

## 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

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, Matthew & 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 healing

### OUR PRAISES:

God's presence through illness and struggle  
Vaccinations & healings from COVID-19

*Please submit prayer requests (& updates) in writing or by email to the church office:  
faithumc@hotmail.com*



## Welcome

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# Faith United Methodist Church



December 19, 2021 at 9:00AM – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent & Christmas Cantata

**W**ELCOME: 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. If your gift is for Long Memorial or Oregon Community, please clearly label it on the envelope or check. If you are giving to the special Christmas offerings for various sister organizations, mark that clearly as well.*

**PRELUDE** Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee **UMH #89**

**GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS** Michelle Bame & Pastor Jason Perkowski  
*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  
Come, joy, lighten our spirits. **Come, hope, lift us from despair.**  
Come, peace, ease our frantic worry. **Come, love, shine in all we do.**  
Come, Jesus, be born in us. **Come, Lord, set us free.**  
Come, God, **Rule in our hearts and teach us to sing with joy!**  
Dr. Derek C. Weber, Director of Preaching Ministries, *Discipleship Ministries of the UMC*

**LIGHTING THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE: LOVE** Alan Strait & Sydney Dohring

**\*HYMN** O Come, O Come Emmanuel **UMH #211 v 4**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Micah 5:2-5a Pastor Jason Perkowski  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

**CANTATA** Jay Rouse / Rose Aspinall  
When We Needed A King  
*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*  
*When We Needed A King*  
*A King's Lullaby – Soloist, Liz Hornberger*  
*Angels From The Realms of Glory*  
*O Little Town of Bethlehem*  
*'Tis A Wonderful Thing*  
*Suddenly Fearless*  
*The Coming of The King*

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Luke 1:39-45 Pastor Jason Perkowski  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

**SERMON** The Blessings of Home Pastor Andrea Haldeman

**THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER** UMH #895

**\*HYMN** People, Look East UMH #202 v. 1, 3, & 4

**BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH** Pastor Jason Perkowski

**POSTLUDE** The Coming of The King (reprise)

*\* Please stand if you are able*

## THANK YOU!!

*Thank you to everyone who participated in making this year's Christmas Cantata a success!*

*Thank you to the people of Faith UMC, Oregon Community UMC, & Long Memorial UMC, Rev. Andrea Haldeman, Rev. Jason Perkowski, and the Musicians & Singers of Long Memorial and Faith UMC.*

*A special thanks to Tara Bernstel for her dedicated leadership as the Director of our Cantata.*

*\*We dedicate this performance to Scott Royer who passed away on November 27, 2021. He was one of our basses and was also supposed to read during this performance. He loved music and the arts. Scott will be greatly missed and his family is in our prayers.*

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**Faith UMC Director of Worship and Music Ministry:** Shannon Edwards  
**Long Memorial UMC Director of Worship and Music Ministry:** Tara Bernstel  
**Audio / Visual Technology:** Dennis Meck, Sr.  
**Long Memorial UMC Pastor:** The Rev. Andrea Haldeman  
**Faith & Oregon Community Pastor:** The Rev. Jason Perkowski  
**Ministers:** The People of God

## CANTATA CAST & CREW

### Sopranos:

Sara Stokes  
Edie Hutton  
Liz Hornberger  
Mitzi Headings

### Altos:

Ginny Feenstra  
Rhonda Leese  
Ally Hayes  
Denise Rosario

### Tenors:

Mike Miller  
Dean Stokes  
Rev. Jason Perkowski  
Tim Hoffman

### Basses:

Jim Hutton  
Phil Buchanan  
Scott Royer \*  
Shannon Edwards  
Jack Feenstra  
Tom Chapman

### Musicians:

Music Director:  
Piano:  
Guitar/Bass:  
Strings:  
Drums:

Tara Bernstel  
Kathy Vasisko  
Mike Miller  
Shannon Edwards  
Wayne Rosario

### Section Leaders:

Ginny Feenstra  
Kathy Vasisko  
Mike Miller  
Shannon Edwards  
Tara Bernstel

### Soloists:

Liz Hornberger (*at Faith UMC*)  
Ally Hayes (*at Long Memorial UMC*)

### Readers:

Rev. Andrea Haldeman  
Denise Rosario  
Jim Hutton  
Scott Royer\*  
Mitzi Headings  
Sara Stokes  
Edie Hutton

### Sound/Equipment Techs:

Vern Kiehl  
Mike Miller

**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 **363 new cases/day and 7 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.

**LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE: Tuesday, December 21 at 7:30 pm at Long Memorial UMC.** For many of us, Christmas is a bittersweet time of year. It is a time for remembering both persons and events that have been a part of our lives in the past but are now changed or gone. This is the time of year with the longest nights, so around this time they offer a quiet, meditative worship service that allows time and space for remembering, sharing our hurting places with God, and preparing our hearts to celebrate anew the coming of Christ.

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE at Faith UMC at 7pm on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> (or 5pm at Oregon Community UMC or 7:30pm at Long Memorial UMC).** Families will worship together in this service of carols and a retelling of the Christmas story. **Pre-registration is encouraged.**

**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-4<sup>th</sup> 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 26.* **We would like to resume in-person Junior Church** during the worship service beginning mid-January 2022. **Please contact Julie Hassara or Carol Kennedy if you can help as a teacher or aide or if you have any questions.** **PARENTS: We would also like to hear feedback about whether you would have your children participate in Junior Church.**

**YOUTH GROUP, SUNDAYS, 5-7 PM** at Faith UMC. 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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 – We will NOT meet again until Jan. 3.** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518?pwd=cEVDeDIjeThaaWVIYjlQWmZjTm5oUT09>

**BIBLE STUDY led by Mike Shifflet on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM at Oregon Community UMC.** All are invited! *The group will meet again on January 5.* Enjoy the holidays.

**IMPACT! MISSIONS** restore homes to be sold to low-income families & does repairs for homeowners in need. To volunteer on 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays contact **Leon Bame** at 717-344-9924 / [leonschel37@gmail.com](mailto:leonschel37@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](http://www.faithumc.us). Gifts in the special Christmas offering envelopes, marked for *Udobo School*, or in the Christmas Eve offering plate 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](mailto: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:*** As of 12/15/21 we had **\$22,500 in our checking account.** We have **expenses of about \$9,000** due before Dec. 31. So, if we paid all of our remaining bills with no additional income, **we would start 2022 with \$13,500 in our account.** Thank you for your generous gifts that have enabled us to end the year in the positive. However, we **started 2021 with \$20,000** due to the PPP Loan for COVID Relief. Our goal would be to start 2022 with **\$20,000—having brought in the same amount as we spent.** **So, we are asking our members to prayerfully consider if they are able to make an end of year gift from their income, investments, etc.** 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. Please see the finance letter we sent last week for additional details.

**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](http://www.211.org) to reach the **United Way Call Center** for social services. The **Crisis Intervention Lifeline is (717) 394-2631**

**SERVANT SATURDAY ON JAN 1:** 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](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. There is also a need for a 2-bedroom apartment for another family of 3. Please contact Pastor Jason with any ideas.

### 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 (*Restart on Jan. 3 after holidays*)

**Wednesdays** Bible2School, 11 AM-1 PM for students from Reidenbaugh in Fellowship Hall  
Worship Team Practice, 6:30PM (Tuesday this week only)  
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

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

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

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays** Faith UMC works with IMPACT! Missions – Contact Leon Bame to help.

**1<sup>st</sup> (or Last) Saturdays** Servant Saturday & Downtown Food Ministry, 2PM (Sat. before Communion)

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Tuesday, Dec 21** Longest Night Service at Long Memorial UMC, 7:30 PM

**Friday, Dec 24** **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** at Oregon Community (5:00 PM) at Faith (7:00 PM) , & Long Memorial (7:30 PM)- **pre-registration encouraged**

**Saturday, Jan 1** **Servant Saturday**/Deliver food & personal items to unhoused folks downtown, 2 PM

**Wednesday, Jan 5** Ladies' Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30AM

**Monday Jan 10** Faith UMC serves Bag and Go Lunch at Zion Lutheran Church, 11:30 AM

**Thursday, Jan 20** Senior Men's Lunch, 11:30AM Location TBD

### **Our worship participants for Christmas Eve are as follows:**

DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP & MUSIC MINISTRY: Shannon Edwards  
AUDIO/VISUAL TECH: Dennis Meck, Sr.  
GREETER/USHERS: Jim & Buni Harbison  
LITURGIST: Tim Patschke  
ADVENT WREATH: Terry Kofroth & Carol Kennedy  
CHILDREN'S TIME: Amy Boughter

### **Our worship participants for next Sunday, December 26 are as follows:**

DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP & MUSIC MINISTRY: Shannon Edwards  
AUDIO/VISUAL TECH: Dennis Meck, Sr.  
GREETER/USHERS: Amy Boughter & Alex Drolet  
LITURGIST: Buni Harbison  
ADVENT WREATH: John & Priscilla Rice  
CHILDREN'S TIME: Terry Kofroth