

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
Ukrainian people and their nation
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. Morocco &
Libya
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
Laity and Clergy of the UMC
The UMC, Conference Delegates and Bishops as
we find our way forward in the Holy Spirit
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)

Angela, Maria and Becky – to be healthy & thrive
Children – to know they are not alone in struggles
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.
Noah Boughter, Sophie and family
Heather Lindsey
Theo Wenger – healing for kidneys
Jake Ruhl – hip pain
Shirley Gehr – healing
The Jackson Family
Robert T. Perkowski – healing
Robyn Meckley – healing
Jim Harbison – chronic pain and recovery
Jeff Johns & family – healing for mom
Linda Weber - healing
Tiffany & those caring for her
Terry & Margie Urban & family – housing
Margie Urban – health & infections
Michael Herr (Steph Edward's dad) – medical tests
Craig Muir – healing after surgery
Jeff Johnson – healing after heart attack
Rachel Link – for a healthy pregnancy
Dave Fisher – car accident
Oksana Kuzmenko – healing from broken ankle
Sandy Patschke – healing after a fall & back
Principal Rilatt, his family and his recovery
Brent Rollins – healing after spinal surgery
Denny Armstrong – healing after colon surgery
Elijah Hoffman – healing after eye surgery
Terry Kofroth – healing after back surgery
Rev. Dorcas – eyes, cancer surgery, & Sierra Leone

OUR PRAISES:

God's presence through illness, struggle & loss
Grace and forgiveness from God

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



Welcome

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Faith United Methodist Church



October 15, 2023 at 10:30 AM – 20th 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 & CENTERING PRAYER

Michelle Bame

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jason & God's People

Come! Now is the time to worship! **We come to worship God who invites us.**

When the Israelites worshiped the golden calf, God listened to Moses and chose to correct instead of destroy.

God persistently invites us to return to God.

Jesus tells a story of a wedding banquet where the guests dismissed the invitation and harmed the messengers, so the king invited people off the streets and welcomed all who received the invitation in earnest.

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Too often we turn from God's ways, choosing our stiff-necked insistence that we know what is best instead of trusting God's provision, love, and guidance.

When we turn away and our love fails, God continues to offer us opportunities to return to God and join in the celebration of God's abundant love and life.

Come! Now is the time to worship! **We come to worship God who guides us for the long haul.**

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

*HYMN

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

MSFPW3 #137

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 32:1-14

Terry Urban

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Jason

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

UMH #895

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23

Terry Urban

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

*HYMN

Amazing Grace

UMH #378 v. 1, 2, 4, & 6

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Philippians 4:1-9

Terry Urban

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

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

Pastor Jason

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

*Offertory Prayer

*HYMN

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

UMH #121

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 22:1-14

Terry Urban

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

SERMON

Stiff-Necked People

Pastor Jason

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Pastor Jason

*HYMN

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

UMH #664

** You are invited to stand*

Pianist: Dolly Bankert **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. Adults are needed throughout October. October 15, youth will go to Gretna Glen. Meet at Faith at 3:30PM and pick up at Faith at 7PM. Permission slips are required.** Contact Pastor Jason for more info. Students from any church or school are invited to join us.

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: October 23 & November 6.**

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.

JUNIOR CHURCH TEACHERS NEEDED: Teaching our children about our faith is a core mission of our church. We need people to take turns teaching 3year-4th grade students during the 10:30 AM Service. *Deep Blue* Curriculum and materials are all provided. **We need teachers and teacher's aides. Please volunteer TODAY!**

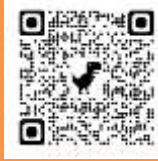
THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM is exploring how we can engage in improving our community by standing up against injustice and the forces of wickedness. **The next meeting is Oct 19 at Faith UMC at 5:30 PM (3rd Thursday of every month).** To learn more, contact Pastor Jason or Renee Norman. To learn about 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>. **The Oct 16 MDJ Forum is cancelled.** To learn more about **Bail Reform**, join the weekly Wednesday Zoom Session at Noon: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVXQWUk5LR2VFOT09>

SPAGHETTI DINNER OCTOBER 15, 5-7 PM: Dinner will be spaghetti (gluten-free available) with meat sauce, a salad, bread, & a sweet treat. There is also a meatless sauce option available. *To pre-order sign up in the hall, call the church office at 717-560-0321 or email FaithUMC@hotmail.com.* Pay what you want. Donations may be made on our website, www.FaithUMC.us under "Online Giving," or you can make a donation when you pick up your meal. All donations support the ministries of the church. **There are signup sheets in the hall to order dinners, help on Saturday or Sunday, and donate fresh vegetables or dessert.**

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*.

OFFERINGS: *Thank you for your generous gifts. We have had several really positive weeks of offerings that are enabling us to meet our obligations.* This is excellent progress.

Please prayerfully consider if you can become a regular contributor, can increase your weekly giving or make a special one-time gift as we enter the final quarter of 2023. **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.**



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 or a bequest to the church in your will.**

THE SENIOR MEN'S LUNCH ON OCTOBER 19 AT 11:30 AM will be held at Ephrata Plaza Diner, 325 N Reading Rd, Ephrata, PA. RSVP to Mike Bitner TODAY so we can give an accurate count for our reservation.

HOLIDAY CRAFT BAZAAR at OCUMC on Saturday, October 21, 8am to 1pm. They are renting vendor tables for \$10.00/table and are in search of vendors. If anyone knows anyone that may be interested in selling their crafts, please ask them to contact Joetta or Dot or call the church at 717-656-7198.

TRUNK OR TREAT: Saturday October 28th from 6-8pm. We are in need of people to decorate their car trunks and hand out candy to the kiddos in our community. This is a fun evening for all! Come in costume if you'd like and help us bring some fun and joy to our neighbors! We will have pumpkin decorating, lawn games, free hot dogs, and hot / cold cider. **As this event was a huge success last year and had a large turnout, we are really in need of volunteers in each area.** If you would like to join in by either being a part of the car trunk brigade or volunteering with the kitchen, dining room, games or pumpkin decorating, please contact Lisa Baker. **Volunteers and decorated vehicles should arrive by 5:00 to set up. We also are asking for donations of hot dogs and buns.** Thank you!

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY: On November 5, we would like to honor all of our loved ones that have passed away since last year. **VETERANS DAY: On November 12** we would like to honor all of our church members and their family who have served in the armed services. **Please email/drop off a photo of your loved ones to the church no later than the Monday before each service** (Oct 30 / Nov 6). Include their full name, date of birth/death, and for veterans their military branch and rank. We will display a slideshow honoring them as part of the service. *If you sent us photos for service members last year, we have those on file; please just let us know if you want them to be included and if their rank has changed.*

BIBLE2SCHOOL SMALL GROUP LEADERS are needed for 2-4th grade classes on Tuesdays and Wednesday for 1.5 hours each class. Students from Reidenbaugh Elem. get bussed to Faith UMC each week for a lesson and then small group discussion. The teachers provide the core lesson, **but we need small group leaders to follow up with a 10-minute discussion time with pre-planned questions & activities.** Contact Pastor Jason to help.

IT'S EASY TO SEND A CARD TO HOMEBOUND PEOPLE: There are two baskets on the table in the hallway. One has cards& other has address labels of church members who are homebound. Please feel free to take cards and address labels, add your thoughts and prayers, maybe put in a note with a special memory, and drop it in the mail. Getting "snail mail" is always a delight; spread some joy to those who cannot get to church. The address labels will be changed regularly so we can include all our members who are homebound. If you know of someone to add to our list, please see Buni.

LITITZ MEALS ON WHEELS has an urgent and on-going need for volunteer cooks. Follow pre-printed easy menus for 50-60 people. Contact Jewel Shaub at 717-626-4352 or tjshaub@gmail.com or John Huber at 717-627-1176 or jehuber@ptd.net or leave a message at 717-626-2500.

PRAYER SHAWLS AVAILABLE from the rack in the hall. Please sign the sheet attached to the rack.

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.*

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.

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 (3:30-7PM to Gretna Glen on 3rd Sundays)

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

Bible2School in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Nar-Anon meeting - Every other Tuesday from 7:00-9:00 PM at Faith UMC

Wednesdays

Bible2School in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
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
Servant Saturday

1st Saturdays

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, Oct 15

Youth Group at Gretna Glen – meet at Faith UMC, 3:30 to 7:00 PM – **permission slip Spaghetti Dinner, 5:00 to 7:00 PM** (volunteers arrive at 3:00 PM)

Thursday, Oct 19

Senior Men's Lunch at Ephrata Plaza Diner, 11:30 AM – RSVP to Mike Bitner
Church & Society Team meeting, 5:30 PM

Saturday, Oct 21

Holiday Bazaar at Oregon Community UMC, 8:00AM -1:00PM

Monday, Oct 23

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

Thursday, Oct 26

Trustees meeting, 6:00 PM

Saturday, Oct 28

Trunk or Treat, 6:00 to 8:00 PM (volunteers arrive at 5:00 PM)

Saturday, Nov 4

Charge Conference at Lititz UMC, 9:00 AM

Soup Sale Pickup, 12:00 to 2:00 PM (walk-ins welcome while supply lasts)

WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, October 22 are:

GREETERS: Tim & Sandy Patschke

USHERS: Tim Patschke & Jake Ruhl

LITURGIST: Daryl Hawthorne

CHILDREN'S TIME: Michelle Bame

JUNIOR CHURCH: **volunteer needed** & Julie Perkowski

YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason & Sara Solodky