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PRESENTED BY:

Lisa Baker
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Edwards Family
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Daryl Hawthorne
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Allen & Carol Kennedy
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Terry Kofroth
Gene & Marilyn Onest
Tim & Sandy Patschke

IN MEMORY OF:

Margareta Buckhol
Clara Nelson
Erick Nelson
Gerry Edwards
John Newcomer
Eva Schmidt
George Hawthorne
Dick & Jane Willard
Tom Bryner
Ray James
Hugh Parsons
Pat Shenk
Barry Kofroth
Family
Loved Ones

PRESENTED BY:

Terry Kofroth

IN HONOR OF:

Matthew, Carrie, Julia, & Alex



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Faith United Methodist Church



December 24, 2021 at 7:00PM – Christmas Eve

WELCOME: We gather together to worship God: The Father, The Son, & the Holy Spirit. We celebrate that The Holy Spirit came upon the Virgin Mary, the Word of God became flesh within her, & on this night some 2021 years ago she brought the only begotten Son, Jesus, into the world. You are welcome in this space to celebrate this miracle no matter who you are; from where you have come; what experiences, struggles or gifts you bring; or the questions, doubts & beliefs you carry. Together, we seek to honor & understand the gift of the Christ Child! We are so glad you are here!

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 you are giving to the special Christmas offerings for sister organizations or churches, please mark that clearly.

PRELUDE **Jody & Anthony Wiker**

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

A TIME FOR CENTERING & PRAYER

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE: CHRIST CANDLE **Terry Kofroth & Carol Kennedy**
We invite you to light a candle in your own home!

***HYMN** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* **UMH #234 v. 1 & 2**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Psalm 96** **Tim Patschke**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE **UMH #895**
SCRIPTURE LESSON **Matthew 1:18-25** **Terry Kofroth**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

***HYMN** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* **UMH #240**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE **Amy Boughter**

HYMN *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* **UMH #218 v. 1, 3, 4**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Luke 2:1-5** **Amy Boughter**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

***HYMN** *O Little Town of Bethlehem* **UMH #230**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Luke 2:6-7 & Isaiah 9:2-7** **Tim Patschke**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC *Mary, Did You Know* **Jody & Anthony Wiker & Pastor Jason**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Luke 2:8-14** **Terry Kofroth**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

***HYMN** *Angels from the Realms of Glory* **UMH #220 v. 1 & 2**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Luke 2:15-21** **Amy Boughter**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

***HYMN** *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* **UMH #224 v. 2 & 3**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Titus 2:11-14** **Tim Patschke**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* **Jody & Anthony Wiker**

***HYMN** *Joy to the World* **UMH #246**

SERMON **Welcome Home** **Pastor Jason**

INVITATION TO THE COMMUNION TABLE **UMH #13-15**

HYMN *There's a Song in the Air* **UMH #249**

BENEDICTION **Pastor Jason**

***HYMN** *Silent Night, Holy Night* **UMH #239 1, 3, 4**

** Please stand if you are able*

Worship Music: Anthony & Jody Wiker and Worship Team
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 **332 new cases/day and 8 new deaths on Dec. 20.** Only **54%** 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 26—join us again on Jan. 2 on Zoom.* **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 in person.*

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 – We will NOT meet again until Jan. 3.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518?pwd=cEVDeDljeThaaWVIYjlQWmZjTm5oUT09>

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 **1st & 3rd Saturdays** contact **Leon Bame** at 717-344-9924 / leonshel37@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING: As has been our tradition, we will be donating our entire Christmas Eve offering to the **UDOBO PRE-SCHOOL** in Durban, South Africa to benefit the children in honor of the birth of Christ. God has been so good to us and we can afford to be generous to the littlest and least in the world. This is a chance to give these children the best start in life so that they can grow to be Godly, healthy and productive members of their community. Visit <http://UdoboSchool.com/> for more information. Your gift will help provide food, educational supplies and teaching staff. **All gifts in the special Christmas envelopes or loose gifts will go to the Udobo School.** So, if you want gifts to go specifically to the General Budget or the Building Fund, please mark it clearly on your envelope or on the check's memo line. There is a regular Dec. 19th or Dec 26th envelope that you can use for your regular offering, as well. *Make out checks to "Faith UMC."*

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

SCHEDULE CHANGE: Please note that there will be no regular office hours December 25th through January 1st. Pastor Jason and Carol will be in the office as their schedules permit. Messages left on the office phone, 717-560-0321, will be checked periodically. In case of an emergency contact Pastor Jason at 717-333-9238.

SECRET SISTER 2022: Questionnaires are available in the hall. If you would like to be part of this group for 2022, please return the form by Jan 9th. The 2021 Reveal will take place Jan15, 2022 at 9:00 am.

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 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

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 <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>)
1st Sundays	Communion is offered during worship service, 10:30AM
Mondays	Chatting Club <i>via Zoom</i> , 7:00 PM (<i>Restart on Jan. 3 after holidays</i>)
Wednesdays	Bible2School, 11 AM-1 PM for students from Reidenbaugh in Fellowship Hall Worship Team Practice, 6:30PM Bible Study at Oregon Community UMC, 6:30-7:30 PM (<i>No meeting Dec 29</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>No Meeting Dec 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:

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
Saturday, Jan 15	Secret Sister Reveal, 9:00 AM
Thursday, Jan 20	Senior Men's Lunch, 11:30AM Location TBD

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

DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP & MUSIC MINISTRY: Shannon Edwards
PIANO, VOCALS AND INSTRUMENTALS: Jody & Anthony Wiker
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