

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
For peace & wisdom in areas of conflict
Police officers and their families
Individuals & families harmed in interactions with police

Emergency personnel & medical staff
For an end to violence in all forms
Victims & families involved in violent crime, sexual abuse racism, and harassment
Abusers and their families
Healing & peace for divisions caused by race, class, gender, sexuality, politics & fears
All affected by natural disasters
Wisdom around natural resources & the environment
Eradication of deadly diseases—including COVID-19
Refugees & huddled masses yearning to be free
People who are hungry and homeless
Security and immigration reform
Prisoners & Prison Leadership
Schools, Education and Foster Care Reform
Members of AA, NA, & AlAnon and their families
Those struggling with addictions, finances, etc.
Those suffering depression & mental health illnesses
All those caring for sick loved ones
Those grieving the loss of loved ones
Bishop Johnson, EPAUMC Staff, and DS BK Chung
Bishop John Schol as he comes to serve EPAUMC
Coleman Memorial Chapel & calling a new pastor
Rev. Dorcas, her UMC ministries in Sierra Leone
Udobo School in Durban, South Africa
South Africa regarding political protests
Germany and Europe in wake of flooding
Campus Ministry: Millersville University; Rev. Will Brawner & Rev. Diana Esposito at Drexel & West Chester; Rev. Dr. Mel Sensenig & Rev. Ibrahim Bangura at Albright; & Lebanon Valley
Angela & Maria Rodriguez – safety & ability to thrive
Becky Rodriguez – kidney failure, dialysis and parenting
Norm Whiteley (Ella's brother) – health
Charlotte Garfield
Dottie Sheaffer – healing for back

Eileen Williams – muscles, healing, & 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
Those with cancer: Cyndi Campbell, Dean Grove, Mark Reitzel, Pat Shenk, Kerry Link, Joe, John Rathvon, Glenn (friend of Harbisons), Duane Lehman, Bob (Valente family), Allan Dutton (wife Jane is a Deacon at Grandview), Smith's nephew Mark with leukemia

Carl Jones – strength & healing and health of siblings
Frank (Marilyn Jones's brother) – back surgery
Rosemary (Marilyn Jones' sister) – healing
Michelle Rathvon Mitterer – healing from strokes
Chuck Flory – ALS
Darlene Brown – Abdominal surgery
John – Cardiac Issues
Clarita – kidney issues
All Impacted by COVID-19
Alan Price – Bun's father for health
Don Klos – ongoing healing and strengthening
Erek Perkowski and his son Shaughn – custody
Ray – recovering from strokes
Glenn Slater
Margie & Terry Urban's granddaughter Analise
Margie Urban – herniated disk and infections
Lauren Urban – healthy pregnancy
Annette McClarigan – heart, shoulder & family
Lisa & Patrick McGovern
Diana Valentine
Terry Kofroth – back pain and fatigue
Brooke Dankenbring & family
Michael & Brenda Hardwig (Brooke's parents)
Dennis Pounds (Brooke's Uncle)
The Rev. Gerald Ihle – heart issues
Debbie Meck – broken ribs and small hole in lung
Jason, Julie, Maria (as she has been returned back to Becky's home)
Oaklee and Carson in Pastor Jason and Julie's care—and their parents and family
Rev. Dorcas healing for her eye
The Hub Campus Ministry at Millersville U.
For God to identify the right Worship Director for Faith

OUR PRAISES:

God's presence through illness and struggle
Vaccinations & healings from COVID-19
Sandy Patschke – ongoing healing after back surgery



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Welcome

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Faith United Methodist Church



August 15, 2021 at 10:30AM – 12th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME: We have been gathered together by the Holy Spirit to worship God the Father and to love one another in the fellowship with Jesus Christ. You're 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're here & hope you find what you need in the service.

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

There are offering plates by the doors to the sanctuary and the altar. You may also give online or by mail. Presenting our very selves as a living sacrifice is our good and pleasing act of spiritual worship (Rom. 12).

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michelle Bame

If you're worshipping online, please 'sign in' by commenting on the video & post prayer requests, too.

A TIME FOR CENTERING & PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jason & God's People

Give thanks to God!

We thank God for joy, for laughter, for abundant blessings of every kind.

Give thanks to God at all times and for everything!

We thank God, when we can and as we can, for struggles, for solitude, for fears.

Give thanks to God at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We thank God that, in Christ, our joys as well as our pain,

our losses as well as our laughter, are in God's heart and hands.

(Thom Shuman on Lectionary Liturgies. <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca>)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 111

Rhonda Leese

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

*HYMN

Open My Eyes, That I May See

UMH #454

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God's People

You must shake your head in wonder at our ways, Keeper of the Covenant. How can we say we want wisdom, when we foolishly squander the knowledge we have of your ways? How can we claim to follow you, when we walk the slippery roads of the world not caring where they lead us? How can we desire your great and steadfast love, when the simple seductions of our society are in full view every day? How can you have mercy on such unwise and unfaithful people, Perfect Wisdom? Yet, that is exactly what you do: and our greed turns to gratitude, our pettiness to praise, our tantrums to thanksgiving, as hope and joy become our blessing through the One we call our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH #895

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

Rhonda Leese

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

*HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

UMH #451

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 6:51-58

Rhonda Leese

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

*HYMN

O Spirit of the Living God

UMH #539

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 5:15-20

Rhonda Leese

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

SERMON

Wisdom of God

Pastor Jason

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

*HYMN

Take Time to Be Holy

Pastor Jason

UMH #395

** Please stand if you are able*

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

Audio / Visual Technology: Bryan Nelson & Dennis Meck, Sr.

Pastor: The Rev. Jason Perkowski

Ministers: The People of God

PRE-REGISTRATIONS are appreciated when attending in person. Walk-ins may register at door. Register at: <https://forms.gle/EezjoRzcX1uC5NGn7>.

WORSHIP SERVICES ARE ALSO BROADCAST on FM 89.9, Facebook & our website.

COVID PROTOCOLS: Numbers of COVID cases in Lancaster County have increased to over 10-20 times their numbers from a month ago. So, we are asking everyone to **wear masks inside the building—including throughout the worship service. This is based on clear science as backed up by recommendations from the CDC and our Bishop. Families / close friends may sit together with 2 empty seats between groups.** We will use every other row of chairs. Protocols will be relaxed again as we analyze the data and needs of our people. In the meantime, if you prefer you may watch services online. Please be patient & show grace as we navigate this pandemic.

OFFICE COMMUNICATION: Because hours vary, contact us directly. Pastor Jason: 333-9238 / jbperkowski@gmail.com. Carol in Church Office: 560-0321 / faithumc@hotmail.com

WORSHIP TEAM! ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN. WE WILL BEGIN MEETING TO REBUILD THE TEAM IN AUGUST. We are beginning to rebuild our full worship team, even as we continue to seek a new Director of Worship and Music Ministry. If you are interested in singing; playing guitar, keyboard or drums; etc. please contact Pastor Jason ASAP. *Specific dates will be announced later—but tentatively scheduled for Thursday, August 19 & 26 at 6:30pm. Please contact Pastor Jason if you would like to join the team, and let him know what evenings work best for you.* Pastor Jason will lead these rehearsals until a new Worship Director is able to begin.

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IS SEEKING TO HIRE A PART-TIME DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC MINISTRY who desires to encourage Christian belief and action through worship. We are an active, growing, community-focused church in Lititz, PA that offers a blended service with contemporary and traditional elements. Candidates should be able to lead Sunday worship music with vocals and keyboard or guitar, select contemporary and traditional music connected to the weekly theme, and prepare volunteer musicians / vocalists to serve as a strong cohesive worship team. For details: www.FaithUMC.US

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Greeters & Ushers (to pass out bulletins, register guests, take temperatures and help people find seats), **Audio/Visual Techs** (to run computers and sound board), **Clean Team** (to help clean the building each week), **Children's Time Teachers, Sunday School Teachers** for adults and youth, **Junior Church teachers/assistants, Musicians, and Vocalists.** Contact the Church Office if you are willing to be on a rotation to help in these areas.

JUNIOR CHURCH BY ZOOM VIDEO CHAT – SUNDAYS AT 9 AM

Julie Hassara, our lead Children's Sunday School Teacher and Education Chairperson, is teaching the kids (3 years old-4th grade) on Sunday Mornings by Zoom. Feel free to invite a friend! We will send interested families the Zoom link. We will continue to offer Junior Church via Zoom thru August at 9AM, to allow time for people travel to the church to worship in person afterwards. For now, children will stay with their parents during worship. **Beginning September 5,** children are invited to attend the first part of worship and to then attend Junior Church in-person after the Children's Message. **Volunteer teachers and helpers are needed for the Children's Message & Junior Church.** We will keep you updated with sign in/out procedures and COVID safety protocols regarding Junior Church for the Fall.

YOUTH GROUP, SUNDAYS, 5-7 PM in person at Faith UMC. RSVP if you are coming. Masks are required. Youth Group will resume meetings on September 12th.

CHATTING CLUB: MONDAYS AT 7 PM BY ZOOM – Join us as we discuss a new topic each week. **This week's theme:** Two fundamental truths that are often paired are these: Life is hard; God is good. The 400-meter hurdle races at the Tokyo Olympics as a way to think about the hurdles life puts in our way, and how the goodness of God remains true even as we deal with troubles. For more info: www.Chattingatthegeneralsutter.us or log in at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518>

BIBLE STUDY led by Mike Shifflet on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM at Oregon Community UMC. We are studying the book of Luke. See Mike to get a study book.

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY IN PERSON AT 10 AM: We are meeting in the room across from the office. You are required to wear a mask since the COVID numbers have jumped so much.

THANK YOU! We are so grateful to everyone who supported us as we began to provide care to two new foster children and as Maria returned to our care for one week. Your support for these children and us is overwhelming. Please keep these little ones and their families in your prayers! -- Pastor Jason and Julie

SUMMER THERAPEUTIC ACTIVITIES PROGRAM: WellSpan Philhaven is renting our Education Wing through August 20 for their summer program for special needs children. Any need to use that end of the building will need to be planned for in advance.

THE SENIOR MEN'S LUNCH on August 19 at 11.30 a.m. will be held at Manor Buffet, 2090 Lincoln Hwy E, Lancaster. *Those planning to attend must let Mike Bitner (717-330-8201) or Tim Patschke (717-823-2353) know by Aug 17* so we can give an accurate count for our reservation.

LADIES' LUNCH: Beginning September 1st, we will resume our lunches at Oregon Dairy. Sandy Patschke will be the contact person.

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 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**

VBS MISSION PROJECT: Each year at VBS we pick a ministry to support. You are welcome to join us in supporting two of Long Memorial UMC's ministries.

- **Support Neffsville Christian Preschool** by donating tissues, paper towel, napkins, baby wipes or Clorox wipes. There is a donation box in the hall.
- **Support their Friday Night Food Ministry** that serves the people of our community with food and spiritual needs. Their doors open on Fridays at 6 pm. NO questions asked, you only need to come, hear a word of hope for you, and you can take freely whatever you need. Curb side and drive thru available. Long Memorial purchases food from Blessings of Hope and other sources in order to support our neighbors. You may make a donation through online giving at www.faithumc.us or check made payable to Faith UMC with VBS Mission in the memo.

OFFERING TITHES & GIFTS TO THE LORD: You can direct gifts to three areas: **General Ministry, Debt Reduction/Building Fund,** and the **Benevolence Funds.** Mark your preference clearly in the memo. **You can mail a check** to Faith UMC, 1290 Fruitville Pike, Lititz PA 17543 or **donate digitally through the link on the website.**

SERVANT SATURDAY ON SEPT 4: On the Saturday before Communion Sunday, 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. There is info on the church website with some suggestions.

DOWNTOWN MINISTRY: At 2pm on Servant Saturdays, we are providing meals, toiletries, blankets, etc. for people who are homeless. To help, contact Diana at 717-435-8577. We need people to cook, prepare donations, deliver food, etc. ****Updated** WISH LIST:** individually wrapped women's sanitary wipes, chapstick, travel-size tissues, individual bags of pretzels, nuts, or raisins, packs of peanut butter crackers applesauce cups, candy. Donations may be placed in the green "drop-off box" by the front door.

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AMAZON SMILE: When shopping, if you select *Manheim Township: Faith United Methodist* as your charitable organization, **Amazon will donate a percentage of your purchase to Faith.**

IMPACT! MISSIONS is a Christian Housing Ministry that helps restore homes to be sold to low-income families and does repairs for homeowners in need. They need volunteers. **Join Leon Bame on 1st & 3rd Saturdays. For info, contact him: 717-344-9924 or leonshel37@gmail.com.**

ONGOING EVENTS:

Sundays	Junior Church <i>via Zoom</i> (for ages 3 years through 4th grade), 9:00 AM Worship , 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary, Facebook Live & FM 89.9 Youth Group <i>in person at Faith</i> , 5:00-7:00 PM (Resumes Sept 12th)
1st Sundays	Communion is offered during worship service, 10:30AM
Mon-Fri until Aug 20	WellSpan Summer Camp in the education wing, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Mondays	Chatting Club <i>via Zoom</i> , 7:00 PM
Wednesdays	Bible Study with Mike Shifflet, at Oregon Community UMC, 6:30 to 7:30 PM
Thursdays	AA meeting in the classroom across from the office, 10:00 AM
Fridays	Bible Study with Pastor Jason in the room across from the church office, 10AM
1st & 3rd Saturdays	Faith UMC works with IMPACT! Missions – Contact Leon Bame to help.
1st (or Last) Saturdays	Servant Saturday & food and personal items given to unhoused folks in Lancaster City, 2PM (Saturday before Communion Sunday)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday, Aug 19	Men's Lunch at Manor Buffet, 11:30 AM – RSVP to Mike Bitner or Tim Patschke
Thursday, Aug 19	<i>Tentative:</i> WORSHIP TEAM PRACTICE, 6:30PM-8PM ALL ARE INVITED
Sunday, Aug 22	SPRC meeting, 1:00 PM
Thursday, Aug 26	<i>Tentative:</i> WORSHIP TEAM PRACTICE, 6:30PM-8PM ALL ARE INVITED
Sunday, Aug 29	SPRC meeting, 1:00 PM
Wednesday, Sept 1	Ladies' Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30 AM – RSVP to Sandy Patschke
Saturday, Sept 4	Servant Saturday and food and personal items given to unhoused folks in Lancaster City, 2:00 PM

Our worship participants for next Sunday, August 22 are as follows:

PASTOR: Jason Perkowski

OCUMC PIANIST: Jody Wiker

OCUMC CELLIST, GUITAR AND VOCALS: Anthony Wiker

AUDIO/VISUAL TECH: Bryan Nelson & Dennis Meck, Sr.

GREETER/USHERS: Alex Drolet

LITURGIST: Lisa Baker

CHILDREN'S TIME: *VOLUNTEER NEEDED*

JUNIOR CHURCH VIA ZOOM: Julie Hassaara, Carol Kennedy, & Diana Valentine

Remember: if you are unable to serve this week, you are responsible for finding a substitute and for informing the church office. **We are not responsible for finding a substitute.** Thank you!