

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: Jacob Marino at Millersville University; Rev. Will Brawner & Rev. Diana Esposito at Drexel & West Chester; Rev. Dr. Mel Sensenig & Rev. Ibrahim Bangura at Albright; & Lebanon Valley as they seek a Campus Minister
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, and friendships
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, Kerry Link, Joe, John Rathvon, Glenn (friend of Harbisons), Duane Lehman, Allan Dutton (wife Jane is a Deacon at Grandview), Smith's nephew Mark with leukemia
Carl Jones – strength & healing and health of his brother
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 including Warren & Lorraine Smith
Alan Price – Buni'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
Diana Valentine
Terry Kofroth – back pain, fatigue, healing after surgery
Brooke Dankenbring & family
Michael & Brenda Hardwig (Brooke's parents)
Dennis Pounds (Brooke's Uncle)
The Rev. Gerald Ihle – heart issues
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
McGovern Family – Maddie born prematurely
The Valente family on the passing of brother-in-law Bob from cancer

OUR PRAISES:

God's presence through illness and struggle
Vaccinations & healings from COVID-19
That God sent us the new Worship Director for Faith

MAKING DISTINCTIONS

DOERS OF THE WORD WORSHIP SERIES



Welcome

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Faith United Methodist Church



September 5, 2021 at 10:30AM – 15th 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

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

Michelle Bame

THANK YOU FOR JODY & ANTHONY WIKER

A TIME FOR CENTERING & PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jason & God's People

We can trust God. **God is like the mountain: rock solid.**

God loves all the people: **the poor, the disabled, the outcast, the stranger.**

We can depend on God. **God feeds the hungry, heals the sick, and restores relationships.**

Praise our Loving God. **Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.**

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*HYMN

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

UMH #57 v. 1-4

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Michelle Bame

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

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

UMH #895

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 125

Michelle Bame

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

*HYMN

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

UMH #526

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 7:24-37

Michelle Bame

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Amy Boughter

*HYMN

In Christ There Is No East or West

UMH #548

SCRIPTURE LESSON

James 2:1-17

Michelle Bame

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

SERMON

No Longer Making Distinctions

Pastor Jason

Sermon Series: Doers of the Word

COMMUNION

UMH #12-15

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

*HYMN

Sent Forth with God's Blessing

Pastor Jason

UMH #664

** Please stand if you are able*

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

Director of Worship and Music Ministry: Shannon Edwards

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

Pastor: The Rev. Jason Perkowski

Ministers: The People of God

Michelle Bame & Pastor Jason

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: Confirmed COVID cases in Lancaster Co. have increased from single digits/day on July 4 to **180 new cases/day**. While a high percentage of our congregation is vaccinated, only 48% of the county is. This increases the odds for COVID to be brought into our church. **Please wear a mask inside the building & throughout the Worship Service** (especially as you enter/exit & while singing). **At this time, we will NOT turn anyone away because they are not wearing a mask, but simply ask you to consider the needs of those around you who may be at high risk.** This is based on clear science and recommendations from our Bishop. Families / close friends may sit together with 2 empty seats between groups & using every other row of chairs. Protocols will be adjusted as we analyze new data.

THANK YOU JODY & ANTHONY WIKER: We are so grateful for your music ministry over the last year. You were faithful to lead us in worship at Faith and Oregon Community, providing us with beautiful special music as well as leading us in hymns. We are so thankful for your ministry at Faith UMC—especially as you also each served other churches. You have become a deep part of our church family & in that we are blessed!

WELCOME TO OUR DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP & MUSIC MINISTRY, SHANNON EDWARDS. He will continue to help lead a blended service with contemporary and traditional elements. Shannon is a talented pianist and vocalist with over 22 years of experience in leading worship teams and choirs, and was an accompanist on piano since he was a child. He has degrees in Music Performance and Production from Lebanon Valley College. We are excited welcome Shannon, along with his wife and sons, to Faith UMC.

WORSHIP TEAM! ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN. We are beginning to rebuild our full worship team. We need singers and musicians. **We will meet every Wednesday at 6:30PM—this week will be at 6PM due to Church Council at 7PM. Please contact Shannon Edwards or Pastor Jason if you would like to join the team.** Shannon's email address is liszt88keys@yahoo.com. *Everyone with an interest in music is invited!*

CHATting CLUB: MONDAYS AT 7 PM BY ZOOM – Join us as we discuss a new topic each week. **Theme for September 13th: To Be Decided. NO MEETING on SEPT 6. Below is the NEW LINK with embedded password:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518?pwd=cEVDeDljeThaaWVIYjlQWmZjTm5oUT09>

BIBLE STUDY led by Mike Shifflet on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM at Oregon Community UMC. We are studying the book of Luke. *We resume meeting on Sept. 8*

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY IN PERSON AT 10 AM: We are meeting in the room across from the office. *We are wearing masks since the COVID numbers have jumped so much.*

DRIVE-THRU CHICKEN BBQ: We all need a break from cooking, so why not stop by and pick up a delicious BBQ chicken dinner for the family? Each dinner will include a half BBQ chicken, a side and a sweet treat. Cost is \$10 per meal. Choose your preferred side. **Come by Faith UMC on Saturday, September 18th from 12pm to 2pm** or while supplies last. *Pre-orders are encouraged.* Call 717-560-0321 or email faithumc@hotmail.com. **We need volunteers** including people to bake cookies & brownies and to make baked beans, pasta salad & coleslaw. We will need people to set up/clean up, pre-package sides, help bag chicken, and serve as greeters and runners during the event. Contact Lisa Baker to volunteer at 717-615-6707 or email lisa.baker2294@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Greeters & Ushers; Clean Team (to help with additional cleaning of the building); **Children's Time Teachers; Sunday School Teachers** for adults and youth; **Junior Church teachers/assistants; Instrumentalists & Vocalists.** Contact the Office if you are willing to be on a rotation to help (717-560-0321)

JUNIOR CHURCH BY ZOOM VIDEO CHAT – SUNDAYS AT 9 AM (NO MEETING ON SEPT 5)
Julie Hassara 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 meet 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. **We will kick off our new curriculum, Celebrate Wonder, on September 12 via Zoom.** As part of the celebration, each child that attends Zoom Junior Church that day will be **mailed a coupon for a free ice cream at Son's Ice Cream Shop.**

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 12. On Sunday, September 19 the Youth will go to Gretna Glen Camp** from 3-5:30pm (van will leave Faith UMC at 2:30pm and return by 6pm). *Permission Slips are needed.* All youth entering 5th-12th grades are invited to join us.

WELCOME BACK FALL TAILGATE PARTY AT LITITZ UMC, Sat., September 11, at 5:30pm: *EVERYONE* is invited to join us for a Fall Tailgate Party in the LUMC parking lot. Bring your tailgating games, food, grills & chairs. **At 7pm** we are watching the movie, "Facing the Giants" on an outside screen. Contact Pastor Jason if you are interested in attending. **Youth are encouraged to attend, and can meet Pastor Jason at Lititz UMC. Permission slips are needed if you come without parents and parents must sign students in with him when you arrive. Pick up students by 9pm. Families are encouraged to attend together.**

HEMPFIELD COMMUNITY OUTDOOR BASH at Hempfield COB (1186 Stevens St., Manheim) **on Sept. 25th.** Live bands, speakers, food trucks & games throughout the event. We will leave Faith UMC at Noon and return by 7pm for those coming with the youth group (adults and families are also invited to attend on their own). Permission Slips are needed for all off-campus events. *This event will be instead of Youth Group on Sunday, Sept. 26th*

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.**

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.**

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

SPECIAL NEEDS: If someone has need, please contact Pastor Jason. You can also dial **2-1-1** or visit www.211.org to reach the **United Way Call Center** for social service organizations. You can also reach the **Crisis Intervention Lifeline: (717) 394-2631**

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 leonshe37@gmail.com.**

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 and personal items. 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. Donations may be placed in the green "drop-off box" by the front door. **AMAZON WISH LIST:** https://smile.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/5zDLQnj?ref_=wl_share

ONGOING EVENTS:

Sundays

Junior Church via Zoom (for ages 3 years through 4th grade), **9:00 AM (Not Sept 5)**
Worship, 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary, Facebook Live & FM 89.9
Youth Group in person at Faith, 5:00-7:00 PM (*Resumes Sept 12th*)

1st Sundays

Communion is offered during worship service, 10:30AM

Mondays

Chatting Club *via Zoom*, 7:00 PM

Wednesdays

Worship Team Practice, 6:30PM (6PM on Sept 8) -- All Are Invited
Bible Study with Mike Shifflet, at Oregon Community UMC, 6:30 to 7:30 PM

Thursdays

Wing and a Prayer AA Meeting in the Fellowship Hall, 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 & Downtown Food Ministry, 2PM (Sat. before Communion Sunday)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, Sept 8

Church Council, 7:00PM (Rescheduled from Sept 1)

Saturday, Sept 11

Family Tailgate Party at Lititz UMC, 5:30 PM

Sunday, Sept 12

Fall Kickoff for Junior Church & Youth Group
Meet and Greet after Worship – Get to know our new Worship Director & family
Men's Lunch, 11:30 AM – Location TBD

Thursday Sept 16

Chicken BBQ, 12PM – 2 PM

Saturday, Sept 18

Youth Group to Gretna Glen -- Van leaves at 2:30 and returns by 6pm from Faith UMC

Sunday, Sept 19

Hempfield Community Outdoor Bash at Hempfield COB, Noon-6:30 PM (All Ages)

Saturday, Sept 25

Servant Saturday / Delivering food & personal items to unhoused folks downtown, 2PM

Saturday, Oct 2

Our worship participants for next Sunday, September 12 are as follows:

PASTOR: Jason Perkowski

DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP & MUSIC MINISTRY: Shannon Edwards

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

GREETER/USHERS: Tim & Sandy Patschke

LITURGIST: Buni Harbison

CHILDREN'S TIME: Michelle Bame

JUNIOR CHURCH VIA ZOOM: Lisa Baker, Carol Kennedy, & Diana Valentine