

Faith & Oregon Community United Methodist Churches



January 3, 2021 at 10:30AM – 2nd Sunday after Christmas

WELCOME FRIENDS: We gather together to worship God: The Father, The Son, & the Holy Spirit. We celebrate that The Holy Spirit came upon the Virgin Mary, the Word of God became flesh within her, & some 2020 years ago she brought the only begotten Son, Jesus, into the world. You are welcome in this space to celebrate this miracle no matter who you are; from where you have come; what experiences, struggles or gifts you bring; or the questions, doubts & beliefs you carry. Together, we seek to honor & understand the gift of the Christ Child! We are so glad you are here!

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

HYMN

Morning Has Broken

UMH #145

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jason & God's People

To the Father who has given us every spiritual blessing in Christ.

We give praise and glory.

To the Son through whom we have redemption, forgiveness, and the riches of God's grace.

We give praise and glory.

To the Spirit that seals us in His promise, the guarantee of our inheritance until we possess it.

We give praise and glory. Amen.

(<https://cardiphonia.org/2010/04/18/call-to-worship-ephesians-1/>)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 147:12-20

Terry Kofroth

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

HYMN

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

UMH #229

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Jason

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Terry Kofroth

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

HYMN

Angels from the Realms of Glory

UMH #220 1, 3 & 4

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 1:3-14

Terry Kofroth

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

HYMN

The First Noel

UMH #245 v. 1, 3, 4 & 5

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE
& THE WESLEYAN COVENANT PRAYER

UMH #607

HYMN

We Three Kings

UMH #254

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 2:1-23

Pastor Jason

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

SERMON

Epiphany: Believe in the Mystery

Pastor Jason

HYMN

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

UMH #240

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:

COMMUNION: We will offer a no-contact Communion Service in the Faith UMC parking lot at 1pm on every First Sunday at 1pm. January 3, 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.**

JR CHURCH AT 9:30 AM EACH SUNDAY: Kids up to 4th Grade may join us *via Zoom* with Julie Hassara. We are emailing activity pages *and the password*. If interested, email faithumc@hotmail.com.

YOUTH GROUP AT 5 PM EACH SUNDAY: You can attend in person or by Zoom. The link & password are sent by text message. On 3rd Sundays (*inc. Jan 17*) youth go to Gretna Glen Camp leaving Faith UMC at 1:30PM & back by 5PM. Wear a mask and dress warmly. **NO MEETING TONIGHT. Let Pastor Jason know if you are interested in attending the Virtual Youth Rally on Jan 8 & 9.**

BIBLE STUDY led by Amy Boughter on Wednesdays at 6 PM in the Welcome Center at Faith. Masks & distancing are required. All are invited!

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY BY ZOOM AT 10 AM: We discuss the scriptures from the [Common Lectionary](http://CommonLectionary). Join us: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83172825482>.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CHATting CLUB: MONDAYS AT 7 PM BY ZOOM for an open fun conversation. Join us: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518>. **This Week's Topic:** Match.com used humor to deal with the angst of 2020, personifying the year and Satan having met on their App and begun dating. Others have coped by searching out Bible verses about fear and pain. Join us as we discuss ways to deal with difficult seasons. **Check out [ChattingAtTheGeneralSutter.US](https://www.general-sutter.us) for more info.**

THE WOMEN OF FAITH will meet on Wednesday, January 6 in the sanctuary at 11:30 AM or by Zoom. **RSVP by Dec 4th. Thank you!** Please wear a mask (except when you are eating), sit 6 feet apart, and bring your own lunch. The Zoom experience should be better than last month since we are meeting in the sanctuary. **You may join us via Zoom by using this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86590729629>**

FREE VIRTUAL YOUTH RALLY: JANUARY 8 (8-10PM) & 9 (3-5pm). You don't want to miss this fun and meaningful conference wide event filled with games, music, stories, Q&A, scripture & prayer! Bishop Peggy Johnson will share her thoughts on persevering by faith! For more info, visit: <https://www.epaumc.org/news-information/2020/12/eastern-pa-to-sponsor-youth-rally-in-january/>. Contact Pastor Jason if you are interested in attending or sign-up on line.

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.** *Please submit pledge cards and budget requests now. 2021 offering envelopes are available.*

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PEOPLE CURRENTLY USING ELECTRONIC GIVING FOR RECURRING PAYMENTS: Please update your account for 2021.

DOWNTOWN FOOD MINISTRY: We are developing a new ministry of providing food as well as blankets, scarves, gloves, etc. for people who are homeless. We are doing this on the Saturday afternoons before our Sunday Communion Services. If you'd like to help on February 6th please contact Diana Valentine at 717-435-8577. We need people to help cook, prepare donations, deliver food, pray, etc.

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.**

PASTOR JASON & CAROL OFFICE HOURS: We are sometimes telecommuting. Contact us directly. **Pastor Jason:** (717)333-9238 / jbperkowsk@gmail.com. **Office:** (717)560-0321 / faithumc@hotmail.com

Pastor Jason would like to THANK EVERYONE for the cards, notes, gifts, etc. that so many of you gave to our family for Pastor Appreciation Month and Christmas. Your generosity and love mean so much to us!! It is an honor to be the pastor of two amazing churches who do so much to serve God & neighbors!

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), Duane Lehman, & 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
All Impacted by COVID-19 – incl. Quinn, Leon Bame's mother, Laurel Meck, Harry (Smith's son-in-law), Ruthie, Deanna
Parents & Healthy Marriages
Mike Loechner – heart problems
Wagaman/Schroeder family after a house fire
Sebastian—recovery
Jason Hurst— grandson of Judy Hurst
Sandy Patschke – healing after back surgery
Sherry Guard
Buni Harbison's father – ongoing need for healing
Margie Urban's infection & heart surgery recovery
Jackie Black – continued healing
Don Klos – ongoing healing and strengthening
Erek Perkowski and his son Shaughn – custody
Ray – recovering from Strokes
Family & friends of Tom Bryner who passed away
Family & friends of Elwyn Jones who passed away
Smith's nephew Mark with leukemia
Terry Kofroth – healing after car accident
Janet – nodules in lungs
Wendy Schroeder— healing after a fall
Don Campbell – healing & testing
Linda Eckman – healing & testing
Family of Laura S. who passed away
Mary Shenk's bro-in-law Ted in hospice care

OUR PRAISES:

God's presence through illness and struggle
COVID-19 Vaccines and Treatments