



February 21, 2021 at 10:30AM – 1st Sunday in Lent

WELCOME FRIENDS: We gather together to worship God: The Father, The Son, & The Holy Spirit. You are welcome in this space no matter who you are; from where you have come; or what experiences, struggles, questions or talents you bring. We are so glad you are here and hope that you find what you came seeking!

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

Come! Let's worship God, who makes and keeps covenant.

Come! See the sign of God's promise in rainbow and rhythm.

Come! Let's worship Almighty God! **Hallelujah!**

(Valerie Bridgeman Davis, *The Africana Worship Book for Year B*, Discipleship Resources, 56)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 25:1-10

Buni Harbison

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

HYMN

Take My Life, and Let It Be

UMH #399

TITHES AND OFFERINGS OF PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS

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

UMH #895

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 9:8-17

Buni Harbison

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

HYMN

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

UMH #121

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Jason

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Peter 3:18-22

Buni Harbison

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

HYMN

Ah, Holy Jesus

UMH #289 v. 1-3

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 1:9-15

Buni Harbison

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

SERMON

*Rend Your Hearts: Claiming the Promise
Signs and Covenants*

Pastor Jason

HYMN

Come, Thou Almighty King

UMH #61

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

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

Faith Worship Team Director: Phil Buchanan **Faith Instrumentalists:** Liz Hornberger & Dolly Bankert

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:

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.

NEW: FELLOWSHIP TIME BY ZOOM EACH SUNDAY, 11:45 AM - 12:15 PM after worship <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88148879997?pwd=ZnBzeDRPMmpBTIBUblVwaGRWZko4dz09>

COMMUNION: We will offer a no-contact Communion Service in the Faith UMC parking lot **at 1pm on every First Sunday at 1pm, including March 6.** We will broadcast from inside in the Welcome Center—so please park on that end of the building. **Bring your own bread and juice.** We will also need to stay in vehicles with windows closed to keep one another safe. **We will broadcast the service on FM 89.9.**

YOUTH GROUP, SUNDAYS, 5-7 PM (in person or by Zoom w/link sent by text message). **On 3rd Sundays (February 21 & March 21) youth go to Gretna Glen,** leaving Faith UMC at 1:30PM & back by 5PM. Wear a mask & dress warmly. RSVP & permission slips required. **RSVP by Sunday, Mar 14 regarding Gretna Glen!**

BIBLE STUDY led by Amy Boughter on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM in Faith UMC Welcome Center. Masks & distancing are required.

BIBLE STUDY led by Mike Shifflet on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM at Oregon Community UMC. Masks & distancing are required.

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

EMBRACE HOSTS A ZOOM MEETING ONLINE WITH MARK FELDMEIR AUTHOR OF A HOUSE DIVIDED ON FEB. 23 at 7:00 pm. He is the pastor of St. Andrew UMC, Highlands Ranch, Colorado. The book explores 8 of the most divisive issues of our day, including homosexuality. Drawing on his experience pastoring a large, politically-diverse congregation, Rev. Feldmeir offers a biblically-grounded approach to engaging and responding to today's most divisive political issues. He encourages us to practice a politics of compassion. See the Faith-a-Gram for details & a video. Email jashearer120@gmail.com to register.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TOOLS FOR MINISTRY: Sat., March 13, 2021 from 8:30 am to 12:30pm via Zoom. Cost: \$5. All church members should consider attending to grow in your discipleship and ministry skills. [Click here for the full brochure with workshop descriptions.](#) or [register online now!](#) Tech help available via Faith UMC.

CHATTING CLUB: MONDAYS AT 7 PM BY ZOOM at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518>.

This Week's Topic: *Public Health Care and Sanitation Workers, Inspired to Not Waste Valuable Resources.* Join in our discussion as we look at the topic of preventing the waste of precious resources, including human lives. We will discuss the difference between wisely preserving and hoarding resources from trash collectors saving books from the trash, to making instruments found in the trash.

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.**

DOWNTOWN FOOD MINISTRY: We are now providing meals, blankets, scarves, gloves, toiletries, etc. for people who are homeless on the Saturday afternoon before our Sunday Communion Services. If you'd like to help on **March 6th at 2pm** contact Diana Valentine at 717-435-8577. We need people to help cook, prepare donations, deliver food, pray, etc. **UPDATED WISH LIST FOR OUR DOWNTOWN MINISTRY:** Fabric for masks, feminine hygiene products (small packs of panty liners or larger packs of individually wrapped panty liners, disposal bags, hygiene wipes), white athletic socks, large bags of individually wrapped cough drops, individually packaged tooth brushes, travel sized tooth paste, and 2-ounce hand sanitizers. **Use this link for our AMAZON WISH LIST:** https://smile.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/5zDLQnj?ref_=wl_share
If you shop on AmazonSmile and select Manheim Township Faith United Methodist Church as your charitable organization, they'll get a percentage of your purchase with no additional cost to you.

SERVANT SATURDAY: On the Saturday before Communion Sunday (March 6), we are asking everyone to make an effort to show God's love to the world around you. We would like everyone to find a way to give of their time, talents and treasures locally or across the world. There is a flyer on the church website that has some suggestions, but we hope you can use your imaginations to find ways to give. Involve everyone in your family to find ways to share the love and giving of Jesus Christ.

IMPACT! MISSIONS is an interdenominational Christian Housing Ministry. They align homeowners in need of a warm, safe, and dry home with groups and individuals who are willing to serve to make that happen. Their programs are built around Jesus's teachings by building and strengthening our relationship with Him through service. Use your skills to help Impact! Missions restore houses for those in need. **Leon Bame volunteers 2 Saturdays a month and would love to have some people from Faith UMC join him. For more information, please contact Leon at 717-344-9924 or leonshel37@gmail.com.**

PRAYER SHAWLS AVAILABLE: During these trying times you may know someone who would appreciate the comfort of a prayer shawl or quilt. Please call the office to make arrangements to pick some up. *If you would like to donate yarn for this ministry, you may leave it in the green container on the bench by the front door.*

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**

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

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 Joe Biden and VP Kamala Harris
Peace & safety during 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, & AIAnon
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
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 – muscles & healing from a fall & COVID
Shelda's granddaughter Bella's health
Bradley McGowan – ALS
Linda Philbin – motor neuropathy & strength
Donna Parmer – ongoing medical conditions

Those with cancer: 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
Marilyn Jones – healing & joint pain
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) McDuffie – rheumatoid arthritis
Healthy pregnancy for Mark and Christi Shifflet
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, Harry (Smith's son-in-law), Ruthie, Deanna Brivchik, Ken, Buni's extended family, Michelle Bame's extended family, Dennis Meck Sr.'s mom, Millers, Marcia Eisenhower's Dad
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
Smith's nephew Mark with leukemia
Janet – nodules in lungs
Wendy Schroeder— healing after a fall
Steven Valente – healing of heels after a fall
Don Campbell – healing of foot after a fall
Linda Eckman – healing & testing
Families of those who passed away: Laura S.; Ted Shenk (Mary's bro-in-law); Ben Nordmark (Allison Bricker's father); Deanna Brivchik's sister; & Brian Rhodes
Mike & Brenda Hardwig – healing
Priscilla Rice – treatment after breast cancer biopsy
Glenn Slater

OUR PRAISES:

Laurel Meck healing after long-term COVID-19 symptoms
Recent healing for so many from COVID-19