

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**OREGON COMMUNITY UMC ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL at 8 AM in the Fellowship Hall.**

**NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS for anyone looking to join Faith or Oregon Community UMC will be on Sunday, Dec. 7 from Noon-4pm at Faith.** We will have one class and then take in new members on Sunday, Dec. 14. There will be light refreshments available. Contact Pastor Jason to register to participate.

**YOUTH GROUP ON SUNDAYS, 5-7PM at Faith UMC** for 5th-12th graders. Each week there is dinner, games & a lesson. **Please contact Pastor Jason if you are willing to provide a meal. YOUTH WILL GO TO GRETNA GLEN on Sun., Jan. 18, meeting at Faith UMC at 3:30PM and return by 7PM.**

**OUR GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP** has started again **every Monday at 5PM at Faith UMC** for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one and could use support and tools for dealing with all of the emotions and struggles that come from grief. **The next 3 sessions will be on “Surviving the Holidays” despite grief.** Contact Pastor Jason for more info and go here to register: <http://bit.ly/3MeeZax>

**EVENING BIBLE STUDY WITH KATHY “Meet Yourself in the Psalms” 6PM-7:30PM on Tuesdays at Faith UMC.** We will read through Psalms and explore how to pray more holistically.

**PASTOR’S MORNING BIBLE STUDY at 10AM on Wednesdays at Faith UMC.**

**THREADS OF FAITH** is for those who like to knit, sew, crochet or quilt. Join us from **10am - Noon at Faith UMC the first Saturday** of each month inc. **Come January 3 at 9AM.**

**CHURCH CLEANING/WORKDAYS: 2nd Saturdays Next: Dec. 13 from 9-11AM**

**CHURCH COUNCIL: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of ODD numbered months Next: Stay tuned for new date**

**THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM** stands up against injustice. **Next meeting: Dec. 18 at 5PM (3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs)** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82735304374?pwd=eDBSZHRCZVphSnh2TENDZ0xrdG0vQT09>.

**The Criminal Justice & Bail Reform Team** meets at Noon every other Wed. **Next meeting: Dec. 10.** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVXQwUk5LR2VFOT09>.

**SECRET SISTER** forms are **due by December 7** for next year. This will be a joint program with the women of Oregon Community and Faith UMC. Any woman who would like to be a part of encouraging, praying for, and providing small gifts for other women in the church are invited to participate.

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA & COOKIE EXTRAVAGANZA is on Sat., Dec. 13 from 8-10:30AM at Faith UMC.** Invite your friends and neighbors to join us for this event. You can enjoy the **pancake and sausage breakfast** (pay what you want), shop for **Christmas cookies**, kids can shop for presents for their family via the **Elf Shelf & get a photo with Santa**, and hear the **Christmas Story at 9AM and 10AM.**

**SALEM’S LITTLE FREE PANTRY:** You can donate at Faith UMC. Anyone in need can come anytime to get groceries from this outdoor pantry located on the porch at Salem Lutheran, 26 Owl Hill Rd, Lititz.

**LONG MEMORIAL FREE GROCERIES** for those in need every week through their **Friday Night Food Ministry at 6pm.** You can drive up and receive groceries to help support you through the week.

**GRAB ‘N GO COMMUNITY MEAL** for those in need at Zion Lutheran Church in East Petersburg every Monday. Faith UMC provides sixty meals quarterly. **Our next date is Jan. 12.** Contact Carol to help.

**IN NEED OF HELP?** Contact Pastor Jason, dial **2-1-1** or visit [www.211.org](http://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.**

## Welcome to Oregon Community United Methodist Church



**Address:** 1214 Creek Road, Lititz, PA 17543

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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 through Sunday morning. *If there is an emergency, please leave a detailed message.*



# Oregon Community United Methodist Church

December 7, 2025 at 9:00 AM – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

**W**ELCOME: In this season of Advent we look heavenward for the second coming when Jesus will restore and revive all of creation and we will see God in full glory! May the Holy Spirit transform us in this time of expectation and fill each of us with joy as we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus and his return. 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**

## ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Advent reminds us that we are people who share a story, the story of Jesus, who enacts peace by judging in favor of the poor and deciding with equity for the meek of the earth. We long for the day when “the wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them” (Isaiah 11:6).

**Today, we choose to live the story of peace, believing that true peace comes when we seek the flourishing of all God’s creation.**

We light this candle of peace as a sign of our commitment to bring Light to the places the world seeks to hide until that day when all creation lives together in harmony and abundance.

*Light the first and second candles of the Advent Wreath*

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

Beloved, we gather to remember who we are, not who the world tells us to be.

**We tell the story together of the day that all the earth awaits.**

We recall the story of God’s people, how God has called us to live in peace and righteousness in a world full of conflict and twisted morality.

**We tell the story together of the day that all the earth awaits.**

We recount the story of our journey with God, the moments of God’s provision, God’s prodding, and God’s prophetic guidance.

**We tell the story together of the day that all the earth awaits.**

We gather to repent and return anew to God’s story that guides our lives to work for peace and flourishing for all God’s creation.

**We gather to tell the story of the day that all the earth awaits. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, May 2025*

**\*HYMN** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* **UMH #211 v. 1-4**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** **Isaiah 11:1-10** **Mike Shifflet**  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

**\*HYMN** *Open My Eyes, That I May See* **UMH #454**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** **Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19** **Mike Shifflet**  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

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

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** **Romans 15:4-13** **Mike Shifflet**  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

**\*HYMN** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* **UMH #213**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** **Matthew 3:1-12** **Mike Shifflet**  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

**SERMON** *Signs and Stories* **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 #15-16 & #895**

**RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP** **UMH #16**  
**\*HYMN** *Fill My Cup Lord* **UMH #641**

**BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH** **Pastor Jason**  
**\*HYMN** *I Sing Praises to Your Name* **TFWS #2037**

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

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**Pianist:** Jody Wiker **Pastor:** The Rev. Jason Perkowski **Ministers:** The People of God  
**Liturgists:** December 7 Mike Shifflet; 14 Ralph Stone; 21 Bob Jolly; 28 Dot Lange  
**Advent Candles:** December 7 Mike Shifflet; 14 Dot & Joetta; 21 *Volunteer Needed*

**BIRTHDAYS:** December 7 Paula Shifflet; 19 Sharon Garner; 27 Annabelle Fritsch; 30 Ralph Stone

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Denny Mateer healing from surgery; Dean & Val Cooper, health; those who are grieving; Mary Ann Unangst for healing and strength; anxiety and stress; unity & love; Jackie Black; Shifflet’s neighbor Bob; Katie at CHOP; Nat (friend of Wikers), cancer; Joanne (Jackie’s sister), scleroderma; Bobbi Ann Stone, healing; Vince Habel, heart & kidney; Shirley Baker & Cheryl Cooper, healing; Denny Armstrong, kidney failure; & all battling cancer and disease. **PRAISES:** God’s faithful love and grace; those healing from illnesses. **PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD:** All those affected by violence and hate; food & housing insecurity; mental health; senior citizens; addictions; those affected by deportation and immigration policies; the unemployed; Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi; DS Freymoyer & EPAUMC Staff; Laity and Clergy; unity & love in the church; wisdom for elected leaders in US and worldwide; President Trump and VP Vance; people suffering from environmental disasters; NarSarah Clinic in Sierra Leone; Udobo School in Durban, South Africa; Christ Home for Children; Blackfeet UM Parish; the people of Israel, Palestine, the Middle East, Ukraine & Russia; veterans & military service members; police & medical personnel; the sick & caregivers; peace; abused persons & abusers; incarcerated persons and prison staff; schools; foster families; etc.

**I Sing Praises (TFWS #2037 / Text & Music: Terry MacAlmon / CCLI Song #17061)**

I sing praises to Your name, O Lord, Praises to Your name, O Lord,  
For Your name is great and greatly to be praised. (2x)  
I give glory to Your name, O Lord, Glory to Your name, O Lord,  
For Your name is great and greatly to be praised. (2x)