

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM stands up against injustice. **Next meeting: Sept. 18 at 5PM (3rd Thurs)** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82735304374?pwd=eDBSZHRCZVphSnh2TENDZ0xrdG0vQT09>.
The Criminal Justice & Bail Reform Team meets at Noon every other Wed. (*Next meeting: Sept 17*) <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>.

OREGON COMMUNITY UMC COMMUNITY DAY on Sat., Sept 13 from 10AM-2PM (1214 Creek Road, Lititz, PA by the Oregon Dairy). We will be selling Pete's Chicken BBQ, hotdogs, and baked goods. There will be a free bounce house, yard games, face painting and live music from Noon-2PM (with Mike and Tara from Long Memorial UMC). This is a fun free event for the whole family!!

HELPERS ARE NEEDED FRIDAY, Sept 12 from 6-7PM to set up for the Community Day as well as on Saturday. Let Christie or Pastor Jason know if you are available. We could use members to bring yard games (cornhole, washers, horse shoes, etc), to make baked goods, to help set up shade tents, etc. We will also need help on Saturday with selling / bagging the Chicken BBQ from Pete's BBQ, etc.

EPAUMC ADJOURNED SESSION OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE on Sat., Sept 20 from 9:45AM-12:30PM in Philly. Information and Registration is found at: <https://www.epaumc.org/sas2025/>. All Lay Delegates, Equalizing Lay Delegates and Clergy are expected to attend as we pass resolutions on our Annual Budget, Clergy Leave Policies, etc.

CHURCH AND SOCIETY COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ON HOMELESSNESS on Sun., Sept. 21 from Noon-1:30PM at Faith UMC. Join us as we have a time of learning around "Homelessness and Housing Insecurity in Lancaster County" with Duncan Hopkins and then spend time in discussion about how we can be a part of the solution. A light meal will be provided. Please use sign-up sheet in the hallway to RSVP so we can plan for the food & seating.

ANNUAL FAITH UMC OUTDOOR YARD SALE is on Saturday, September 27 from 8AM to 1PM (RAIN or SHINE). We have **Yard Sale spaces for rent that are 20'x 20' in the grass for \$20.** Pre-registration to rent a space is required, with payment due the day of the event. On-line space registration through *Events* page at www.FaithUMC.us or contact 717-696-5321. **Donation of gently used items (no clothing)** can be brought to the purple Sunday School room at Faith across from the Youth room to be sold by the youth to support their upcoming events. **Donation of books and puzzles** can be dropped off in the 2nd Sunday school room. **THANK YOU** for supporting our fundraisers at Faith UMC!

TRIVIA NIGHT COMPETITION at OCUMC on Friday, October 24 from 6-8PM. Come out and bring a team with you to compete at answering trivia questions created by Pastor Jason. The team that earns the most points after 4 rounds will earn a prize. Everyone is welcome. **FREE TO PLAY**, but we will have hotdogs, pizza and drinks to sell for dinner/snacks. A sign-up sheet for teams will be available as we get closer. Challenge your friends, family and coworkers to come and compete with you or against you!

TRUNK OR TREAT at Faith UMC on Sat., Oct 25. Start to plan to decorate your vehicles, look for deals on candy, and / or be ready to sign up to help Lisa Baker with various games, activities and food for this fun community event for the children.

HOLIDAY CRAFT BAZAAR at OCUMC on Saturday, November 15 from 8AM – 1PM. Please mark this on your calendar. Vendors can rent a table to sell craft items in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up for a table if you are interested—and invite your friends and colleagues to do so—by calling Joetta at 717-371-0112.

Welcome to Oregon Community United Methodist Church



Address: 1214 Creek Road, Lititz, PA 17543
Church Phone: (717) 656-7198
Website: OregonCommunityUMC.us
Facebook: Oregon Community UMC

Pastor: The Rev. Jason Perkowski
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Mission of Oregon Community United Methodist Church:
**"Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation
of our community and the world."**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP in Sanctuary at 9:00 AM at Oregon Community UMC
BROADCAST ONLINE at 10:30 AM from Faith UMC on Facebook
& church websites under *Online Worship*.**

OFFICE HOURS: Pastor Jason is generally available Mon-Thurs from about 10-5pm—but has various meetings throughout the week. Call to make an appointment. He spends time with family from Friday at Noon through Saturday. If there is an emergency, please leave a detailed message.



Oregon Community United Methodist Church

August 31, 2025 at 9:00 AM – 12th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME: We come together to worship the Creator God who spoke all things into existence, whose Spirit fills us and invites us into righteous and loving relationship, and who came among us in human flesh as Jesus the Rabbi and Savior. You are welcome to engage with us and our loving God in this sacred space no matter who you are; from where you have come; what experiences, struggles or gifts you bring; or the questions, doubts & beliefs you carry. We are so glad you are here!

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS **Pastor Jason**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** **Pastor Jason & God’s People**

Wherever you go, from the top of the highest mountain or into the deep abysses of the earth, God knows you. **Wherever we go, God knows our name.**
Whatever you do, from the time you wake up until you lay your head down again, God knows you. **Whatever we do, God knows our name.**
However you live, from your inner thoughts to your public acts and everything in between, God knows you. **However we live, God knows our name.**
We gather to worship God, who loves us, knows us, and calls us by name.
We gather to worship God, for we are fearfully & wonderfully made by God who knows our name!

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, March, 2025

***HYMN** *Have Thine Own Way, Lord* **UMH #382**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Jeremiah 18:1-11** **Pastor Jason**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

***HYMN** *In Christ There Is No East or West* **UMH#548**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18** **Pastor Jason**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

THE PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE **Pastor Jason**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Philemon 1-21** **Pastor Jason**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

***HYMN** *Take My Life, and Let It Be* **UMH #399**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Luke 14:25-33** **Pastor Jason**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

SERMON *God Knows My Name* **Pastor Jason**

COMMUNION: CONFESSION, PARDON & PASSING THE PEACE **UMH #12-13**
All are invited to the Lord’s Table to receive God’s forgiveness and grace through Communion

OUR OFFERINGS OF PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS
***DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* **UMH #95**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING & THE LORD’S PRAYER **UMH #13-14 & #895**

***HYMN** *Let Us Break Bread Together* **UMH #618**
RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP **UMH #15**

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH **Pastor Jason**
***HYMN** *Children of the Heavenly Father* **UMH#141**

** You are invited to stand in body or in Spirit*

Guest Pianist: Jessica Maldonado *(Thank you for filling in today!)*
Pianist: Jody Wiker **Pastor:** The Rev. Jason Perkowski **Ministers:** The People of God
Liturgists: September 7 Pastor Jason; 14 Dot Lange; 21 Mike Shifflet; 28 Ralph Stone

BIRTHDAYS: September 1 Joan Byrne; 19 Sharon Wilson

PRAYER REQUESTS: Dean & Val Cooper for health; Destiny for healing of brain tumor and heart; Kole for brain tumor; those caring for elderly parents; Jackie Black at Paramount Senior Living; Shifflet’s neighbor Bob; Leah, healing after car accident and surgery; Katie at CHOP; Nat (friend of Wikers), cancer; Joanne (Jackie’s sister), scleroderma; Bobbi Ann Stone, healing; Vince Habel, heart & kidney problems; Shirley Baker and Cheryl Cooper for healing; Denny Armstrong, kidney failure; & all battling cancer and disease. **PRAISES:** God’s faithful love and grace; those healing from illnesses; & a break in the weather. **PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD:** For those killed and injured in school can college shootings; for peace even when we disagree; those affected by deportation; the unemployed & furloughed; Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi; DS Freymoyer & EPAUMC Staff; Laity and Clergy; unity & love in the church; Refugees & immigrants; stability of our government and wisdom for elected leaders in US and worldwide; President Trump and VP Vance; people suffering from environmental disasters; struggles between the GMC and the UMC; school shootings and threats; NarSarah Clinic in Sierra Leone; Udobo School in Durban, South Africa; Christ Home for Children; Blackfeet UMC Parish; the people of Israel, Palestine, the Middle East, Ukraine & Russia; veterans & military service members; police & medical personnel; the sick & caregivers; victims of violence & racism; peace; wisdom & reconciliation; abused persons & abusers; the hungry & homeless; incarcerated; design of new prison and its programs; all struggling with addictions or mental illness; schools; campus ministries; foster families; seniors; those grieving; etc.

IN NEED OF HELP? Contact Pastor Jason, dial 2-1-1 or visit www.211.org to reach the United Way Call Center for social services. The Crisis Intervention Lifeline is (717) 394-2631 or *dial 9-8-8.*

CHURCH COUNCIL: 3rd Thursdays of ODD numbered months (inc. Sept. 18) at 6:30PM

CHURCH CLEANING/WORKDAYS: 2nd Saturdays (except Sept. 13) Next: **October 11** from 9-11AM

OREGON COMMUNITY UMC ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL at 8 AM

YOUTH GROUP ON SUNDAYS, 5-7PM for 5th-12th graders. Each week there is dinner, games & a lesson. **Please contact Pastor Jason if you are willing to help provide one of the meals.**

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Jason at 10AM in the Faith UMC Adult Classroom

THREADS OF FAITH: If you like to knit, sew, crochet or quilt **join us at Faith UMC from 10am - Noon the first Saturday of each month** for a time of fellowship and crafting. Join us **October 4.**

SALEM’S LITTLE FREE PANTRY is in need of Spaghetti Sauce and Pasta. You can donate this in the box in the hallway at Faith. Anyone in need – at any hour of the day or night – can come and get groceries. The pantry is located on the porch at Salem Lutheran, 26 Owl Hill Rd, Lititz.