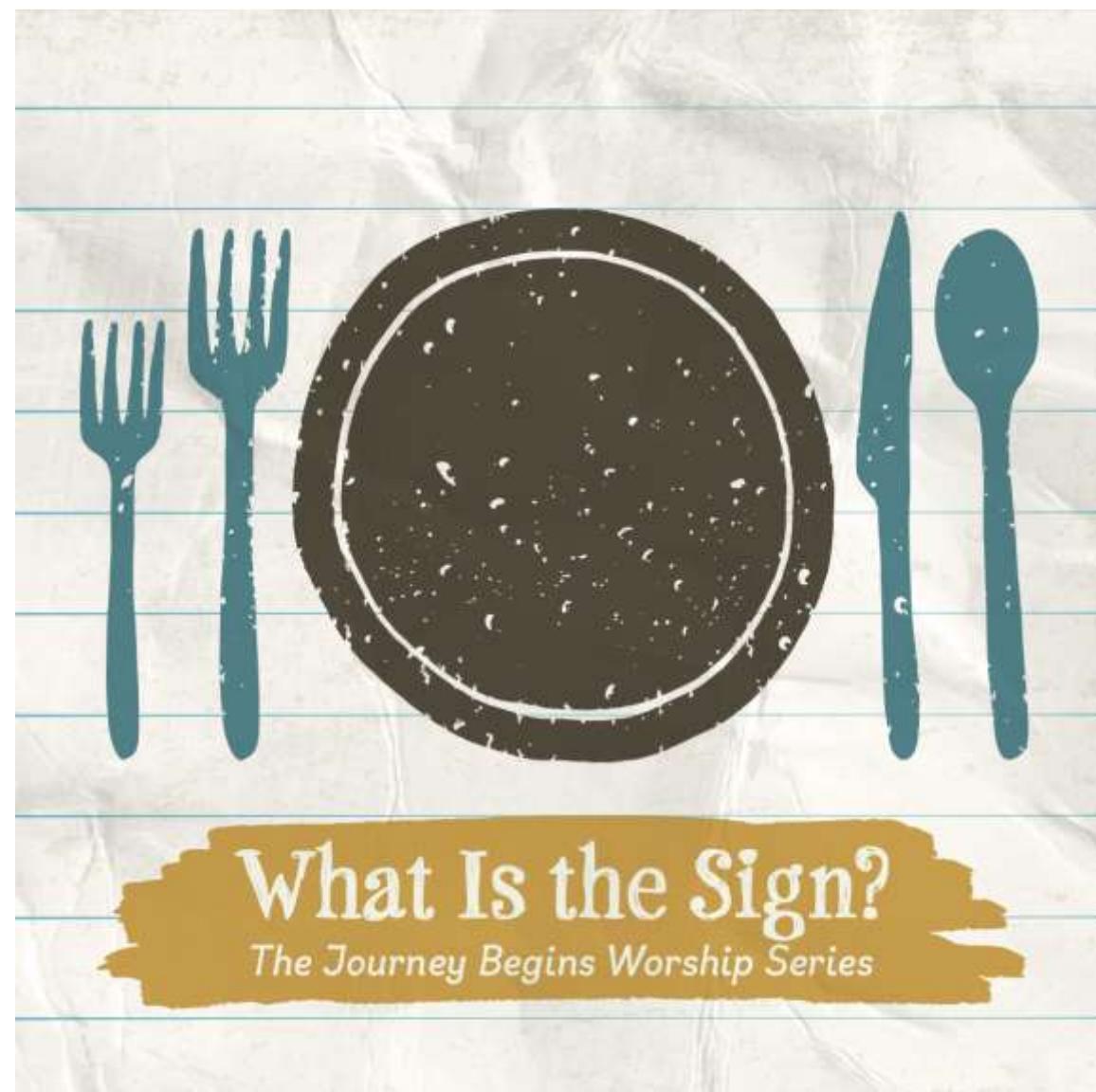


PRAYER REQUESTS:

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, Cynthia (from NJ), 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
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
Buni Harbison, Sandy Baird & Marcia Eisenhour on
passing of their fathers
Sandy Patschke – healing after a fall
Principal Rilatt, his family and his recovery
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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September 10, 2023 at 10:30 AM – 15th Sunday after Pentecost & Rally Day

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

Pilgrims on the way, when we feel lost and ask for a sign to show us the way out of our confusion,

We remember that when we gather to worship, we find God in our midst.

When we face obstacles and barriers that keep us from the life God has called us to,

We remember that God is always at work among us, protecting and tending our well-being.

When cannot find our way out of conflict and discord,

We remember that God calls and equips us for the work of reconciliation.

When we struggle to pay attention to how God is at work all around us,

We remember God's call to sit, eat, and tell one another the stories of God's faithfulness.

Pilgrims on the way, when we watch for signs of God among us,

Let us remember that we too are signs of God's presence for others! Amen.

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

*HYMN

Go Down, Moses

UMH #448 v. 1-5

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 12:1-14

Tim Patschke

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Michelle Bame

BLESSING OF THE STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

*HYMN

We Are the Church

UMH #558 v. 1, 2, 4, 5

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 13:8-14

Tim Patschke

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

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

UMH #117

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 18:15-20

Tim Patschke

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

SERMON

What is the Sign?

Pastor Jason

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

*HYMN

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

UMH # 557

** 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 - 4th grade during the 10:30AM Worship Service. Please sign your child in before the service and get a badge with matching numbers. Children are dismissed to Jr. Church after the Children's Message. After worship, pick up kids in the Education Wing, 3rd classroom on the right. **Adults willing to be part of a teaching rotation for Junior Church should contact the office or Pastor Jason.**

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.

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: September 11 & 25.**

CHATTING VIA ZOOM on Mondays at 6:30 PM: 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=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOeIVlVXQWUk5LR2VFQ09>

MEETING WITH POWER INTERFAITH RE: JUSTICE WORK on Sunday, Sept 17 after worship in the Faith UMC Fellowship Hall. We will have guest speakers to talk about some of the work being done in Lancaster and across the state regarding Educational Funding, Criminal Justice Reform, etc. You will get to learn about POWER and how you can get involved locally. Please see Renee Norman or Pastor Jason with questions.

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.

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.

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 \$3,900 per month toward Debt Reduction to pay our mortgage on the Education Wing.**



Thank you to all who have given generously to help us begin to catch up. In September, our anticipated bills, payroll & mortgage are about \$17,600. Please consider if you can help 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](https://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 or a bequest to the church in your will.**

YARD SALE: Saturday September 16 from 8:00 AM. to 1:00 PM. *Volunteers and baked goods will be needed. Signup sheets are in the hall or contact Gwen. 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 SENIOR MEN'S LUNCH on September 21 at 11:30 AM will be held at Knight & Day Diner, 3140 Lititz Pike, Lititz, PA. RSVP to Jake Ruhl at 717-333-4577 by September 18 so we can give an accurate count for our reservation.

BINGO NIGHT on Sat., September 30 from 5-7pm in Fellowship Hall. There will be snacks and silly prizes for winners! **Best of all, NO COST to you** and you are asked to bring NOTHING—except your best smiles!

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 for the Bible2School students from Reidenbaugh Elementary** let Pastor know. Faith UMC is hosting this religious education program for 2nd, 3rd & 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 for their 4/5 year-old classes.** Their school is an outreach of Long Memorial UMC located at 2660 Lititz Pike, Lancaster. 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.

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 from the rack in the hall. Please 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 31 Rohrerstown Road Mon-Sat, 9am – 6 pm. **Tell staff to credit Non-profit partner # 10221 - Faith UMC.** Write or tape partner number on bags/boxes.

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.

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 offered during worship service, followed by refreshments

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

Nar-Anon meeting - Every other Tuesday from 7:00-9:00 PM at Faith UMC

Wednesdays

Worship Team Practice, 6:30 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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, Sept 11

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

Wednesday, Sept 13

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

Thursday, Sept 14

Finance meeting, 6:00 PM

Friday, Sept 15

Please have baked goods donations for the yard sale at the church by noon

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 at Knight & Day Diner, 11:30 AM – RSVP to Jake Ruhl

Thursday, Sept 28

Church & Society Team meeting, 5:30 PM

Saturday, Sept 30

Church Council meeting, 6:00 PM

Monday, Oct 9

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

Friday, Oct 13

Faith UMC provides Grab 'N Go Meal at Zion Lutheran Church, 9:30 AM

Sunday, Oct 15

Soup orders due (pick up Nov 4)

Saturday, Oct 28

Spaghetti Dinner, 5:00 to 7:00 PM

Trunk or Treat, 6:00 to 8:00 PM

WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, September 17 are:

GREETERS/USHERS: Jim & Buni Harbison

LITURGIST: Daryl Hawthorne

CHILDREN'S TIME: Pastor Jason

JUNIOR CHURCH: Lisa Baker & Allen Kennedy

YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason **& volunteer needed**