

Faith & Oregon Community United Methodist Churches



November 29, 2020 at 10:30AM – 1st Sunday of Advent

WELCOME FRIENDS: In Advent we prepare ourselves for Christmas, gathering to worship Jesus the Christ who came as a child to remind us of how to love God and one another. We are aware of the mystery of the Holy Spirit who gathers us across space and time. You are welcome in this sacred space of seeking the Christ, no matter what your current or past relationship with God has been. This is a holy season to experience God anew. We are glad you are here...and hope you find what you need.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jason & God's People

Holy God, we come to this place today anticipating that You will come too!

Tear open the veil, reveal Yourself to us.

We come to this place feeling all the things:

Hope and worry; courage and fear; faith and doubt; love and betrayal.

God, we invite You to come not only into this place, but to embrace and indwell our very souls.

Come and live in me. Come and heal me. Come and love me. Come make me whole.

We remember our neighbors and that you love them, too.

Come and live among us to make us a true beloved community.

Come and heal the sick, release the oppressed, bring forgiveness to the sinner.

Come and help us to love our neighbors as if they were You so we can become whole.

(The Rev. Jason Perkowski, November 27, 2020)

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE

Jim and Buni Harbison

READING FROM ISAIAH 60:1-5a

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope.

(Light the first candle)

May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us the way of salvation.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!

(BOW #262)

HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

UMH #211 v. 1, 2, 3, 6

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Buni Harbison

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Jason

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 64:1-9

Buni Harbison

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

HYMN

Have Thine Own Way, Lord!

UMH #382

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

UMH #895

HYMN

I Know Whom I Have Believed

UMH #714

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 13:24-37

Buni Harbison

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

SERMON

Come Holy One

Pastor Jason

HYMN

When We All Get to Heaven

UMH #701

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 Pastor's 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 programs due to COVID-19. If you would like to support those camps, donate 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/>

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: You can attend in person or by Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/421338708>. The link with the password will be sent by text message. **NO meeting November 29. The 3rd Sunday each month (including Dec 20th) youth will go to Gretna Glen Camp** leaving Faith UMC at 1:30pm & 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).

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: *No Normal Thanksgiving this Year, but Maybe in 2021.*** We will chat about our dreams for 2021, and offer thanks for the good we can find in 2020. **Check out [ChattingAtTheGeneralSutter.US](https://www.chattingatthesutter.us) for more info.**

THE WOMEN OF FAITH WILL MEET on Wednesday, Dec 2nd in the sanctuary at 11:30 AM. **RSVP by Nov 29th.** Thank you! Please wear a mask (except when you are eating), sit 6 feet apart, and bring your own lunch or you may join us via Zoom by using this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86590729629>

BIBLE STUDY led by Amy Boughter on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM in the Welcome Center at Faith UMC. Masks and social distancing are required. We are studying a variety of life application topics. All are 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 Charge Conference forms to the Faith UMC or OCUMC office ASAP. Please make every effort to attend our **Faith UMC Church Council meeting in-person in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, Dec 2 at 6:30 PM** to approve all forms necessary for Charge Conference. For OCUMC, if there are any outstanding forms or questions, please contact Pastor Jason. Charge Conference for both churches is via Zoom at 10 AM on Tuesday, Dec 8.

SECRET SISTER REVEAL SATURDAY, DEC 5th FROM 10 AM TO NOON. DO NOT BRING FOOD. Amy and Judy will prepare a light repast. Please RSVP by Tuesday, Dec 1st so we know how much food to prepare. **Text Amy and Judy your name and if you are attending.** Bring a final gift for your secret sister or please drop it off at Faith by Saturday, Dec 5th before 10am. You may leave it in Secret Sister basket or black and yellow tub on the porch. You must wear a mask and stay distanced during this event.

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.**

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SALE: Boxes of 10 beautiful hand-made Christmas Cards to support the ministries of Oregon Community. Suggested donation: \$15 per box. Contact Pastor Jason at 717-333-9238

TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS DRIVE FOR CHRIST HOME FOR KIDS & BLACKFEET UMC PARISH: If you are interested in helping you can send a donation marked for them to Oregon Community UMC, 1214 Creek Rd., Lititz PA or if you are interested in making a donation to the **UDOBO SCHOOL** you may send that to Faith UMC 1290 Fruitville Pike, Lititz, PA 17543 or donate online at our website.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

OUR CONCERNS:

The UMC and delegates to 2021 General Conference as we seek God's will regarding human sexuality & our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ
President Donald Trump & VP Michael Pence
President Elect Joe Biden and VP Elect Kamala Harris
The election and peaceful transitions
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 violence
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, & 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
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 & 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—including COVID-19
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 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: 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
Chuck Flory – ALS
Darlene Brown – Abdominal surgery
John – Cardiac Issues
Laurie – Recovery from Surgery
Lorraine Jones - Arthritis
Kathleen Shifflet – rheumatoid arthritis
Bob Jolly's parents
Katie & Dustin Oakes in Japan
Clarita – kidney issues
Mary Shenk's sister Eva
All Impacted by COVID-19 -- including Quinn, Leon Bame's mother, Laurel Meck, Lorraine Smith, Harry (son-in-law of Smith's), & Ruthie
Parents & Healthy Marriages
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 surgery
Jackie Black – continued healing
Family & friends of Richard Lawrence who passed away
Don Klos – ongoing healing and strengthening
Bill Burrey – Seizures
James Sollenberger – born prematurely
Erek Perkowski and his son Shaughn - custody

OUR PRAISES:

God's presence through illness and struggle
Birth of James Frederick Sollenberger
COVID-19 Vaccines and Treatments
Connecting with family and friends for the holidays