

Faith & Oregon Community United Methodist Churches



December 13, 2020 at 10:30AM –3rd 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

John & Priscilla Rice & God's People

Mary, the mother of Jesus said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant."

Surely, from now on all generations will call her blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for her and for all of us by sending his Son Jesus as our Messiah. Holy is his name.

"His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Thanks be to God for the Gift of his Son, Jesus the Christ! (Based on Luke 1:46-55)

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

John & Priscilla Rice

READING FROM ISAIAH 35:10

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Joy. (Light the 1st-3rd candles)
May the joyful promise of your presence, O God, make us rejoice in our hope of salvation.
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!
(BOW #263)

HYMN

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

UMH #204

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 1:6-8, 19-28

Drew Hassara

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

HYMN

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

UMH #218

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Jason

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Drew Hassara

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

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER
BLESSING OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS/LAP BLANKETS

UMH #895

HYMN

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

UMH #196

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Drew Hassara

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

SERMON

The Joy of Sharing the Lord's Favor

Pastor Jason

HYMN

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

UMH #57 v. 1-4, & 7

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

Faith Worship Team Director: Phil Buchanan;

Faith Instrumentalists: Liz Hornberger & Dolly Bankert Haar

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. Contact us directly by email or phone. Pastor Jason: (717) 333-9238 or jperkowski@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. In January, we will likely broadcast from inside the welcome center—so please park on that end of the building. 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 struggling due to COVID. Donations can be made to: Treasurer's Office, Eastern PA Conference, P.O. Box 820, Valley Forge, PA 19482 with *Camp & Retreats* in the memo, or <https://www.epaumc.org/administration/finance/giving/> or by texting CAMP to 610-463-0244

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:

A PLANNING MEETING FOR NEW LANCASTER CITY MINISTRY will be held on Thurs, Dec. 17 at 6:30 PM. We will discuss ways to serve unhoused folks by providing a warm meal, blankets, toiletries or other necessities. There are lots of ways you can help **Everyone is invited to meet via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83428651318?pwd=QzBNaTIQSGRWbkJoWUcyNXJadTZRU09>**

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. **The 3rd Sunday of 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: Two-Shot Vaccines Pose Challenges for Inoculating America** -- Coronavirus vaccines are now on their way to the public, but will require two shots, which creates difficulties for inoculating the population. Since a vaccine will not be a quick fix, the challenges of persistence, delayed gratification and living a disciplined life will be the topics of this session. **Check out [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! ***NO MEETING THIS WEEK, DECEMBER 16.***

MONTHLY MEN'S GROUP WILL MEET ONLINE VIA ZOOM at 11:30 AM on Thursday, November 17th <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86772223613>

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>

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. *Checks should be made out to the church and we will forward one check to the organization.*

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED: 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 additional folks to serve on or lead Staff Parish Relations Committee, Finance Team, Trustees, Missions & Community Outreach, Nominations & Lay Leadership, and Shepherding/Nurturing Committees. If these positions interest you, please contact us. If you are currently serving on a committee and need to be removed, 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 after a fall & 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, Glen (friend of Harbisons) & Amy Boughter
Rosemary (Marilyn Jones' sister) – healing
Noah Boughter – wisdom, safety and recovery
Annette McClarigan & family
Carl Jones – strength & healing and health of siblings
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
Neighbors of Shifflets
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, the Meck family, Harry (son-in-law of Smith's), Ruthie, Carol & Tom (sister & brother-in-law of Kennedys), Jack, Beth Perkowski
Parents & Healthy Marriages
Mike Loechner – heart problems
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 recovery from heart surgery
Jackie Black – continued healing
Don Klos – ongoing healing and strengthening
Don Campbell - strength & healing
Erek Perkowski and his son Shaughn - custody

OUR PRAISES:

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