

## 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](http://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 15<sup>th</sup> 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>

**TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY WITH KATHY "Meet Yourself in the Psalms" 6-7:30PM.** This is a Bible Study reading through some of the Psalms to explore how to pray more holistically. Meet in Youth Classroom.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY at 10AM 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: May 14 at 6:30PM** and on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays** of ODD numbered months.

**CHURCH CLEANING/WORKDAYS: 2nd Saturdays Next: April 11 from 9-11AM**

**THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM** engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. **Next meeting: March 19 at 5PM (3<sup>rd</sup> 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=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQ09>.**

**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](http://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 15, 2026 at 9:00AM – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

**W**ELCOME: 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

Beloved, the journey of grace takes us to still waters, the valley of the shadow of death, even to tables surrounded by our enemies. **We gather to worship God, our Shepherd, who guides us on the journey.**

The journey of grace points us toward the Light so that we may bear the fruit of the Light in all that we do.

**We gather to be formed by grace so that our lives may bear the fruit of all that is good and right & true.**

The journey of grace calls us to pay attention, to discern what is pleasing to God. **We gather to listen to the Spirit, who empowers us to go from this place to work together to do what is pleasing to God.**

Come, let us worship God who provides, inspires, and empowers us on the journey of grace.

**Come, let us worship God as we journey in grace together! Amen.**

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

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

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

\*HYMN *Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior* **UMH #351**

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

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

\*HYMN *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* **UMH #133**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Matthew 7: 12-29** **Bob Jolly**

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

SERMON *The Narrow Gate* **Pastor Jason**

\*HYMN *O Jesus, I Have Promised* **UMH #396**

**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:** Al Lange healing from Gall Bladder surgery; Dot's family on the loss of her brother; 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](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.*

**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](mailto:marketing@blessingsofhope.com)

**FRIDAY AT FIVE FELLOWSHIP TIME: ALL WELCOME!** Friday at 5PM on March 27<sup>th</sup> there will be a light meal and fellowship at Faith UMC. Bring a game or your craft project and come out and enjoy a meal that you don't have to cook! If you don't have a game, just bring an appetite! *Secret Sisters are encouraged to attend.* This is a great way to spend some time getting to know your Sister. We will meet in the Faith UMC Fellowship Hall. **Drop in anytime from 5-7PM.**