – awaiting test results
Sandy Patschke – healing after back surgery
Jackie Black – recovering from stroke
Amy Boughter – ovarian cancer
Sherry Guard

OUR PRAISES:

God's presence through illness and struggle
Brian Rhodes' cancer is responding to chemotherapy
Birth of Charlotte May Kennedy-Lawrence
Don Klos – healing and out of hospice care
Newly commissioned and ordained pastors and deacons
Doug Eckenrod – healing after removal of a tumor
Buni Harbison's father – recovering well from stroke
Amy Boughter – successful surgery to remove tumor