

# Faith & Oregon Community United Methodist Churches



December 6, 2020 at 10:30AM – 2nd Sunday of Advent

**W**ELCOME 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](mailto: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

Listen! The voice of God calls out across the ages.

**We hear and respond. We rise up to worship God from the valleys, the mountains, and the plains.**

Like a shepherd God leads us and tenderly gathers us together.

**Comfort, comfort O my people says our God of love.**

The grass withers and the flower fades; **But the word of our God will stand forever!**

(<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/11/opening-liturgy-isaiah-40-1-11.html>)

## LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Bob & Christie Jolly

### READING FROM MARK 1:1-8

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ the Way.

(*Light the first and second candle*)

May the Word sent from God through the prophets lead us to the way of salvation.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!

(BOW #262)

## HYMN

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

UMH #211 v. 1 & 4

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 40:1-11

Bob & Christie Jolly

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

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Jason

## HYMN

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

UMH #117

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13

Bob & Christie Jolly

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

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

UMH #895

## HYMN

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

UMH #381

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Pastor Jason

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

## SERMON

*Abide in Anticipation of the Advent*

Pastor Jason

## HYMN

*This Is a Day of New Beginnings*

UMH #383 v. 1, 2, 3, & 5

**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](http://OregonCommunityUMC.US) & [FaithUMC.US](http://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](mailto:jbperkowski@gmail.com). Office: (717) 560-0321 or [faithumc@hotmail.com](mailto:faithumc@hotmail.com)

**COMMUNION:** We will offer a no-contact Communion Service in the Faith UMC parking lot at **1pm TODAY and 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](http://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:

**CHARGE CONFERENCE VIA ZOOM ON TUESDAY, DEC 8 AT 10 AM:**

**Oregon Community UMC & Faith UMC will hold a joint Charge Conference.**

<https://epaumc.zoom.us/j/95871988379?pwd=ZVpaUmd1M25UdHNadzkybTlJN05NQOT09>

Meeting ID: 958 7198 8379 Passcode: 635305

**JUNIOR CHURCH BY ZOOM AT 9:30 AM EACH SUNDAY:** Kids up to 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday each month (including Dec 20<sup>th</sup>) 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:** *New Twists on Advent Calendars and Wreaths*. We will explore advent traditions, and how they help us understand Jesus' first and second comings. **Check out [ChattingAtTheGeneralSutter.US](https://www.chattingatthegeneralsutter.us) for more info.**

**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.

**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 DONATIONS:** We are collecting donations to support three ministries this Christmas: **FOR CHRIST HOME FOR KIDS & BLACKFEET UMC PARISH:** You can send a donation marked accordingly to Oregon Community UMC, 1214 Creek Rd., Lititz PA. For the **UDOBO SCHOOL in Durban South Africa** you may send that to Faith UMC 1290 Fruitville Pike, Lititz, PA 17543 or donate online at our website. Each Christmas our churches have support these ministries and their work helping people in need. Thank you in advance for your generosity. **Thank you** to all who also support the students of Manheim Township School District in their gift card drive for Christmas. *Checks should be made out to the church and we will forward one check to the organization.*

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED:** We are looking for a few folks to serve on various teams and committees of the church. First, if you have a passion that you would like to pursue, please contact Pastor Jason and he can help you find a way to foster that new ministry or to find a place to plug into existing ones. We could also use some additional folks to serve on or lead Staff Parish Relations Committee, Finance Team, Trustees, Missions & Community Outreach, Nominations and Lay Leadership, and Shepherding/Nurturing Committees. If any of these positions are something that interest you, please let Pastor Jason know. If you are currently serving on a committee and need to be removed because life circumstances have changed, please let us know that as well.

## 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, 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

Don Klos – ongoing healing and strengthening

Bill Burrey – Seizures

James Sollenberger – born prematurely

Erek Perkowski and his son Shaun - 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