

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; & Rev. Andrea Haldeman at Lebanon Valley
Norm Whiteley (Ella's brother) – health

Lori Shenk (friend of Amy)— passing of her brother 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
Sonja Kipp - healing
Klos extended family for various illnesses and needs
Ray – recovering from strokes
Margie & Terry Urban's granddaughter Analise
Annette McClarigan – health & son Kyle's family
Diana Valentine
Brooke & Dennis Dankenbring & family
Dennis Pounds (Brooke's Uncle) - healing
Erek Perkowski and his son Shaughn – custody
Angela & Maria Rodriguez – to be safe & thrive
Izabel, Oaklee, Carson, Michael & 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
Alma Hollingsworth (John's sister) on her passing
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
Kerry Link – no spread of cancer

The Fear of Home

COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERIES



Welcome

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Faith United Methodist Church



December 5, 2021 at 10:30AM – 2nd Sunday of Advent

WELCOME: In Advent we prepare ourselves for Christmas, worshiping 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

O come, O come, Immanuel, **and be light for our darkness.**

Be comfort in our grief, be a friend for our loneliness, **an oasis for our searching.**

O come, O come, Immanuel, **restore our joy, heal our wounds, and bring us peace.**

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

LIGHTING THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE: PEACE

Jim & Buni Harbison

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Malachi 3:1-4

Rhonda Leese

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

*HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

UMH #211 v. 5-7

CHILDREN'S TIME

Lisa Baker

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Philippians 1:3-11

Rhonda Leese

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

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Pastor Jason

*PRAISE SONG

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

MSFPW #2

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 1:68-79

Rhonda Leese

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

*HYMN

Lift up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

UMH #213

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 3:1-6

Rhonda Leese

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

SERMON

The Fear of Home

Pastor Jason

*HYMN

Come, Just as You Are

MSFPW #47

CONFESSION AND PARDON

God in this season suspended between hope and fulfillment, let us never forget what you have done. May we be overwhelmed by your mercy, which flows in wave after wave. May we be honest about the darkness within us, and perceptive of the light around us. May we make straight the path for the Lord, that together we may see God's glory revealed. Amen

Mark Pierson, <http://adventinart.org>

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH #13-14

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the

highest! ... And so in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ we offer ourselves in

praise and thanksgiving ... as we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died; Christ is risen;**

Christ will come again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH #895

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP (*Communion Cups are in the hallway*)

UMH #15

All are invited to receive the bread and the cup, as God's grace and love extend to everyone!

HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

UMH #593

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

** 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.

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

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.

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 Dec 19 or Dec 26.*

YOUTH GROUP, SUNDAYS, 5-7 PM at Faith UMC. 5th-12th graders are invited. *No Youth Group on Dec 26 or Jan 2.* **Youth go to Gretna Glen Camp on Jan. 16, Feb 20 and March 20 from 2:30-6pm.**

CHATTING CLUB: MONDAYS AT 7 PM BY ZOOM – Theme for 12/6: “Pronoun Referring to God Become a Point of Contention.” There was criticism aimed at a church that had "Godself" on its website in a sentence where others might have written "Himself." It gives us a chance to talk about how we picture God and how he cannot be contained by characteristics that define humankind. **Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518?pwd=cEVDeDljeThaaWVlYjIjQWmZjTm5oUT09>

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 / leonshe137@gmail.com.

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 in the hall & faith-a-gram.

UDOBO PRE-SCHOOL: We 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 contribution to these two ministries. Send a check made out to Oregon Community UMC (1214 Creek Rd., Lititz, PA 17543) with the specific ministry marked in the memo line.

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:** 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.

“STATE OF THE CHURCH” CONGREGATIONAL MEETING on Sunday, Dec 5 in person or via Zoom at Noon to give an update on church finances and ministries. You are all invited to attend. Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82735304374?pwd=eDBSZHRRCZVphSnh2TENDZ0xrdG0vQT09>
Zoom One tap mobile: +16468769923,,82735304374#,,,,*620371# US (New York)

ONGOING EVENTS:

Sundays

Junior Church *via Zoom* (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 (*Gretna Glen on January 16, 2:30-6PM*)

1st Sundays

Communion is offered during worship service, 10:30AM

Mondays

Chatting Club *via Zoom*, 7:00 PM

Wednesdays

Hall

Bible2School, 11 AM-1 PM for students from Reidenbaugh El. in Fellowship

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

Wing and a Prayer AA Meeting in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM

Thursdays

Fridays

Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM (**NOT Dec 24 or 31**)

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, Dec 5

“State of the Church” congregational meeting in person or via Zoom, noon

Thursday, Dec 9

Cookie Drop-off. 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM

or contact Sandy Patschke or Carol Kennedy to make other arrangements

Set up for Breakfast with Santa & pre-package toppings, 6:00 PM

Cantata run-through at Long Memorial, 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Saturday, Dec 11

Breakfast with Santa & Christmas Cookie Sale at Faith UMC, 8 - 11 AM

Wednesday, Dec 15

Finance Team Meeting, 6:00PM

Sunday, Dec 19

Christmas Cantata at Faith (9:00 AM) and Long Memorial (11:00 AM)

pre-registration encouraged

Friday, Dec 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at Oregon Community (5:00 PM)

and at Faith (7:00 PM) - **pre-registration encouraged**

Saturday, Jan 1

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

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

DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP & MUSIC MINISTRY: Shannon Edwards

AUDIO/VISUAL TECH: Dennis Meck, Sr.

GREETER/USHERS: Sydney Dohring & Alan Strait

LITURGIST: Terry Kofroth

ADVENT WREATH: Gwen Newell & Lisa Baker

CHILDREN'S TIME: Michelle Bame

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

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA & CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE

It's that time of year again at Faith United Methodist Church! We will be holding our Breakfast with Santa and Cookie Extravaganza on **Saturday December 11th**



from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Breakfast will include pancakes and sausages with various toppings. Gluten-free options are available. Feel free to dine in while being safely socially distanced or take your food to go. Santa will be there to greet all the kids and pose for photos before his busiest night of the year!

Masks will be required to be worn properly through the entirety of this event *except while sitting at your socially distanced table while eating.*

Choose your own cookies from our huge selection of holiday favorites and maybe try something new! Servers will be there to guide you through the selections and help fill your chosen container.



We need people to bake cookies, run cookie room, cook pancakes and sausage, package and hand out food, 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 .**

We also need people to help move furniture, set up for the event, and pre-package toppings on Thursday, December 9th at 6:00 PM.

To help with the event on the 11th (or prep on the 9th) 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.