

PRAYER REQUESTS:

OUR CONCERNS:

Wisdom & safety for government officials globally
President Joe Biden and VP Kamala Harris
Veterans and Service Members
Civilians, leaders, and soldiers in war torn regions
For peace & wisdom in areas of conflict
Police officers and their families
Folks harmed in interactions with police
All first responders & 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 the environment
Eradication of deadly diseases—incl. COVID-19
Refugees & huddled masses yearning to be free
Security and immigration reform
People who are hungry and unhoused
Prisoners, Prison Leadership & Judges
Cash Bail and Prison Reform
Schools, education and foster care reform
Members of AA, NA, & AlAnon and their families
All struggling with addictions, finances, etc.
Those suffering from mental health illnesses
All those caring for sick loved ones
Those grieving the loss of loved ones
Bishop Schol & EPAUMC Staff
Rev. Jenny Freymoyer - District Superintendent
The UMC and General Conference Delegates as we
seek God's will regarding human sexuality &
our mission to make disciples of Jesus
Rev. Dorcas, her eyes & ministries in Sierra Leone
Udobo School in Durban, South Africa
Campus Ministries
Charlotte Garfield
Dottie Sheaffer – healing for back & eyes
Eileen Williams – muscles
Bradley McGowan – ALS
Linda Philbin – motor neuropathy
Rosemary (Marilyn Jones' sister) – healing
Michelle Rathvon Mitterer – healing from strokes
Chuck Flory – ALS
Alan Price – Buni's father's health
Ray – recovering from strokes
Annette McClarigan – health, sons & family
Dennis Pounds (Brooke's Uncle) - healing

Those with cancer: Cyndi Campbell, Dean Grove,
Mark Reitzel, Kerry Link and her father-in-law,
Joe, John Rathvon, Duane Lehman, Lori, Barb
Royer, Linda Mutzel, John Serio, Ruthie, Martin
Campbell and others
Angela, Maria and Becky – to be healthy & thrive
Izabel, Oaklee, Carson, Matthew & their parents
Gene Onest – health issues
Terry Kofroth –recovering from surgery
Daryl Hawthorne - recovering from surgery
Kuzmenko family – health, settling extended family
into USA from Ukraine, etc.
Ukrainian people and their nation
Don Campbell – health
Bernice Wilkison – health
Margie Urban – health
Noah Boughter – Expecting a daughter
Bryan Nelson
Ron & Linda Lunn – health
Heather Lindsey
Mike Loechner – concussion
Bob Perkowski – healing after Rotator Cuff surgery
Theo Wenger – healing for kidneys
Jake Ruhl – hip pain
Gun violence and wise reforms
The Perkowski family on the loss of foster daughter
Sandy Patschke – healing after eye surgery
Alex & Erin Drolet as they settle into new life in
Virginia
Jo Ann Steinmetz – healing
Megan and Josh—Jackie Black's grandkids
Pamela Hummel – healing from fall
Emile & Andrew Muth – healthy pregnancy
Julie Didyoung - healing after neck surgery
Margo – healing from surgery
Samantha – crippling anxiety
Family and friends of Mary Kohler on her passing
Family and friends of Will Jeffers on his passing

OUR PRAISES:

God's presence through illness, struggle & loss
Babies born into our extended church family
Ian Solodky and Shannon Weaver as they begin their
first appointments as pastors
Tina Miller - good test results & healing from surgery

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

Counting the Cost

HAVING WORDS WITH JESUS
WORSHIP SERIES



Welcome

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Faith United Methodist Church



September 4, 2022 at 10:30 AM – 13th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME: We come together to worship the loving God who has chosen to be revealed as the Father Creator, the Son who lived among us, and the Holy Spirit who ministers powerfully within us. You are welcome in this sacred space no matter who you are; from where you have come; what experiences, struggles or gifts you bring; or the questions, doubts & beliefs you carry. We are so glad you are here – and pray you find what you came looking for!

THANKS FOR COMING: *If you are joining us for the first time, please sign the guest book in the hallway. There are also red pads in each row for everyone to sign in during the service. We would love to stay in touch with you. If you're worshipping online, please 'sign in' by commenting on the video.*

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS Michelle Bame & Pastor Jason

A TIME FOR CENTERING & PRAYER

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Pastor Jason & God's People

Come, all who labor and are weighed down with responsibility, uncertainty, and worry.

We come, because the load we carry is heavier than we can bear alone.

Come, all you who seek to relate work and worship, leisure and service, into a meaningful whole.

We gather for spiritual renewal and practical challenge, for help in making choices and carrying out our commitments.

Come, sinner and saint, with your hatreds and loves, your failures and successes, your sorrows and joys.

We respond to the Spirit's leading and open ourselves to receive God's gracious gifts.

(Lavon Baylor, Flames of the Spirit, Ruth C. Duck, ed., Pilgrim Press, 1985, 52)

***HYMN** *This Little Light of Mine* UMH #585 v. 1, 2

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18** Terry Kofroth
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S TIME Michelle Bame

OUR OFFERINGS OF PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS
***Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #95
***Offertory Prayer**

***HYMN** *More Love to Thee, O Christ* UMH #453

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Jeremiah 18:1-11** Terry Kofroth
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

***HYMN** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* UMH #103 v. 1-3

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Philemon 1:1-21** Terry Kofroth
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE *If worshipping online, you may post your prayer requests*

***HYMN** *Spirit of the Living God* UMH #393

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Luke 14:25-33** Terry Kofroth
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Counting the Cost* Pastor Jason

INVITATION TO THE COMMUNION TABLE *All Are Welcome*

***HYMN** *Let Us Break Bread Together* UMH #618 v. 1-3

CONFESSION AND PARDON UMH #12

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 UMH #15
All are invited to receive the bread and the cup, as God's grace and love extend to everyone!

***HYMN** *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* UMH #160 v. 1, 3, 5

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

*** You are invited to stand**

Director of Worship: Shannon Edwards **AV Tech:** Dennis Meck, Sr.

Guest Musicians: Tish Brown, Piano & Laurie Haines Reese, Cello

Pastor: The Rev. Jason Perkowski **Ministers:** The People of God

WORSHIP SERVICES ARE ALSO BROADCAST on Facebook & our website.

OFFICE COMMUNICATION: Hours vary. Contact us directly for availability. Messages left on the office phone, 717-560-0321 or email: faithumc@hotmail.com, will be checked on weekdays. Contact Pastor Jason at 717-333-9238 or jbperkowski@gmail.com and leave a *detailed message*. He is spending time with family from Friday at Noon thru Saturday and may not respond to non-emergencies then.

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS: Prayer request cards are at the entrance to the sanctuary and in each of the red attendance pads. Please fill out a card and place it on the altar prior to the service or during a hymn.

FREE LENDING LIBRARY of books, puzzles, and DVDs for all ages to borrow is in the 2nd classroom on the right in the Education Wing. There is no sign-in/out procedure. See Buni or Marilyn for info. Donations welcome.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA: This will be a joint effort between Long Memorial, Faith, and OCUMC. Practices are at 7:45 to 8:45 PM every Wednesday beginning September 21, alternating between Long Memorial & Faith UMCs. Contact Shannon Edwards, Worship Director, for more info. **All singers are welcome to join us** as we prepare a musical worship service for Sunday, December 18 to be performed at Faith and Long Memorial UMCs.

CONFIRMATION CLASS begins in Fall 2022 for students who are in 6th-12th grade. Please let Pastor Jason know at (717) 333-9238 if you are interested in participating or if you would like to be a mentor. We will have bi-weekly classes, retreats, field trips, etc. with the class being led by Pastor Andrea from Long Memorial and Pastor Jason.

WEST DISTRICT CELEBRATION DAY AT GRETNA GLEN ON SEPTEMBER 18: 2-3 PM is Worship & Installation of District Superintendent Jenny Freymoyer. 3-5 PM is Fellowship Time: Pork BBQ (w/Veggie options), Boating, Archery, Lawn Games, Hiking, Basketball, Gaga, Swing-zebo. **All individuals and families are invited** to come and celebrate as we welcome Pastor Jenny. Bishop Schol & Cabinet will officiate the Installation.

YOUTH GROUP, SUNDAYS, 5-7 PM at Faith UMC. 5th-12th graders are invited. Sign up in the hall or by contacting Pastor Jason to be the 2nd adult and/or to provide a meal. Bring friends to join in the fun. Each week there are dinner, games and a lesson. **On Sunday, September 18, youth will go to Gretna Glen Camp from 1:00 - 5:30 PM. Church van will leave from Faith UMC.** We go to camp for Youth Group Night on the 3rd Sunday of most every month except summer. For more info and to RSVP, contact Pastor Jason (717-333-9238). *RSVP each week so we can plan activities based on number of students attending.* Permission slips are required for all off campus events & are available in the Church Lobby and in youth section of website. **NO meeting tonight.**

JUNIOR CHURCH: We are planning to hold Junior Church in person during worship in the fall using the Deep Blue curriculum. September 11 will be “Rally Day” with a special family-oriented worship service. Following the service, there will be refreshments and a chance for families to get to know the teachers and see the classroom. **If you are interested in being a teacher or 2nd adult in the classroom, please let the office know ASAP.**

CHATTING CLUB: MONDAYS AT 7 PM BY ZOOM Everyone is invited to join us. at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518?pwd=cEVDeDljeThaaWVlYjIjQWmZjTm5oUT09> **NOT Sept 5.**

BIBLE STUDY on WEDNESDAYS at 6:30 PM with Mike Shifflet at Oregon Community UMC.

MORNING BIBLE STUDY – FRIDAYS AT 10AM: Each week we explore a small group study based on the scriptures for this week’s sermon. You can prepare at: <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning>. Join us **in person** in the Faith UMC Fellowship Hall or by Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83172825482?pwd=VzBkd2p0ci9KZ1BqMUZqN1NOamh4dz09>

***NEW* GRIEF GROUP:** Pastor Jason and Tina Miller will be starting a new Grief Share Group to help people process the loss of loved ones and to find support from peers. There are materials that we will work through together in addition to mutual support. To learn more or sign up, please contact Pastor Jason ASAP.

POWER Interfaith Lancaster County is part of a statewide group of people of faith working on making our commonwealth more just. They are working on fair funding for public schools, prison and bail reform, positive interactions between police & communities, a healthier environment & climate, economic justice, etc. **We would like to see our church officially engage in this work with POWER Interfaith as well as considering starting a Church and Society Team.** Pastor Jason invites anyone interested in learning more to contact him.

OFFERING TITHES TO THE LORD: You can direct gifts to **General Ministry, Debt Reduction / Building Fund**, etc. Mark preferences in the memo. You can mail a check, donate through the website, or give in the plate.

IN NEED OF 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 or Dial 9-8-8**

VOTE REGARDING EXPLORATION OF DISAFFILIATION: Ballots were mailed to full professing members. **We need all ballots returned to the church by Wednesday, September 7.**

GAME NIGHT ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 FROM 6:00 TO 8:00PM. Bring your favorite games and team up with some folks you don't know and maybe some of your old buddies. Bring the kids, come with a friend, or invite someone in your neighborhood so that they can meet your church family! This is sure to be an evening not to be missed!

SOUP SALE: Order by Sunday, September 18th. Quarts of delicious soup from Oregon Dairy will be available for purchase at \$10 per quart. Choose from Chicken Corn Noodle, Cream of Potato, or Tomato Bisque. Payment is due at the time of order or pay online at our website www.faithumc.us by September 18th. **You may pick up your orders on Saturday, October 8 from 11AM to 1 PM.** There are signup sheets in the hall or call 717-560-0321 or email faithumc@hotmail.com to order. A limited number of quarts will be available for walk-ins.

ATTENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS: The forms for your committee are available online at emaupc.org. All forms need to be completed ASAP so that we can approve them at the September 8th Church Council meeting. Trustees, Finance, Lay Leaders, SPRC, Nominations, and Church Council all have forms to complete. **Our Charge Conference is scheduled for Saturday, October 8, 2022 at 9:00AM at Lititz, UMC. Please make every effort to attend.**

ONGOING EVENTS:

Sundays	Worship, 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary and Facebook Live Youth Group at Faith, 5-7 PM NOT tonight – enjoy the holiday weekend
1st Sundays	Communion is offered during worship service, 10:30AM
Mondays	Chatting Club via Zoom, 7:00 PM NOT Sept 5– enjoy the holiday weekend
Wednesdays	Worship Team Practice, 6:30 PM Bible Study 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 led by Pastor Jason, 10:00 AM (via Zoom or in person)
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:

Wednesday, Sept 7	Ladies’ Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30 AM – RSVP to Sandy Patschke
Thursday, Sept 8	Church Council Meeting, 6:00 PM (in person or via Zoom)
Sunday, Sept 11	“Rally Day” Family-oriented worship service, followed by refreshments, 10:30 AM
Thursday, Sept 15	Senior Men’s Lunch , 11:30 AM – Location TBD
Friday, Sept 16	Game Night, 6-8pm
Sunday, Sept 18	West District Celebration Day at Gretna Glen, 2:00 to 5:00 PM
Saturday, Oct 1	Servant Saturday/Deliver food & personal items to unhoused folks downtown, 2 PM
Saturday, Oct 8	Faith UMC Charge Conference at Lititz UMC, 9:00 AM
Saturday, Oct 8	Soup Sale Pickup, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM (prep Oct 6, 5pm – volunteers needed)
Monday, Oct 10	Faith UMC provides Bag-n-Go Lunch at Zion Lutheran Church, 11:00 AM (Prep at 9:30 AM)

WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, September 11 are:

WORSHIP MUSIC: Shannon Edwards, Worship Director and the Faith Singers
AUDIO/VISUAL TECH: Dennis Meck, Sr.
GREETER/USHERS: Tim & Sandy Patschke
LITURGIST: Lisa Baker
CHILDREN’S TIME: Amy Boughter
YOUTH GROUP (5pm): Pastor Jason & Sara Solodky