

PRAYER REQUESTS:

OUR CONCERNS:

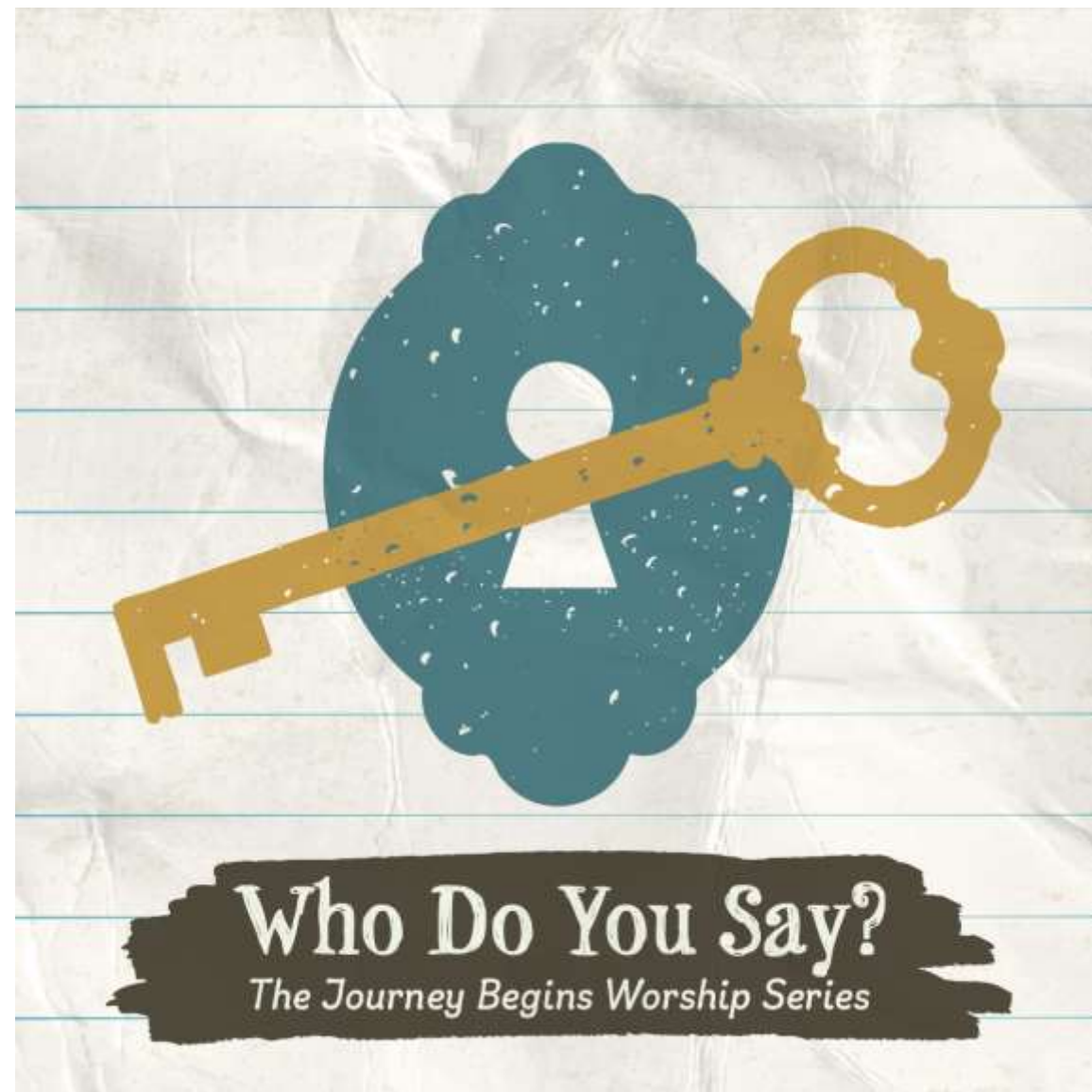
Wisdom & safety for government officials globally
President Joe Biden and VP Kamala Harris
Healthy and gentle campaigns and election process
Prayers for political candidates—safety & wisdom
Veterans and Service Members
Civilians, leaders, and soldiers in war torn regions
For peace & wisdom in areas of 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, esp. Syria &
Turkey
Stewardship of our environment & climate
Eradication of deadly diseases
Refugees & huddled masses yearning to be free
Security and immigration reform
People who are hungry and unhoused
Prisoners, Prison Leadership & Judges
Education Funding, 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
Lait 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
Chuck Flory – ALS
Annette McClarigan – health, sons & family
Jean Neideigh – healing (MS)
Don Campbell – health
Terry Kofroth – healing

Angela, Maria and Becky – to be healthy & thrive
Those with cancer: Cyndi Campbell, Dean Grove,
Mark Reitzel, Kerry Link, Duane Lehman, Lori,
Sophia Serio, Ruthie, Martin Campbell, Ben
Neideigh, Harmony Chiccarine, Grandma
Edwards, Nat, Tina Miller, Carl Derr, Dorcas
Kamanda, etc.

Ukrainian people and their nation
Margie Urban – health
Noah Boughter, Sophie and family
Heather Lindsey
Theo Wenger – healing for kidneys
Jake Ruhl – hip pain
Jo Ann Steinmetz – healing
Shirley Gehr – healing
The Jackson Family
Robert T. Perkowski – healing
Robyn Meckley – healing
Jim Harbison – chronic pain and recovery
Children – to know they are not alone in struggles
Jeff Johns & family – healing for mom
Linda Weber - healing
Tiffany & those caring for her
Terry & Margie Urban & family – housing
Michael Herr (Steph Edward's dad) – medical tests
Craig Muir – healing after surgery
Ron Lunn – healing from infection
Marilyn Onest – healing after surgery
Gene Onest – breathing and strength
Jim Royer – healing
Jeff Johnson – healing after heart attack
Shannon Edwards – healing after truck wreck
Derick Pennell – healing after motorcycle accident
Family & friends of Bill Heinaman on his passing
Rachel Link – for a healthy pregnancy
Charles Valentine – stress
Marilyn Jones – healing after hip surgery
Dave Fisher – car accident
Oksana Kuzmenko – healing from broken ankle
The family of Alan Price (Buni's father) on his
passing
Sandy Baird & Marcia Eisenhour on passing of
fathers

OUR PRAISES:

God's presence through illness, struggle & loss
Grace and forgiveness from God
Birth of Spencer David Unangst
*Please submit prayer requests (& updates) by note
or email to the office: faithumc@hotmail.com*



Welcome

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August 27, 2023 at 10:30 AM – 13th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME: We come together to worship the triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit who created, redeem and restore all things. You are welcome in this sacred space in the presence of the Holy and Loving God 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

Family of God, as we gather today, Jesus asks us, "Who do you say that I am?"

You are our Messiah, the Son of the living God!

Family of God, as we gather today, the Holy Spirit asks us, "Who do you say that I am?"

You are our Comforter, Advocate, and Sustainer!

Family of God, as we gather today, God the Father asks us, "Who do you say that I am?"

You are our Creator, Provider, and Healer!

Family of God, as we gather today, the Triune God asks us, "Who do you say that I am?"

You are Love that creates, saves, and enfolds us into the family of God! May we be instruments of Love in all that we are and all that we do. Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, March 2023.

*HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

UMH #400

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Terry Urban

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Michelle Bame

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 124

Terry Urban

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

*HYMN

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

UMH #117

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 12:1-8

Terry Urban

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

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

UMH #895

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

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

*Offertory Prayer

*HYMN

Days of Elijah

MSFPW 3 #139

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 16:13-20

Terry Urban

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

SERMON

Who Do You Say?

Pastor Jason

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

*HYMN

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

UMH #127

* You are invited to stand

Worship Musicians: Jody & Anthony Wiker **AV Tech:** Dennis Meck, Sr & Keagan Meck

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

WORSHIP SERVICES ARE ALSO BROADCAST on Facebook & our website.

OFFICE COMMUNICATION: Hours vary. Carol Kennedy, Office Admin, checks messages in the office on weekdays. Pastor Jason is with family from Noon Friday until Sunday & may not respond to non-emergencies then.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS: 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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL at 9:00 AM led by Michelle Bame meets in the 1st classroom in the Education Wing.

JUNIOR CHURCH for children age 3 years through 4th grade **will resume September 10. Adults willing to be part of a teaching rotation in the fall should contact the office or Pastor Jason.** Activity bags for kids are hanging in the hall for use during the service and leave it in your seat when you leave so that we may replenish the supplies.

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. Contact Pastor Jason for more info. **Additional help is needed for Sunday evenings including TONIGHT. Please sign up in the hall. No meeting on September 3 due to Labor Day Weekend.**

GRIEFSHARE GROUP to help people find support and process the loss of loved ones meets every other Monday from 5-6 PM at Faith UMC. **Next Meetings: August 28 & September 11.**

CHATTING VIA ZOOM on Mondays at 6:30 PM: No Meeting Sept 4. This member-led, discussion group meets online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518?pwd=cEVDeDljeThaaWVlYjIjQWmZjTm5oUT09>.

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY at 10AM in Faith UMC Fellowship Hall.

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.**

THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM of Faith & Oregon Community UMCs are exploring how we can engage in improving our community by standing up against injustice and the forces of wickedness. **The next meeting is Sept 21 at Faith UMC at 5:30 PM (and the 3rd Thursday of every month).** If interested in learning more or joining the team, contact Pastor Jason or Renee Norman. If you are interested in learning about one of our partners, **POWER INTERFAITH LANCASTER COUNTY** and their work on justice issues around schools, the criminal justice system, etc., please visit <https://powerinterfaith.org>. To learn more about **Bail Reform**, join the weekly Wednesday Zoom Session at Noon:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOeIVlVlXQWUk5LR2VFQ09>

THE FINANCE TEAM IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS to be Treasurer (sign checks, prepare budget, monitor income & expenses, report to Finance Team) or a Tax Form Preparer. Contact the office to help.

FOOD DRIVE: The VBS families made a great start in collecting food to donate to our local food bank. We are inviting the congregation to join them in supporting this cause in the month of August. You may bring in canned goods or donate by check with "Food Bank" in the memo or donate online by going to our website.

FAITH UMC T-SHIRTS: There is a signup sheet in the hall to determine how many people are interested in purchasing new shirts. This is not a commitment to getting one nor is it a guarantee of us being able to get them even if you do sign up. Please contact Diana Valentine with any questions. (717) 283-6099 Thank you.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR: *Contact Pastor Jason or the office if you are willing to volunteer.*

- **Be part of our teaching rotation for Junior Church students during worship.** This class is for 3 years old through 4th grade. We are using the *Deep Blue* curriculum
- 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, 3rd and 4th grade students every Tues. & Wed. morning. You could volunteer for 1 class per week. It takes about 1.5 hours.

NEFFSVILLE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL is looking for a teacher's aide for Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 8:50am to 12:00pm. Interested people should contact the director, Carol Zartman, at 717-314-9405.

They are also accepting registrations for the 2023-24 school year. Their school is an outreach of Long Memorial UMC located at 2660 Lititz Pike, Lancaster. Do you have a child or grandchild age 3 or 4? Find out more at their website: www.neffsvillechristianpreschool.com. You may receive more information or set up an appointment to visit the school by contacting the director, Carol Zartman, at 717-314-9405.

YARD SALE: Saturday September 16 from 8:00 AM. to 1:00 PM. *Volunteers and baked goods will be needed. Watch for signup sheets. You may donate items to Faith UMC for us to sell or you can rent a 20'x20' space for \$20 for the day. Proceeds benefit the ministries of the church. Here is the link to reserve a space:*

<https://forms.gle/uChbsWVYThMgZkf46>. Questions? Call/text Gwen @ 717-696-5321. Payments are due when you arrive. Cash or checks only. Checks may be made payable to *Faith UMC*. This outside event will be held rain or shine, and all monies are non-refundable as this is a fundraiser event for Faith UMC. **Reservations will be taken through Sept 14, 2023.**

THE 2023 EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE WILL RECONVENE IN A SPECIAL SESSION on Saturday, September 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Lititz United Methodist Church.

Members should pre-register for the Special Session by August 30. The session will be viewable via livestream video on EPA's website. For an agenda and more information, visit our [2023 Special Session web page](#). Also, read the [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\) & Answers webpage](#) that responds to questions and evaluations from the May session.

MEDICINE BOTTLE COLLECTION PROJECT. We are sending empty prescription pill bottles to clinics in underprivileged countries that use them to provide medication. ***Please remove all labels and sticky residue.*** There is a collection basket under the table as you enter the Sanctuary.

NECKTIES & T-SHIRTS NEEDED for the crafts that we will have for sale at Breakfast with Santa next December. Place any **men's neckties** that you no longer want, in the box in the entryway. Place **T-shirts** in the box under the table in the hallway. They need to be clean with no paint, oils stains, or holes. Any questions, see Buni

LONG MEMORIAL FREE GROCERIES for those in need every week through their Friday Night Food Ministry at 6pm. You can drive up and receive groceries to help support you through the week. *Volunteers needed.*

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

COMMUNITY AID will donate \$.13 to Faith UMC for every pound of clothing, shoes, electronic, toys, & household goods (excluding furniture) donated at their retail store located at 31 Rohrerstown Road, Lancaster. The donation center entrance is on Good Drive and is open Monday – Saturday 9am – 6 pm. ***Our partner number is 10221.*** Make sure to tell the staff to credit your donations to a Nonprofit Partner - Faith United Methodist Church. It is helpful to tape a note with our partner number to the outside of the bag or place it inside each bag.

CARD SHOWER FOR PASTOR DORCAS: The Rev. Dorcas Kamanda is an Ordained Elder in the Eastern PA Conference. She has served churches in Lancaster and also founded the NarSarah Clinic (a community-based health care service) and Mamaland (a children's village for orphans) in Sierra Leone where she grew up. We have supported these ministries in the past. Rev. Kamanda is currently living with her daughter in NJ while being treated

for cancer and other health issues. We would like to cover her in prayer and send her cards of encouragement. You can send them to Rev. Kamanda, c/o Hopenet Antoine, 9 Exeter Court, East Windsor, NJ 08520.

OFFERINGS: This summer the giving to the ministries have been lower than anticipated. Please prayerfully consider if you can become a regular contributor or can give a one-time gift to help us catch up. **We need \$3,675 per week to meet our annual ministry budget and \$3900 per month toward Debt Reduction to pay our mortgage on the Education Wing.** Since July our offerings **have only averaged \$1900.** *Thank you to all who gave generously last week to help us catch up.*



Thank you for your gifts that support our ministries. Gifts can be directed to **General Ministry and the Debt Reduction / Building Fund.** Mark preferences in the memo line & envelope. You can set up recurring gifts through your own financial institution or at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z37Q/home>. There is a link at FaithUMC.us or via the **QR Code**. You can also **mail or place an offering in the plate.** **We are also able to receive gifts from various sources: Required Minimum Distributions** from tax deferred **Retirement Accounts** (of those over 73 years of age), **Stocks, Bonds, Investments, Foundations, IRAs etc.**

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 – *resumes Sept 10*
Youth Group at Faith, 5-7 PM

1st Sundays Mondays

Communion offered during worship service, followed by refreshments
GriefShare Group - Every other Monday from 5:00-6:00 PM at Faith UMC
Chatting Club via Zoom, 6:30 PM **No Meeting Sept 4.**

Tuesdays Wednesdays

Nar-Anon meeting - Every other Tuesday from 7:00-9:00 PM at Faith UMC
Worship Team Practice, 6:30 PM

Thursdays Fridays

Wing and a Prayer AA Meeting in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM
Bible Study led by Pastor Jason, 10:00 AM

1st & 3rd Saturdays 1st Saturdays

Faith UMC works with IMPACT! Missions – Contact Leon Bame to help
Servant Saturday

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, August 28

GriefShare Group - Every other Monday from 5:00 to 6:00 PM
Chatting Club via Zoom, 6:30 PM

Wednesday, Sept 6

Ladies' Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30 AM – RSVP to Sandy Patschke

Thursday, Sept 7

SPRC meeting, 6:00 PM

Saturday, Sept 9

Special session of Annual Conference at Lititz UMC, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Sunday, Sept 10

“Rally Day” – Junior Church during worship resumes, 10:30 AM

Wednesday, Sept 13

District Resource Team meets at Faith UMC, 6:00 -7:30 PM

Thursday, Sept 14

Finance meeting, 6:00 PM

Saturday, Sept 16

Yard Sale, 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM – Space Rentals available

Sunday, Sept 17

Pastor Matt and other leaders from POWER Interfaith Lancaster after worship

Thursday, Sept 21

Senior Men's Lunch – location to be determined

Thursday, Sept 28

Church & Society Team meeting, 5:30 PM

Saturday, Sept 30

Church Council meeting, 6:00 PM

Bingo Night at Faith UMC, 5:00 – 7:00 PM Invite a friend!

WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, September 3 are:

GREETERS/USHERS: Daryl Hawthorne & Terry Kofroth

LITURGIST: Michelle Bame

CHILDREN'S TIME: Amy Boughter

JUNIOR CHURCH: Will resume September 10

NO YOUTH GROUP: Enjoy time with family