

Faith & Oregon Community United Methodist Churches



November 8, 2020 at 10:30AM – 23rd 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

We enter worship once again this day, choosing to serve you, God, and no other.

With waiting hearts we come to worship.

We enter as witnesses to one another to live out our baptism and grow into the Body of Christ.

With waiting hearts we come to worship

We enter dependent on the Spirit to be with us in our thoughts and feelings.

With waiting hearts we come to worship.

(Seasons of Spirit, Congregational Life, <https://www.seasonsonline.ca/files/1209268590.pdf>)

HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

UMH #139

HONORING OUR VETERANS & CURRENT SERVICE MEMBERS

ANTHEM

America the Beautiful

UMH #696

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

UMH #895

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

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

HYMN

Battle Hymn of the Republic

UMH #717

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 78:1-7

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Jason

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Amos 5:18-24; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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

Pastor Jason

HYMN

I Know Whom I Have Believed

UMH #714

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 25:1-13

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

Pastor Jason

SERMON

The Shout at Midnight

Pastor Jason

HYMN

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

TFWS #2129

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

COMMUNION: We will offer a no-contact Communion Service in the Faith UMC parking lot at 1pm on every First Sunday at 1pm. 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.**

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK AND TO PHYSICALLY DISTANCE (AT 6 FEET APART) while you are in our building, even if just stopping in for a minute. Let's 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**

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.

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: 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 Gretna Glen Camp** leaving Faith UMC at 1:30pm and returning by 5:00pm. You must wear a mask, dress warmly to be outside, and stay socially distanced. For more info, please contact Pastor Jason (717-333-9238). **RSVP & permission slips (available online) required for events off the church property.**

CHATting CLUB: MONDAYS AT 7 PM BY ZOOM. We discuss a new topic each week in an open, honest conversational forum. Join us: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518>. **This Week's Topic:** *Pope's Call for Civil Unions for Same-Sex Couples Garners Varied Reactions*. The pope's remarks give us an opportunity to consider the matter of power that churches and individual Christians hold to include or exclude others. Join us as we consider our role in engaging others in relationship to God and the church. **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 invited: men & women, young & experienced!

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY BY ZOOM AT 10 AM: We discuss the scriptures from the Common Lectionary. 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 COMMITTEE LEADERS: please return your Charge Conference forms to the Faith UMC office ASAP.

CARE PACKAGES FOR MILLERSVILLE STUDENTS: Please donate highlighters, sticky notes, pens, pencils, cookies, candy, snack crackers, granola bars, popcorn, hot chocolate mix, etc. **TODAY.**

POINSETTIAS: We would like to decorate the sanctuary with poinsettias to share in the Christmas spirit whether we meet in-person or online. If you would like to purchase a red 5 + bloom poinsettia for \$7.00 to help decorate, **please let us know by November 15th.** You may pay for your poinsettia by mailing a check with "poinsettia" in the memo or online through our website.

OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT FAMILIES IN THE MANHEIM TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Students are in need of your support this year! In an effort to provide assistance during the holidays, while also mitigating the challenges surrounding Covid-19, in lieu of gifts they are seeking gift card donations. Ways to help: donate gift cards \$20 - \$40 gift cards to Amazon, Walmart, or Target; donate wrapping paper, tape, individually wrapped snack items; donate an item to be used in their raffle event. Donations may be dropped off at the District Office, 450 Candlewyck Rd, Lancaster, Monday – Friday, 8am – 3pm prior to Nov 30th **or drop off at Faith UMC by Friday, November 20th and we will get your donations to the District Office.**

OFFERING TITHES & GIFTS TO THE LORD: You can direct gifts to the churches in four areas: **General Ministry, Debt Reduction/Building Fund, the Benevolence Funds** or the **Community Care Ministry** (which is sent to three local food ministries). Mark your preference clearly in the 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 through the churches' websites.**

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, Amy Boughter
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
Family of Pastor Jim's Aunt Margaret Willett who passed away
Chuck Flory – ALS
Darlene Brown – Abdominal surgery
Lorraine Jones - Arthritis
Kathleen Shifflet – rheumatoid arthritis
Joetta Henry
Bob Jolly's parents
Katie & Dustin Oakes in Japan
Clarita – kidney issues
Family of Mary Shenk's sister-in-law who passed away
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
Sandy Patschke – healing after back surgery
Sherry Guard
Buni Harbison's father – ongoing need for healing
Margie Urban –Ecoli infection and heart problems and is back in the hospital
The election and peaceful responses to results
Philadelphia and other cities responding to racial unrest

OUR PRAISES:

God's presence through illness and struggle
Brian Rhodes' cancer is responding to chemotherapy
Amy Boughter – successful surgery to remove tumor
Don Klos – ongoing healing and strengthening
Doug Eckenrod – healing after removal of a tumor
Jackie Black – recovering back home after stroke
Gratitude for our Veterans