

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



Welcome

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Faith United Methodist Church



January 8, 2023 at 10:30 AM – Epiphany Sunday & Baptism of the Lord

WELCOME: We gather together to worship God: The Father, The Son, & the Holy Spirit. We come to learn from the life, ministry and teaching of Jesus--who is fully God and fully human. He is the living Word of God. You are welcome in this space to explore 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 learn and live out our Faith. 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

Michelle Bame & Pastor Jason

A TIME FOR CENTERING & PRAYER

Pastor Jason

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jason & God's People

The Voice of God prods our hearing

The activity of God stretches our seeing.

Together they invite us down into the waters of life where the Spirit flows.

From there we may rise to go, to dare, to walk, and to serve beyond where we have been before.

Martha Brunell, The Abingdon Women's Preaching Annual, Series 2, Year A (Abingdon Press, 2001), 58.

*HYMN

The First Noel

UMH #245

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6

Steph Edwards

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Michelle Bame

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14

Steph Edwards

*HYMN

Sing We Now of Christmas

UMH #237 v. 1, 4, 5

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 3:1-12

Steph Edwards

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

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

*Offertory Prayer

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 2:1-23

Steph Edwards

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

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH #895

*HYMN

We Three Kings

UMH #254

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 3:13-17

Steph Edwards

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

SERMON

The Light of the World

Pastor Jason

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

*HYMN

Go, Tell it on the Mountain

UMH #251

* 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 jbperkowsk@gmail.com. He is with family from Friday at Noon thru Saturday and may not respond to non-emergencies then.

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.*

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.**

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).

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. 16 & 30)

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. 16 & 30).

CHATTING VIA ZOOM MONDAYS AT 6:30 PM: 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.

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>.

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.

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 helping lead small groups or teach the Bible2School students from Reidenbaugh Elementary School please let Pastor know. Faith UMC is hosting this religious education program for 2nd and 3rd grade students every Tues. & Wed. morning for 45 students.

2022 MISSION/OUTREACH SUMMARY: Faith UMC, you are amazing!! 2022 was a challenging year in so many ways for all of us, financially and otherwise. However, you looked beyond yourselves and your immediate circles and saw into a bigger world outside of your comfort zone and you made change happen for many. Missions wise, you supported the Downtown Ministry and took meals to those in need in our own community, you donated canned goods, kitchen supplies, gift cards, and balls for underprivileged children for the Lumina programs, You looked into the greater world and supported the Udobo School with a tremendous Christmas in July and Christmas Eve donation. I know that will make a huge difference to them and the work they do. You are amazing!! I said that before and I will sing it to the sky. Thank you for all you do and all the missions you support. 2023 will bring us all new adventures! Diana

LUMINA NEEDS YOU! They offer a kid's time Monday evenings for Lancaster inner city children from ages 4-10 three Mondays a month from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. During this time the children play a game, do a small craft, hear a Bible lesson, and eat a large snack or light meal. Churches take turns sponsoring each month. **We have agreed to help do the meals on Jan. 9, 23, & 30. Please prayerfully consider helping.** Meals would be cooked here and taken downtown to New Creation UMC. **Please contact Diana Valentine at 717-283-6099.**

CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM: We are starting a new team at Faith & Oregon Community to explore how our churches can engage in improving our community. Scripture, our membership vows and the history of the Methodists call us to stand up against injustice and the forces of wickedness. If you are interested in learning more and being a part of that team, please contact Pastor Jason. This team will also discern ways that we may choose to engage with **POWER INTERFAITH LANCASTER COUNTY** (<https://powerinterfaith.org>) which is working on justice issues in our community around schools, the criminal justice system, etc.

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: If you or someone you know would appreciate the comfort of a prayer shawl or quilt, **please help yourself to a one** 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 **February 4**. 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. **February 4 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 Jan. 9, 2023. Help is needed after church today and Monday at 10am.**

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.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES have been delayed at the printer. We should receive them in Jan or Feb. Until then, clearly mark how you want your gift used (General Ministry or Debt Reduction) in the memo line or on a plain envelope. There are also extra envelopes in the hall that you may use. Please make sure to include your name and/or envelope number on the front as well as how you want your gift used.

MINISTRY & FINANCE UPDATE: The people of Faith UMC continue to serve by training up young people, offering various small groups and Bible Studies, evangelizing, welcoming in new members, providing pastoral care, providing meals to unhoused people in Binn's Park, enabling meaningful worship services, and so much more. Thank you for sharing your time, talent, prayers, service and witness—including your ongoing financial support of this work. **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.

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
Worship, 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary and Facebook Live
Junior Church during 10:30 AM worship
Youth Group at Faith, 5-7 PM.

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
Confirmation Class - Every other Monday from 7:30-9:00 PM at Faith UMC

Tuesdays Bible2School, 9:45 to 11:30 AM for Reidenbaugh students in Fellowship Hall

Wednesdays Bible2School, 11:20 AM-1:20 PM for Reidenbaugh students in Fellowship Hall
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

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

1st Saturdays Servant Saturday & Downtown Food Ministry, 2PM

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, Jan 9 Faith UMC provides Bag-n-Go Lunch at Zion Lutheran Church, 11AM (Prep at 10 AM)

Monday, Jan 16 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

Thursday, Jan 19 Senior Men's Lunch at Two Cousins in Brownstown, 11:30 AM – RSVP to Mike Bitner

Wednesday, Feb 1 Ladies' Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:00 AM – RSVP to Sandy Patschke

Saturday, Feb 4 Servant Saturday/Deliver food & personal items to unhoused folks downtown, 2 PM

WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, January 15 are:

GREETERS: Donna Arnold & Leon Bame

USHERS: Donna Arnold & Leon Bame

LITURGIST: Michelle Bame

CHILDREN'S TIME: *volunteer needed*

JUNIOR CHURCH: Carol Kennedy & Marilyn Jones

YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason & *volunteer needed to ride in van to Gretna Glen*