

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

LENTEN SEASON: Lent began with the Ash Wednesday Service. This began a 40-day season (plus Sunday Celebrations) in preparation for Easter as we remember Jesus' 40 days of prayer and fasting in the wilderness. **Holy Week** will include a **Maundy Thursday Service on April 2 at 7PM at Oregon Community UMC**, two **Good Friday Services at Noon and 7PM**, an **Easter Sunrise Service on April 5 at 6:30AM at Long Memorial UMC's Parsonage (this is a change)**, two **Easter Sunday Services at 9AM at OCUMC and 10:30AM at Faith UMC.**

GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST AT YMCA OF THE ROSES on April 3 at 7AM (Farm and Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster). \$25 per person & requires pre-registration. Chris Eden from Otterbein UMC is the guest speaker this year. Go to www.rosesymca.org for more info.

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORMS are in the hallway. To beautify the sanctuary and have bulbs to plant in your own yard after Easter, return the order form and payment to Joetta.

YOUTH GROUP ON SUNDAYS, 5-7PM for 5th-12th graders. Each week there is dinner, games & a lesson. All students are invited. **Please sign up with Pastor Jason if you are willing to provide a meal.** **We will go to Gretna Glen on Sun., March 15th meeting at Faith UMC at 3:30PM and return by 7PM.**

OUR GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP meets **every Monday at 5PM** for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one and could use support and tools for dealing with all of the associated emotions & struggles. Contact Pastor Jason for more info and go here to register: <http://bit.ly/3MeeZax>

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 including **April 4 at 9AM.**

CHURCH COUNCIL: Next: March 12 at 6:30PM and on the **2nd Thursdays** of ODD numbered months.

CHURCH CLEANING/WORKDAYS: 2nd Saturdays Next: March 14 from 9-11AM

THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. **Next meeting: March 19 at 5PM (3rd Thursdays).** Contact Renee Norman for info. **Join us by Zoom at:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82735304374?pwd=eDBSZHRCZVphSnh2TENDZ0xrdG0vQT09>.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE & BAIL REFORM TEAM **Next meeting: March 18 @Noon (every other Wed.)** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVXQwUk5LR2VfQT09>.

SALEM LUTHERAN'S LITTLE FREE PANTRY: Place donations in the box at Faith. The pantry accepts canned goods (tuna, chicken, soup, vegetables, fruit), cereal, shelf stable milk, peanut butter, jelly, boxed macaroni & cheese, ramen noodles, rice, spaghetti sauce & pasta. Pantry is at 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 the meals quarterly. **Our next meal will be June 1.** Contact Carol Kennedy to help. **We are looking for a volunteer or a pair of volunteers to take the lead on this ministry.**

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 will be on duty Sundays, as well as Monday-Thursday (9AM-2PM) due to a limited schedule to acclimate a new foster child into their home. His Sabbath is Friday until Sunday morning. Call ahead to schedule meetings or to request pastoral care. Leave a detailed message.

Oregon Community United Methodist Church

March 8, 2026 at 9:00AM – 3rd Sunday in Lent

WELCOME: We gather together to worship God: The Father, The Son, & the Holy Spirit. 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

Come, let us worship God! Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Come, let us worship our Shepherd! We are the sheep of God's pasture, and we follow where God leads us.

Come, let us open our hearts! We receive God's love poured into our hearts through the Spirit.

Come, let us worship God, the rock of our salvation! Let us worship God, whose mercy guides and sustains us on the path of new life! Amen.

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

*HYMN

God Will Take Care of You

UMH #130

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

UMH #895

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

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

*HYMN

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

UMH #127

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 7:7-12

Ralph Stone

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

SERMON

Receiving Goodness from God and Giving Good to Others

Pastor Jason

*HYMN

Children of the Heavenly Father

UMH #141

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: March 1 Mike Shifflet; 8 Ralph Stone; 15 Bob Jolly; 22 Dot Lange

BIRTHDAYS: March 10 Sandy Baird; 20 Kathy Fisher; 21 Shannon Weaver

PRAYER REQUESTS: Dixie & Denny recovering from falls; Nancy's friend with feeding tube; Dean & Val Cooper, health; those who are grieving; 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; & all battling cancer and disease. **PRAISES:** Kevin (Joetta's grandson) healing after organ transplants; God's faithful love and grace; those healing from illnesses. **PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD:** Those killed by ICE Officers and safety and wisdom for the officers; deportation and immigration policies; those affected by violence and hate; food & housing insecurity; mental health; senior citizens; addictions; the unemployed; Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi; DS Freymoyer & EPAUMC Staff; Laity and Clergy; wisdom for elected leaders; 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, Nigeria, Venezuela, Syria, Somalia, Yemen, Minnesota, Greenland, Canada, Iran, etc.; veterans & military service members; police & medical personnel; the sick & caregivers; peace; abused persons & abusers; incarcerated persons and prison staff; schools; foster families; 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*.

LUMINA KIDS' NIGHT MEALS: Volunteers needed on March 9. You can carpool to **New Creation UMC, 10 W Farnum St., Lancaster** or meet there by 6:45PM to serve the meal. Volunteer and coordinate drop off of food items with Marcia at 717-799-5048.

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY is on **Saturday, March 21 from 8-10:30AM**. There will be Egg Hunts at 8:30, 9:30 & 10:30AM. There will be a telling of the Easter Story at 9:15AM & 10:15AM.

CAR SHOW: We are planning a Car Show Fundraiser on **August 8 at Faith UMC**. Charlie Parmer is leading this event. Our next planning meeting is **Thurs., April 9th at 6:30PM**. Contact Charlie at 717-665-6152 if you are interested in being a part of the planning team for this "fun"draiser event!

BRIDGE OF HOPE: There will be a check-in meeting for the team at **6PM on March 16 at Faith UMC**. Please pencil this in—and reach out to Diane Black to confirm your availability.

BLESSINGS OF HOPE, in partnership with Financial Planning Ministries (FPM), invites you to a **FREE estate planning seminar**. Learn how to protect your loved ones, plan your legacy, and gain peace of mind. Topics include wills and trusts, living trusts, healthcare directives, guardianship for minor children, avoiding probate, asset protection, and charitable giving. You'll also have the opportunity to create or update your estate planning documents with professional guidance—at no cost. **In-Person: Thursday, April 2, 2026 at 7:00 PM at 1848 Charter Lane, Suite 218, Lancaster, PA.** Online (Zoom): **Friday, April 3, 2026 at 10:00 AM**. Registration required via marketing@blessingsofhope.com