

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
Stewardship of our environment & climate
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, DS Freymoyer & EPAUMC Staff
Laity and Clergy of the UMC
The UMC and General Conference Delegates, new
Bishops, God's will regarding human sexuality
& evangelism to new disciples of Jesus
Rev. Dorcas, her eyes & ministries in Sierra Leone
Udobo School in Durban, South Africa
Campus Ministries
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
Annette McClarigan – health, sons & family
Jean Neideigh – healing (MS)
Gene Onest – health issues

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, Sophia, Ruthie,
Martin Campbell, Ben Neideigh, Harmony
Chiccarine, et al

Angela, Maria and Becky – to be healthy & thrive
Izabel, Oaklee, Carson, Matthew & their parents
Terry Kofroth – healing
Daryl Hawthorne – healing and upcoming surgery
Kuzmenko family – health and transitions
Ukrainian people and their nation
Don Campbell – health
Bernice Wilkison – health
Margie Urban – health
Noah Boughter and family
Bryan Nelson
Heather Lindsey
Theo Wenger – healing for kidneys
Jake Ruhl – hip pain
Jo Ann Steinmetz – healing
Megan and Josh—Jackie Black's grandkids
Mark Norman –recovery from shoulder surgery
Shirley Gehr – healing
Roberta Stone – healing and balance
Donald Stone – healing
Nicole Wise
Denise Herr (Steph Edward's mom) - healing
Holly Lee – healing
The Jackson Family
Jay Byerly – healing
Glessner Family on loss of infant son
Jenita Beth Perkowski – testing and healing
Kay Newcomer – healing & peace
Robyn Meckley – healing
Sandy Patschke – healing after eye surgery
Fred Kohler – heart attack and bypass surgery
Shelda Costello – Healing after a fall
Deb Blanshine – Vertigo
Linda Lunn – Myeloma
Mike Loechner
All those healing from COVID and other viruses

OUR PRAISES:

Bible2School Program for 2nd-4th graders
God's presence through illness, struggle & loss
The birth of Jesus the Savior

Please submit prayer requests (& updates) by note



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Welcome

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Faith United Methodist Church



January 1, 2023 at 10:30 AM – New Year’s Day

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 2022 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!

Please sign in using the red Pew Pads. Prayer Request Cards from the pads can be placed in the basket on the altar. If worshipping online, please ‘sign in’ and add prayer requests by commenting on the video.

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Jason

A TIME FOR CENTERING & PRAYER Pastor Jason

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

A new day has dawned, a new year begun

O Lord, call us so we may hear Your voice

The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future

O Lord, keep us in Your ways and on Your path

We enter this new year with hope and excitement

O Lord, remind us that You lead us

O Lord, guide us as we look to You and worship You. Amen.

Written by Rev. Mindi and posted on her Rev-o-lution website. <http://rev-o-lution.org/>. reposted: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/12/call-to-worship-for-new-year.html>.

***HYMN** *Angels We Have Heard on High* UMH #238

SCRIPTURE LESSON Galatians 4:4-7 Buni Harbison
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN’S TIME Pastor Jason

***HYMN** *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* UMH #229

SCRIPTURE LESSON Hebrews 2:10-18 Buni Harbison
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

OUR OFFERINGS OF PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS

***Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #95

***Offertory Prayer**

***HYMN** *Adore* by Kendrick & Chalk

SCRIPTURE LESSON Philippians 2:1-11 Buni Harbison
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

THE PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE Pastor Jason

***HYMN** *There’s A Song in the Air* UMH #249

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 2:21-40 Buni Harbison
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Children of God* Pastor Jason

COMMUNION ANTHEM: *The Table (A Christmas Communion)* by Darlene Zschech

COMMUNION (inc. Lord’s Prayer UMH #895) UMH #12-15

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

***HYMN** *Good Christian Friends Rejoice* UMH #224

*** You are invited to stand**

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

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

WORSHIP SERVICES ARE ALSO BROADCAST on Facebook & our website.

OFFICE COMMUNICATION: Hours vary. Contact the Office via 717-560-0321 or faithumc@hotmail.com, (messages checked weekdays). Contact Pastor Jason via 717-333-9238 or jbperkowski@gmail.com. He is with family from Friday at Noon thru Saturday and may not respond to non-emergencies then.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES have been delayed due to an equipment failure. Parts are on order and we should receive our envelopes in January or possibly February. Until then you may submit your check with the designations marked clearly in the memo. There are also extra unnumbered envelopes in the hall that you may use if you prefer. Please make sure to include your name and/or envelope number on the front as well as the designations.

UDOBO PRE-SCHOOL OFFERING: As has been our tradition, we donate our entire Christmas Eve offering to the Udobo 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 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 an unnumbered envelope in the hall that you can use for your regular offering, as well. **Make out checks to “Faith UMC.”**

FINANCIAL UPDATE: The people of Faith UMC continue to serve by providing meals to unhoused people in Binn’s Park, training up young people, offering various small groups and Bible Studies, reaching out and welcoming in new members, providing pastoral care to members and the broader community, enabling meaningful worship services, and so much more. Thank you for sharing your time, talent, prayers, service and witness. Thank you for your financial support. We have now received donations to cover all of our local ministry expenses for 2022. **However, as we begin 2023 we have at least \$6,000 in new local expenses in the first two weeks.** Additionally, we still need **\$12,711 to pay our remaining required 2022 Ministry Apportionments** to the United Methodist Church. This includes 1) The World Service Fund which supports the boards, agencies and missional organizations that resource our UMC ministries around the world, 2) The Connectional Ministry Fund which supports our missions, programming, and staff in Eastern Pennsylvania, and 3) The General Church Fund which provides for the operations of the General Conference. **Prayerfully consider if you are able to make a donation toward a strong start to our ministries in this new year. And if you have not submitted a Pledge Card indicating your plans for the year, extra cards are available on the Information Table in the lobby.**

REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS: If you are over 72 and have tax deferred retirement accounts, you could have a portion of your required minimum distribution given as a charitable gift to the church (or other organizations) to avoid paying taxes on those funds. This may benefit you as you finish out 2022 and plan for you tax returns. If you have questions, about different sources of giving to the church, feel free to contact Pastor Jason.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL at 9:00 AM: Everyone is welcome to join this Bible Study led by Michelle Bame on Sunday mornings. *We will meet in the 1st classroom in the Education Wing.* **Resumes Jan 8.**

JUNIOR CHURCH for children age 3 years through 4th grade **during the 10:30AM Worship Service. Please sign your child in before the Worship Service. Each child and parent will be assigned a badge** with a matching number. Children are dismissed to Junior Church after the Children’s Time Message. **After worship, parents must sign children out at their classroom in the Education Wing.** **Resumes Jan 8.**

YOUTH GROUP, SUNDAYS, 5-7 PM at Faith UMC for 5th-12th graders. Sign up in the hall to be the 2nd adult and/or to provide a meal. Each week there are dinner, games and a lesson. **Youth will go to Gretna Glen Camp from 3:30-7:00 PM on the 3rd Sunday of each month including January 15.** Church van will leave from / return to Faith UMC. For more info contact Pastor Jason (717-333-9238). **Resumes Jan 8.**

CONFIRMATION CLASS will meet at Faith UMC from 7:30-9:00 PM every other Monday for students in 6th-12th grade. We will have classes, retreats, field trips, etc. led by Pastor Andrea from Long Memorial and Pastor Jason. (Next meetings: **Jan. 2 & 16**)

GRIEFSHARE GROUP: Pastor Jason and Tina Miller lead a GriefShare Group to help people find support and process the loss of loved ones. We meet every other Monday from 5-6 PM at Faith UMC (**Jan. 2 & 16**).

CHATTING VIA ZOOM MONDAYS AT 6:30 PM: Resumes Jan. 2. Everyone is invited to join us. at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518?pwd=cEVDeDljeThaaWVIYjlQWmZjTm5oUT09>.

BIBLE STUDY on WEDNESDAYS at 6:30 PM with Mike at Oregon Community UMC. **Resumes Jan 11.**

MORNING BIBLE STUDY – FRIDAYS AT 10AM in Fellowship Hall: We explore the scriptures for this week’s sermon. You can prepare at: <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning>. **Resumes Jan 6.**

ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE FAITH UMC WORSHIP TEAM for practices on Wednesdays at 6:30PM. We still need singers and instrumentalists to be a part of leading worship each week.

POWER INTERFAITH LANCASTER COUNTY is working on justice issues in our community—including fair funding for public schools, prison and bail reform, positive police & community interactions, a healthier environment, economic justice, etc. **Pastor Jason has been working with POWER Interfaith for over 6 years and would like to see our church officially engage in this work as well as considering starting a local UMC Church and Society Team.** Contact Pastor Jason to learn more or visit <https://powerinterfaith.org>

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 to join in a new membership class to begin soon.

BIBLE2SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS: If you are interested in working with Pastor Jason and other volunteers to teach the Bible2School students from Reidenbaugh Elementary School please let Pastor know. We are hosting this religious education program for 2nd and 3rd grade students every Tuesday and Wednesday morning for 45 students.

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

PRAYER SHAWLS AVAILABLE: Perhaps you or someone you know would appreciate the comfort of a prayer shawl or quilt. **Please help yourself to a prayer shawl** from the rack in the hall and sign the attached sheet.

SERVANT SATURDAY: In coordination with our Downtown Ministry program, Faith UMC is encouraging a Servant Saturday for all our worshippers on the 1st Saturday of each month. Our next Servant Saturday is **January 7.** We are asking everyone to make an effort to show God’s love to the world around you. We would like everyone

to find a way to give of their time, talents and treasures locally or across the world. There is a flyer on the church website that has some suggestions, but we hope you can use your imaginations to find ways to give. Involve everyone in your family to find ways to share the love and giving of Jesus Christ. And who knows, that attitude of servanthood may carry over to all the other days of the week.

DOWNTOWN MINISTRY: We have ministry of providing meals & personal care items for people who are unhoused in Lancaster City on the 1st Saturday of every month. **January 7 we will meet at 2pm and cook a hot meal** at Faith UMC, and then **go downtown to deliver it.** If you’d like to help, please contact Diana Valentine at 717-283-6099. We need people to help cook, prepare donations, deliver food, pray, etc.

COMMUNITY MEAL: People in need may pick up a Grab ‘n Go Meal at Zion Lutheran Church in East Petersburg every Monday. Several churches in the area support this ministry. **Faith UMC provides fifty Grab ‘n Go Meals quarterly.** If you would like to be involved in this ministry, please contact Carol Kennedy. **The next time we serve a meal will be January 9, 2023.**

IN NEED OF HELP: Contact Pastor Jason, 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.**

ONGOING EVENTS:

- Sundays** Adult Sunday School, 9:00 AM **Resumes Jan 8.**
Worship, 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary and Facebook Live
Junior Church during 10:30 AM worship **Resumes Jan 8.**
Youth Group at Faith, 5-7 PM. **Resumes Jan 8.**
- 1st Sundays** Communion is offered during worship service, 10:30AM
- Mondays** GriefShare Group - Every other Monday from 5:00-6:00 PM at Faith UMC
Chatting Club via Zoom, 6:30 PM **Resumes Jan 2.**
Confirmation Class - Every other Monday from 7:30-9:00 PM at Faith UMC
Bible2School, 9:45 to 11:30 AM for Reidenbaugh students in Fellowship Hall
Bible2School, 11:20 AM-1:20 PM for Reidenbaugh students in Fellowship Hall
Worship Team Practice, 6:30 PM
- Tuesdays** Bible Study at Oregon Community UMC, 6:30-7:30 PM
- Wednesdays** Wing and a Prayer AA Meeting in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM
Bible Study led by Pastor Jason, 10:00 AM **Resumes Jan 6.**
- Thursdays** Faith UMC works with IMPACT! Missions – Contact Leon Bame to help.
- Fridays** Servant Saturday & Downtown Food Ministry, 2PM
- 1st & 3rd Saturdays**
- 1st Saturdays**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Monday, Jan 2** GriefShare Group - Every other Monday from 5:00 to 6:00 PM
Chatting Club via Zoom, 7:00 PM
Confirmation Class - Every other Monday from 7:30-9:00 PM at Faith UMC
- Wednesday, Jan 5** Ladies’ Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:00 AM – RSVP to Sandy Patschke
- Saturday, Jan 7** Servant Saturday/Deliver food & personal items to unhoused folks downtown, 2 PM
- Monday, Jan 9** Faith UMC provides Bag-n-Go Lunch at Zion Lutheran Church, 11AM (Prep at 9:30 AM)
- Thursday, Jan 19** Senior Men’s Lunch at Two Cousins in Brownstown, 11:30 AM – RSVP to Mike Bitner

WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, January 8 are:

- GREETERS:** Daryl Hawthorne & Terry Kofroth
- USHERS:** Daryl Hawthorne & Terry Kofroth
- LITURGIST:** Steph Edwards
- CHILDREN’S TIME:** Michelle Bame
- JUNIOR CHURCH:** Lisa Baker & Collette Borden
- YOUTH GROUP:** Pastor Jason & Sara Solodky