

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED AND SUPPORTED THE COMMUNITY DAY at OCUMC!! We appreciate your time and energy and pray that you and all of our guests had a wonderful experience!!

EPAUMC ADJOURNED SESSION OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE on Saturday, 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. **If you want to drive down in a van as a group, please let Pastor Jason know ASAP.**

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.

FAITH UMC COMMUNITY YARD SALE on Sat., Sept. 27th from 8AM.-1PM *RAIN or SHINE*. Spaces for rent are 20’x20’ in the grass for \$20. Pre-registration of spaces is required, with payment due the day of the event. **Register for a space online at FaithUMC.us or contact 717-696-5321.** Gently used items (no clothing) can be donated in the Purple Sunday School 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.

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

Welcome to **Oregon Community United Methodist Church**



Address: 1214 Creek Road, Lititz, PA 17543
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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

September 14, 2025 at 9:00 AM – 14th 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

God is our hope and our refuge. We come searching for safety in a world that often calls foolishness wisdom and wisdom foolishness. **God is our hope and our refuge.**
We come longing for rest in a world that bombards us with all the ways people work against the abundant life and flourishing of their neighbors. **God is our hope and our refuge.**
Come, children of God, to find refuge and hope in God who delivers and restores us.
May God teach us & guide us to find refuge & be refuge with & for our neighbors today & every day.

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

***HYMN** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing UMH #400

SCRIPTURE LESSON Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 Dot Lange
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

***HYMN** Amazing Grace UMH #378 v. 1-3, & 6

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalms 14 Dot Lange
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

THE PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER UMH #895

***HYMN** Grace Greater than Our Sin UMH #365

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Dot Lange
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

OUR OFFERINGS: OF PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS Pastor Jason

***DOXOLOGY** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH #95

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 15:1-10 Dot Lange
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

SERMON Our Hope Is in the Lord Pastor Jason

***HYMN** And Can It Be that I Should Gain UMH #363

***BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH** Pastor Jason

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

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: Community Members who have lost loved ones—including stillborn babies; Dean & Val Cooper for health; 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:** Those who lost loved ones on September 11, 2001; families of Evergreen HS after school shooting; family and friends of Charlie Kirk; all those affected by violence and hate; those killed and injured in school and 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.*

REGULAR EVENTS:

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.](#)

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>.

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.**