

PRAYER REQUESTS:

OUR CONCERNS:

The UMC and General Conference Delegates 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 including Afghanistan
For peace & wisdom in areas of conflict
Police officers and their families
Folks 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—including Haiti and the flooding of Hurricane Ida
Wisdom around natural resources & the environment
Eradication of deadly diseases—incl. 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 Schol, EPAUMC Staff, and DS BK Chung Coleman Memorial Chapel & calling a new pastor
Rev. Dorcas, her eyes & ministries in Sierra Leone
Udobo School in Durban, South Africa
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
Alma Hollingsworth (John's sister) healing from a fall
Lori Shenk (friend of Amy)— passing of her brother

Norm Whiteley (Ella's brother) – health
Charlotte Garfield
Dottie Sheaffer – healing for back & eyes
Eileen Williams – muscles, healing, and friendships
Shelda's granddaughter Bella's health
Bradley McGowan – ALS
Linda Philbin – motor neuropathy
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, Smith's nephew Mark, Lori, Georgia Greiner
Carl Jones – strength & healing
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 – Buni's father for health
Family of Don Klos who passed away last Thursday
Sonja Kipp - healing
Klos extended family for various illnesses and needs
Hasselbach & Hess Family on Judy passing
Ray – recovering from strokes
Margie & Terry Urban's granddaughter Analise
Annette McClarigan – health & son Kyle's family
Diana Valentine
Terry Kofroth – healing of back & foot
Brooke & Dennis Dankenbring & family
Dennis Pounds (Brooke's Uncle) - healing
Erek Perkowski and his son Shaughn – custody
Angela & Maria Rodriguez – to be safe & thrive
Oaklee, Carson, Izabel & their parents
Gene Onest – health issues
Bill Heinaman – back pain
Terry Kofroth – continued healing
Lydia Erk - pregnancy
Abbe – protection and healthy future
Aaron Goddard - traumatic brain injury
Jake Ruhl – problems with swallowing and bowel blockage
OUR PRAISES:
God's presence through illness and struggle
Vaccinations & healings from COVID-19
Healing for Terry and Margie Urban
Terry Kofroth – healing of foot

Time to Go Home

COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERIES



Welcome

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Faith United Methodist Church



November 28, 2021 at 10:30AM – 1st Sunday of Advent

WELCOME: In Advent we prepare ourselves for Christmas, worshipping Jesus the Christ who came as a child in Bethlehem to remind us of God's abiding love. We are aware of the mystery of the Holy Spirit gathering us across space & time into a loving God's presence now & for eternity. You are welcome in this sacred space of seeking the Savior, no matter your past relationship with God. This is a Holy Season to experience God's love anew. We are glad you are here & hope you find what you need, today.

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.

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

Something stirs deep within us – a longing, a hope,

A thirst for joy, a hunger for peace, a yearning for blessing.

We know deep within that our hopes and fears **will be met by angel songs and baby sighs.**

It is Advent - **Season of waiting, hoping, yearning.** Advent - **Time to go home.**

Dr. Derek C. Weber, Director of Preaching Ministries, Discipleship Ministries of the UMC

LIGHTING THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE: HOPE

Diana Valentine & Amy Boughter

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Buni Harbison

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

*PRAISE MEDLEY

Emmanuel

SFPW #75

Jesus, Name above All Names

SFPW #76

I Sing Praises

SFPW #27

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 25:1-10

Buni Harbison

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

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

UMH #895

*HYMN

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

UMH #196

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Buni Harbison

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Lisa Baker

*HYMN

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

UMH #216

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 21:25-36

Buni Harbison

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

SERMON

Everyone Who Belongs

Pastor Jason

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

*HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

UMH #211 v. 1-4

** Please stand if you are able*

Director of Worship and Music Ministry: Shannon Edwards

Audio / Visual Technology: Dennis Meck, Sr.

Pastor: The Rev. Jason Perkowski

Ministers: The People of God

PRE-REGISTRATIONS are appreciated when attending in person (and you may register for a month at a time). **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. are averaging over **230 new cases/day and 3 deaths/day.** Only 52% of our county is vaccinated. **So, please wear a mask inside the building & throughout the Worship Service** (esp. as you enter, exit & sing). 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.** We also request social distancing.

OFFICE COMMUNICATION: Hours vary, so please contact us directly to see when we are available.

MEMBERSHIP: If you are interested in learning more about the UMC and our local churches, and are considering becoming a member, we invite you to contact Pastor Jason for info.

JUNIOR CHURCH BY ZOOM VIDEO CHAT – SUNDAYS AT 9 AM for 3 year old-4th grade kids. *Feel free to invite friends!* We send families the Zoom link and other resources—contact the office if interested. *No Junior Church on the following dates: Nov 28, Dec 19, & Dec 26.*

YOUTH GROUP, SUNDAYS at 5-7 PM at Faith UMC. **RSVP.** Youth in 5th-12th grades are invited. *No Youth Group on Nov 28 or Dec 26. Youth go to Gretna Glen Camp again on 3rd Sunday in January.*

CHATTING CLUB: MONDAYS AT 7 PM BY ZOOM – Theme for 11/29: “New Book Recalls How Trailblazing Journalists Balance Public and Personal Roles.” We will explore ways to find balance for personal and private life, public pursuits, and our faith. **Link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518?pwd=cEVDeDljeThaaWVIYjlQWmZjTm5oUT09>

IMPACT! MISSIONS restore homes to be sold to low-income families & does repairs for homeowners in need. To volunteer on 1st & 3rd Saturdays contact Leon Bame at 717-344-9924 / leonshel37@gmail.com.

OUR CHARGE CONFERENCE will be a joint meeting with the The Pikes & Northern Lancaster Mission Link churches on **Thursday, December 2 at 6:30 p.m. at Salem UMC**, 140 N. Penn Street, Manheim. Everyone is invited to attend and committee chairpersons are encouraged to do so.

M.U. CARE PACKAGES: Thank you for your support that allowed us to send a pile of Christmas Care Packages to the MU students in time for final exams and the holidays.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES DURING ADVENT: We are asking you to prayerfully consider if you would like to help with any of these projects. We are not expecting you to donate to each one. Please participate as your heart and capacity leads you.

MARY'S DIAPER BAG: Please donate the following items for the children at Clare House: size 5 and 6 diapers, 3T and 4T pullups, baby wipes, bottles, 24-month pajamas for boys and girls, sizes 10-12 and 14-16 boys pajamas, twin sheet sets. Personal care items for the moms are also needed.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR: Put aside one food item each day in December. Items will be donated to a local food bank. There is a list of suggested food items available in the hall & faith-a-gram.

UDOBO PRE-SCHOOL: Faith UMC traditionally supports this school in Durban, South Africa at Christmas. Visit <http://UdoboSchool.com> for more information. Your gift will help provide food, educational supplies and the staff to teach at the school. If you are interested in helping you can send a check made out to *Faith UMC* with "*Udobo School*" in the memo to Faith UMC or donate online to that fund at www.faithumc.us. All gifts in the special Christmas offering envelopes or marked with Udobo School will go directly to the school.

FOR CHRIST HOME FOR KIDS & BLACKFEET UMC PARISH: Oregon Community UMC will be sending a financial contribution to these two ministries. You can send a check made out to Oregon Community UMC (1214 Creek Rd., Lititz, PA 17543) with the specific ministry marked in the memo line.

HANGING OF THE GREENS will take place after worship TODAY! Come enjoy decorating the church, singing Christmas carols and eating lunch with friends. Everyone is welcome!

ANNUAL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA & CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE ON DEC 11th. To help with the event please contact Lisa Baker at 717-615-6707 or lisa.baker2294@gmail.com or Sandy Patschke regarding cookie baking at 717-844-3530 or stpatschk@msn.com. Most cookies freeze well so you can get an early start with baking. We need people to bake cookies, run cookie room, cook pancakes and sausage, package and hand out food, run craft table for kids, collect money, set up / tear down tables & chairs in sanctuary, decorate, sanitize tables between groups, clean up, etc. **If you can help, let us know ASAP so that we know we have the volunteers for the full event—otherwise we will need to reconsider aspects of it.**

SECRET SISTER REVEAL SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 2022 FROM 9 AM TO NOON. Amy and Judy will prepare a light repast. Please RSVP to Amy Boughter (thamno@live.com) or Judy Hurst.

OFFERING TITHES & GIFTS TO THE LORD: You can direct gifts to **General Ministry, Debt Reduction/Building Fund, & Benevolence**. Mark your preference in the memo. **You can mail a check or donate digitally** through the website. **Update on Ministry Budget:** We have **expenses of about \$29,316** due before Dec. 31. As of 11/20/21 we had **\$19,607 in our checking account**. That is about what we started the year with due to the PPP Loan for COVID Relief. We just received a very generous gift from a community member that completely closes the gap between expenses and our account balance. However, we would still be **starting 2022 with a \$0 balance** and will have **used up the \$20,000 in reserves**. **So, we are asking our members to prayerfully consider if they are able to make an end of year gift.** Any additional gifts in 2021 will determine how much **funding we have to start the new year**. This is vital to provide for ministry expenses in early 2022—especially as 2022 is looking to be a difficult financial year based on pledged and projected giving.

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.**

SPECIAL NEEDS: For help, contact Pastor Jason. You can also 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**

SERVANT SATURDAY ON DEC 4: On the Saturday before Communion Sunday each month, we are asking everyone to show God's love to the world through your time, talents and treasures.

DOWNTOWN MINISTRY: At 2pm on Servant Saturdays, we provide meals & personal items for people who are homeless. To help, call Diana at 717-435-8577. We need people to cook, prepare donations, deliver food, etc. **WISH LIST: Christmas Socks for men**, Summer's Eve wipes, small bottles of hand sanitizer, and Chapstick. **WISH LIST: https://smile.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/5zDLQnj?ref_=wl_share**

ONE-BEDROOM APARTMENT NEEDED for a non-smoker with no pets at about \$800/month. Location is flexible. Please call Dennis Meck at 717-413-1504 and leave a message. Thank you.

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 at Faith, 5-7 PM (<i>Gretna Glen on January 16, 2:30-6PM</i>)(<i>NOT Nov 28</i>)
1st Sundays	Communion is offered during worship service, 10:30AM
Mondays	Chatting Club <i>via Zoom</i> , 7:00 PM
Wednesdays	Bible2School, 11 AM-1 PM for students from Reidenbaugh El. in Fellowship Hall Worship Team Practice, 6:30PM Joint Christmas Cantata Rehearsals at Long Memorial UMC, 7:30 PM Bible Study w/ Mike Shifflet, at Oregon Community UMC, 6:30-7:30 PM (<i>NOT Dec. 1</i>)
Thursdays	Wing and a Prayer AA Meeting in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM
Fridays	Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM (<i>NOT Dec 24 or 31</i>)
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)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, Nov 28	Hanging of the Greens after church – Christmas Decorating & Christmas Carols NO Youth Group ←Happy Thanksgiving and Time with Family
Wednesday, Dec 1	Ladies' Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30 AM
Thursday, Dec 2	Charge Conference at Salem UMC in Manheim, 6:30 PM
Saturday, Dec 4	Servant Saturday/Deliver food & personal items to unhoused folks downtown, 2 PM
Sunday, Dec 5	“State of the Church” congregational meeting in the person or via Zoom, noon
Saturday, Dec 11	Annual Christmas Cookie Sale at Faith UMC
Wednesday, Dec 15	Finance Team Meeting, 6:00PM
Sunday, Dec 19	Christmas Cantata at Faith (9:00 AM) and Long Memorial (11:00 AM)
Friday, Dec 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at Oregon Community (5:00 PM) and at Faith (7:00 PM) - pre-registration encouraged

Our worship participants for next Sunday, December 5 are as follows:

DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP & MUSIC MINISTRY: Shannon Edwards

AUDIO/VISUAL TECH: Dennis Meck, Sr.

GREETER/USHERS: Donna Arnold & Terry Urban

LITURGIST: Rhonda Leese

ADVENT WREATH: Jim & Buni Harbison

CHILDREN'S TIME: Terry Kofroth

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