

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

### OUR CONCERNS:

The UMC and delegates to the 2021/2022 General Conference as we seek God's will regarding human sexuality & our mission to make disciples of Jesus  
President Joe Biden and VP Kamala Harris  
Wisdom & safety for all government officials and their staff- from the US & other nations  
Veterans and Service Members  
Civilians, leaders, and soldiers in war torn regions  
Victims of "religious," white supremacist and racist violence  
For peace & wisdom in areas of conflict  
Police officers and their families  
Individuals & families harmed in interactions with police  
First responders, emergency personnel, and medical staff  
For an end to violence—including gun violence, domestic violence, terrorism, & weapons of mass destruction  
Victims & families involved in violent crime, sexual abuse and harassment  
Abusers and their families  
Healing & peace for divisions caused by race, class, gender, sexuality, politics & fears  
All affected by natural disasters  
Refugees & huddled masses yearning to be free  
People who are hungry and homeless  
Security and immigration reform  
Prisoners & Prison Leadership  
Schools & Education Reform  
Members of AA, NA, & AIAAnon  
Those struggling with addictions, finances, etc.  
Those suffering from depression & mental health issues  
All those caring for sick loved ones  
Those grieving the loss of loved ones  
Wisdom around natural resources and the environment  
Eradication of deadly diseases—including COVID-19  
Bishop Johnson, the EPAUMC Staff, and DS BK Chung  
Coleman Memorial Chapel & Rev. Beverly Andrews  
Rev. Dorcas, her UMC ministries in Sierra Leone, and her husband Daniel's health  
Udobo School in Durban, South Africa  
Campus Ministry: Ed Weber at Millersville; Rev. David Piltz & Rev. Diana Esposito at Drexel & West Chester; Rev. Dr. Mel Sensenig & Rev. Ibrahim Bangura at Albright; & Lebanon Valley  
Becky, Angela and Maria Rodriguez – custody  
Becky Rodriguez – kidney failure & dialysis  
Phil Buchanan – strength & healing in legs/back  
Norm Whiteley (Ella's brother) – health  
Charlotte Garfield  
Dottie Sheaffer – healing for back  
Eileen Williams – muscles, healing, & search for new home  
Shelda's granddaughter Bella's health  
Bradley McGowan – ALS  
Linda Philbin – motor neuropathy  
Donna Parmer – ongoing medical conditions  
Noah Boughter – wisdom, safety and recovery  
Annette McClarigan & family

Those with cancer: Cyndi Campbell, Dean Grove, Mark Reitzel, Pat Shenk, Kerry Link, Joe, John Rathvon, Glen (friend of Harbisons), Duane Lehman, Bob (Valente family), Priscilla Rice, Allan Dutton (wife Jane is a Deacon at Grandview), Smith's nephew Mark with leukemia  
Janet – nodules in lungs  
Carl Jones – strength & healing and health of siblings  
Frank (Marilyn Jones's brother) – had back surgery  
Rosemary (Marilyn Jones' sister) – healing  
Heather Lindsey  
Michelle Rathvon Mitterer – healing from strokes  
Chuck Flory – ALS  
Darlene Brown – Abdominal surgery  
John – Cardiac Issues  
Laurie – Recovery from surgery  
Lorraine Jones - arthritis  
Kathleen (Shifflet) McDuffie—rheumatoid arthritis & hip pain  
Healthy pregnancy for Christi and Mark Shifflet  
Mike Shifflet's mom—physical therapy  
Neighbors of Shifflets  
Bob Jolly's parents  
Katie & Dustin Oakes in Japan  
Clarita – kidney issues  
All Impacted by COVID-19 – incl. Quinn, Leon Bame's mother, Ruthie, Deanna Brivchik, Ken, Dennis Meck Sr.'s mom, Marcia Eisenhower's Dad  
Family of Allen Bentley (friends of Garners) on his passing from COVID-19  
Sebastian—recovery  
Jason Hurst—grandson of Judy Hurst  
Sandy Patschke – healing after back surgery  
Sherry Guard  
Alan Price – Buni's father recovering from a fall  
Jenkins Family (Buni's granddaughter)—fire in a neighboring unit in their row home  
Jackie Black – continued healing  
Don Klos – ongoing healing and strengthening  
Erek Perkowski and his son Shaughn – custody  
Ray – recovering from Strokes  
Mike & Brenda Hardwig – healing  
Glenn Slater  
Grandview UMC as they disaffiliate from UMC  
Margie & Terry Urban's granddaughter Analise  
Annette McClarigan – heart and shoulder problems  
The Pond family  
Lisa & Patrick McGovern  
Brenda and Dave Loechner—health  
Mike Loechner—housing  
Don Campbell – healing after surgery  
Pat Dietz – healing from a fall  
Diana Valentine – healing from a fall  
**OUR PRAISES:**  
Church beginning to reopen for worship in person  
God's presence through illness and struggle  
Healings from COVID-19 & vaccinations  
Birth of Faye Hassara



*Welcome*

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# Faith & Oregon Community United Methodist Churches



April 11, 2021 at 10:30AM – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

**W**ELCOME FRIENDS: We have come together to worship God and to love one another. Today we remember the resurrection of Jesus, our Messiah—remembering that he chose to come and live among us, was willing to even die on the cross for us, and then rose from the dead to redeem our souls. While some of us are worshipping online and some in person, we are aware that the Holy Spirit has gathered us together across space and time. You are welcome in this sacred space no matter who you are; from where you have come; or what experiences, struggles, questions or gifts you bring. We are glad you are here and hope you find what you need in today's service. May God bless you!

## GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Jason

Please 'sign in' by liking or commenting on the video or sending an email to [JBPerkowski@gmail.com](mailto:JBPerkowski@gmail.com). Let us know who watched the video with you and **send in any prayer requests that we can lift up**. If attending in person, please register in advance through the links on the church website: [FaithUMC.US](http://FaithUMC.US) or [OregonCommunityUMC.US](http://OregonCommunityUMC.US)

## A TIME FOR CENTERING & PRAYER

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jason & God's People

Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed!**

Almighty God, you give us the joy of celebrating our Lord's resurrection.

**Give us also the joys of life in your service,**

And bring us at last to the full joy of life eternal; **through Jesus Christ our Lord! Amen!**

(adapted from *The Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978; rpt. in UMH #321)

### \*HYMN

*He Lives*

UMH#310

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

**John 20:19-31**

Becky Mowrey

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

## TITHES AND OFFERINGS OF PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS

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

UMH #895

### \*HYMN

*Easter People, Raise Your Voices*

UMH#304

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

**1 John 1:1-2:2**

Becky Mowrey

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

### \*HYMN

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

UMH #327

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Jason

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Acts 4:32-35**

Becky Mowrey

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

## SERMON

*Unless I See*

Pastor Jason

## BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

### \*HYMN

*I Love to Tell the Story*

UMH #156 v. 1, 3, 4

*\* Please stand if you are able*

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**OCUMC Pianist:** Jody Wiker & **Cellist, Guitar and Vocals:** Anthony Wiker

**Faith Worship Team Director:** Phil Buchanan

**Audio / Visual Technology:** Bryan Nelson

**Pastor:** The Rev. Jason Perkowski

**Ministers:** The People of God

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES ON THE NORTH LAWN OF THE CHURCH**, weather permitting. **PRE-REGISTRATIONS are preferred for all persons planning to attend in person.** *Links are available on our websites.* Walk-ins are welcome and must register upon arrival. There will be circles painted on the lawn that each family may sit in—with 8 feet between circles. You must wear masks the entire service. Please bring your own lawn chairs (or blankets) and dress for the weather. **In case of rain, services will be ONLINE only.**

**WORSHIP SERVICES WILL CONTINUE TO BE BROADCAST**

**at FM 89.9 each Sunday at 10:30AM as well as**

**on Facebook Live through the churches' and Pastor's Facebook pages & church websites.**

**JR CHURCH AT 9:30 AM EACH SUNDAY:** Kids up to 4<sup>th</sup> Grade may join us *via Zoom* with Julie Hassara. We are emailing activity pages *and the password*. If interested, email [faithumc@hotmail.com](mailto:faithumc@hotmail.com).

**YOUTH GROUP, SUNDAYS, 5-7 PM** (in person or by Zoom). **On 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays youth go to Gretna Glen.** April 18, families will need to drive their children to the camp by 2pm and then pick them back up at camp by 4:30pm. Wear a mask & dress for the weather. Contact Pastor Jason (717-333-9238) to RSVP ASAP so that we can make arrangements for chaperones since Pastor Jason can not attend this month.

**CHATting CLUB: MONDAYS AT 7 PM BY ZOOM** at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518>.

**This Week's Topic:** *Massive Ship, Stuck in Suez Canal for a Week, Finally Freed; Canal Reopened.*

World news reported daily about a massive container ship stuck sideways in the Suez Canal, blocking all other ships. It was finally freed but will likely have consequences for global shipping and the economy.

Nonetheless, people made the event humorous commentary on life's existential problems. We are using the stuck ship as an opportunity to reflect on the difficulties of life and offer the encouragement of our faith.

For more info: [www.Chattingatthegeneralsutter.us](http://www.Chattingatthegeneralsutter.us)

**BIBLE STUDY** led by Amy Boughter on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM in Faith UMC Welcome Center.

**BIBLE STUDY** led by Mike Shifflet on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM at Oregon Community UMC.

*Masks & distancing are required.*

**FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY BY ZOOM AT 10 AM:** We discuss the scriptures from the **Common Lectionary**. Join us: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83172825482>.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**FAITH UMC CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING on Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.** Meet in-person in the Faith UMC Fellowship Hall. We will wear masks and spread out to the edges of the room.

**ANNUAL AND DISTRICT CONFERENCE UPDATE:** Members to Annual Conference must again vote in advance to suspend the Rules of Order so that we can hold Annual Conference as an online session. They will do so on **Sunday, April 18, at a 3 PM online Special Session. We will also hold an online District Conferences at 4 PM that day.** All of it will be conducted again on Zoom (including Zoom polls for voting), and you are asked to register in advance so that you can get the links. Members of Annual Conference must also register to attend the Eastern PA Annual Conference which will take place online from May 20-22, 2021. *All former Equalizing Delegates will continue to serve until after the next General Conference. Your attendance is expected. Everyone is invited to watch the streaming of these sessions via EPAUMC.org*

**Registration for District Conference:** <https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=615219&>  
**Registration for Annual Conference:** <https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/newreg.php?eventid=610768&>

**FAITH & JUSTICE ASSEMBLY AROUND FAIR FUNDING FOR EDUCATION IN PA: Sunday, April 18 4-5:30 PM by Zoom.** This is sponsored by POWER Interfaith Lancaster County. Pastor Jason will be helping to lead this rally. This will be a good way to come and learn about education funding and the needs of our most impoverished school districts—along with a very specific plan of how to fix the system. To get the link, register in advance at: [tinyurl.com/Enough4ALLPA](https://tinyurl.com/Enough4ALLPA)

**CARE PACKAGES FOR MILLERSVILLE STUDENTS:** Thank you for your generous donations. More shoe boxes would be helpful. We are meeting at 10am on Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> to prepare the care packages. Please notify the office if you would like to help.

### **Volunteers needed:**

- *Take the Easter items up to the attic and bring shoeboxes down*
- *Deliver care packages to The Hub on the Millersville University Campus*

**INTERESTED IN SOME OUTDOOR FUN AND A WAY TO SERVE GOD?** The annual spring Work Day at Gretna Glen UM campground is Saturday April 17th. Everyone is welcome to serve as he / she is able during this all outdoor & COVID safety protocol-compliant event. We will help get GG ready for summer campers. There's lots of work to do, so your involvement will be greatly appreciated. Lunch and / or dinner will be provided, thus pre-registration is requested by calling 717-273-6525, or by emailing [camp@gretnaglen.org](mailto:camp@gretnaglen.org). The full day is 9 AM- 5 PM; but you can sign up to serve for just a few hours if that works best for you. Bring the family; bring friends; or go solo and make friends. Hope to see you there!

**UMC SUMMER CAMPS** are gearing up for an exciting spring and summer. To get more information and to register for summer camp go to [www.gretnaglen.org](http://www.gretnaglen.org) or another camp. *Camp scholarships are available.*

**OFFERING TITHES & GIFTS TO THE LORD:** You can direct gifts to the churches in four areas: **General Ministry, Debt Reduction/Building Fund, the Benevolence Funds** or the **Community Care Ministry** (which is sent to three local food ministries). Mark your preference clearly in the memo. **You can mail a check** to Faith UMC, 1290 Fruitville Pike, Lititz PA 17543 or Oregon Community UMC, 1214 Creek Rd, Lititz, PA 17543 or **donate digitally through the churches' websites.**

**PASTOR JASON & CAROL OFFICE HOURS:** We are sometimes telecommuting. Contact us directly: **Pastor Jason:** (717)333-9238 / [jbperkowsk@gmail.com](mailto:jbperkowsk@gmail.com). **Office:** (717)560-0321 / [faithumc@hotmail.com](mailto:faithumc@hotmail.com)

**SPECIAL NEEDS:** If someone has needs the church can support, please contact Pastor Jason. You can also dial **2-1-1** or visit [www.211.org](http://www.211.org) to reach the **United Way Call Center** who can direct you to social service organizations. You can also reach the **Crisis Intervention Lifeline: 717-394-2631**

**DOWNTOWN FOOD MINISTRY:** We are providing meals, toiletries, blankets, etc. for people who are homeless at 2pm on the Saturday before Communion Sunday. To help, contact Diana at 717-435-8577. We need people to cook, prepare donations, deliver food, etc. **WISH LIST:** cough drops, travel size toothpaste, individually wrapped panty liners and feminine cleansing wipes. Place donations in the "drop-off box" by the front door. **WISH LIST:** [https://smile.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/5zDLQnj?ref\\_wl\\_share](https://smile.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/5zDLQnj?ref_wl_share) **If you shop on AmazonSmile for this (or for yourself) & select Manheim Township Faith United Methodist as your charitable organization, they'll get a percentage of your purchase (no cost to you).**

**SERVANT SATURDAY:** On the Saturday before Communion Sunday (**May 1**), we are asking everyone to make an effort to show God's love to the world around you—giving of your time, talents and treasures locally or across the world. There is info on the church website with some suggestions to get you started.

**IMPACT! MISSIONS** is an interdenominational Christian Housing Ministry. They align homeowners in need of a warm, safe, and dry home with groups and individuals who are willing to serve to make that happen. Use your skills to help Impact! Missions restore houses for those in need. **Leon Bame volunteers on the first and third Saturdays and would love to have some people from Faith & Oregon Comm. UMC join him. For more info, please contact Leon at 717-344-9924 or [leonshel37@gmail.com](mailto:leonshel37@gmail.com).**

**UMC CAMPS** are financially struggling due to the cancellation of 2020 summer camp, retreats, and other programs due to COVID-19. If you would like to support those camps you can make a donation at: Treasurer's Office, Eastern PA Conference, P.O. Box 820, Valley Forge, PA 19482 with *Camp and Retreat Ministries* in the memo line. Text-to-Give at 610-463-0244 (with *CAMP - Camp Retreat Ministry*) or <https://www.epaumc.org/administration/finance/giving/>

**BENEVOLENCE / PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND:** This is a separate fund that helps us meet the needs in our local congregation and community *as they arise*—separate from the three ministries listed above. We have helped people with rent, car payments, utilities, groceries, gas, etc. The recipient remains anonymous to everyone except Pastor Jason, but the particular type of usage is approved by the church treasurer and finance team.

**COMMUNITY CARE MINISTRY:** We have expanded the ways in which we are caring for our community. If you are able and would like support your neighbors during this difficult season, **we will be equally splitting any gifts labeled "Community Care Ministry" between the following three ministries:**

- **The Lancaster City / Columbia Food Ministry and Tutoring Program** distributes food to people in need and have hired Millersville University students to help tutor public school students. These programs are being partially supported by our sister churches and synagogues in Lancaster County POWER Interfaith
- **Anchor Lancaster Breakfast Ministry** at First UMC Lancaster distributes a bagged breakfast from 8:30-9:45AM outside their Walnut Street entrance to people who are homeless or food insecure (and previously provided a full hot in-house meal before the Corona Virus). They are feeding 100-150 people each day.
- **Long Memorial UMC's Friday Night Share Food Ministry** at 6 PM distributes boxes of food to families every Friday supporting families in Manheim Township. They are located at 2660 Lititz Pike in Neffsville.