

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, Conference Delegates and Bishops as
we find our way forward in the Holy Spirit
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
Don Campbell – health

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, Sophia Serio, 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
Kuzmenko family – health and transitions
Sarah Kumzenko – Migraines
Ukrainian people and their nation
Bernice Wilkison – health
Margie Urban – health & healing from infection
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
Denise Herr (Steph Edward's mom) - healing
Holly Lee – healing
The Jackson Family
Jay Byerly – healing
Jenita Beth Perkowski – testing and healing
Robert T. Perkowski – healing
Kay Newcomer – healing & peace
Robyn Meckley – healing
Linda Lunn – myeloma, chemo & heart
Bob Miller –healing after neck surgery
Phyllis Miller – healing after fall
Jacob Pennell – healing after eye surgery
All those healing from COVID and other viruses
Jim Harbison – chronic pain and recovery
Veronica Eckman – housing and support
Children – to know they are not alone in struggles
Ed Kelly (Mike Bitner's Son-in-Law) – brain tumor

OUR PRAISES:

Bible2School Program for 2nd-4th graders
God's presence through illness, struggle & loss
New membership class
Shelda Costello – quick healing

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



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Welcome

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Faith United Methodist Church



February 5, 2023 at 10:30 AM – 5th Sunday after the Epiphany

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**

We are called to bring a new understanding of God: that God so loves the world.

We are the salt of the earth.

We are called to bring a new hope in God: that God gives us new life.

We are the light of the world.

We are called to follow the commandments and the law.

The Law of God is to love God and to love one another.

Come, let us be the salt of the earth, the light of the world.

Come, let us love one another with the love of God.

Let us join together in our love of God to worship and follow Jesus.

Written by Rev Mindi and posted on Rev-o-lution. <http://rev-o-lution.org>.

Reposted: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2017/01/call-to-worship-loving-god-and-one.html>.

***HYMN** **UMH #382**

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Buni Harbison**

Matthew 8:1-17

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

RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP: Charles & Norman Families **UMH #33-39**

CHILDREN'S TIME **Pastor Jason**

***HYMN** **UMH #375**

There Is a Balm in Gilead

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Buni Harbison**

Matthew 8:28-9:13

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

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

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

***Offertory Prayer**

***HYMN** **UMH #428**

For the Healing of the Nations

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE



SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 9:18-38

Buni Harbison

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

***HYMN**

Here I Am, Lord

UMH #593

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 10:5-8

Buni Harbison

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

SERMON

Who Is Jesus? Healer

Pastor Jason

***HYMN**

Come Just As You Are

MSFPW1 #47

COMMUNION (inc. Lord's Prayer UMH #895)

UMH #12-15

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

***HYMN**

Shout to the Lord

MSFPW1 #16

Please us for a reception in the Fellowship Hall to welcome our newest members.

** 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.

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 February 19. Volunteer needed to ride in the van.** 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: Feb 13 & 27)

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 (Feb 13 & 27).

CHATTING VIA ZOOM MONDAYS AT 6:30 PM: This is a member-led, discussion-oriented "Philosopher's Club." Come with your ideas, questions and wonderings for discussion each week. Pastor Jason will facilitate. You may join us at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518?pwd=cEVDeDljeThaaWVlYjIjQWmZjTm5oUT09>.

BIBLE STUDY ON SAMUEL 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 the upcoming sermon. You can prepare by exploring the scriptures printed in the bulletin and Faith-a-Gram.

SENIOR MEN'S LUNCH, Thur., Feb. 16 at 11:30AM. We will enjoy food from Mission BBQ at Faith UMC. Drinks are provided. You may donate to the cost of the meal. **RSVP to Allen Kennedy by Feb 12.**

FAITH UMC WORSHIP TEAM: Do YOU, yes YOU, sing, play an instrument, love to laugh and fellowship with Faith friends, and in general, make a joyful noise to the Lord? If you do, then have we got an opportunity for you! The Faith Singers, led by Shannon Edwards, meet every Wednesday at 6:30 PM to learn Sunday morning's hymns, praise and worship songs, and beautiful anthems designed to enhance the worship experience. We want YOU to share with us in this opportunity! We will welcome you with open arms, open hearts, and open voices. Talk to Shannon if you have any questions, or better yet, come join us on Wednesday night!

MINISTRY UPDATE: God is actively at work through us as a church. We have **nine Bible Studies** that are meeting throughout the week for people of all ages—four years of age through senior citizens. We offer **GriefShare every other week.** We are also supporting **Alcoholics Anonymous** and **AI-Anon.** We encourage you to come out for one or more of these sessions. **Prayerfully consider if you would like to make a donation toward our ministries to support this work—and so much more.**

FINANCE UPDATE: Thank you to everyone that has already made a gift in 2023. The start of the year can be difficult as people are travelling and catching back up after the holidays. So, giving has been off to a slow start. **Please consider if you are able to make a gift** to support our shared ministries—and if you might be able to commit to regular giving. You can set up recurring gifts through your own financial institution or at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z37Q/home>



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. You can direct gifts to **General Ministry, Debt Reduction / Building Fund,** etc. Mark preferences in the memo. You can **mail a check,** donate at **FaithUMC.us,** or **place an offering in the plate.**

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. **STOCKS & INVESTMENTS:** You can also make a direct donation of stocks, bonds and other investments. Please contact the Finance Team if you have questions.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES have been delayed at the printer. We should receive them in February. 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 extra envelopes in the hall, too. Please include your name and envelope number.

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.

THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM of Faith & Oregon Community UMCs will explore how we 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 and Renee Norman who will chair this team. We will 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. The first meeting will be in Feb.

SERVANT SATURDAY: In coordination with our Downtown Ministry program, Faith UMC is encouraging a Servant Saturday on the 1st Saturday of each month, including **March 4.** We are asking everyone to show God's love to the people around you by finding a way to give of your time, talents and treasures locally or across the world. There is a flyer on the church website with suggestions, but use your imaginations to find ways to give by yourself, or with family & friends. May the attitude of servanthood carry over to all the other days of the week.

DOWNTOWN MINISTRY: We provide meals & personal care items for people who are unhoused in Lancaster City on the 1st Saturday of every month. **March 4 at 2PM we will cook a hot meal** at Faith UMC, and then **go downtown to deliver it.** To help cook, prepare donations, deliver food, etc., contact Diana at 717-283-6099.

FREE TAX PREP by IRS- certified volunteers. VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) is a program of the United Way. This offer is for persons making between \$10,000 and \$60,000. It is available in-person, virtually (Drop-Off/Pick-Up) or online (MyFreeTaxes.com). Schedule an appointment by calling 211 or at vita.uwlanc.org.

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.

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.**

JOINT CHURCH COUNCIL AND FINANCE TEAM will meet on Feb 9 at 6:00PM. This joint meeting will allow us to report back on our ministries and administrative tasks and to spend time discussing the current finances. We are also looking for volunteers to serve as Treasurer, Tax Form Preparer, and Head Counter. Please let us know if you are willing to serve in any one of these roles.

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 more info.

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

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

Bible2School, 9:45 to 11:30 AM for Reidenbaugh students in Fellowship Hall
Bible2School, 11:20 AM-1:20 PM for Reidenbaugh students
Worship Team Practice, 6:30 PM

Thursdays

Bible Study at Oregon Community UMC, 6:30-7:30 PM

Fridays

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

1st & 3rd Saturdays

Bible Study led by Pastor Jason, 10:00 AM

1st Saturdays

Faith UMC works with IMPACT! Missions – Contact Leon Bame to help
Servant Saturday & Downtown Food Ministry, 2PM

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday, Feb 9

Joint Church Council/Finance Team Meeting, 6:00 PM

Monday, Feb 13

GriefShare Group - Every other Monday from 5:00 to 6:00 PM

Chatting Club via Zoom, 6:30 PM

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

Thursday, Feb 16

Senior Men's Lunch, 11:30AM at Faith UMC – RSVP to Allen Kennedy

Trustees Meeting, 6:00 PM

Sunday, Feb 19

Youth Group at Gretna Glen, meet at and return to Faith UMC, 3:30-7:00 PM

Wednesday, Feb 22

Joint Ash Wednesday Service at Oregon Community UMC, 7:00 PM

WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, Feb 12 are:

GREETERS/USHERS: John & Priscilla Rice

LITURGIST: Terry Kofroth

CHILDREN'S TIME: Michelle Bame

JUNIOR CHURCH: Carol Kennedy & Colette Borden

YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason & Sara Solodky