

## 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  
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  
Udobo School in Durban, South Africa  
Campus Ministries  
Dottie Sheaffer – healing for back & eyes  
Eileen Williams – muscles  
Bradley McGowan – ALS  
Linda Philbin – motor neuropathy & healing  
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), Jim Royer, 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  
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  
Terry Kofroth – healing after back surgery  
Rev. Dorcas – eyes, cancer surgery, & Sierra Leone  
Ella Buchanan – healing from pneumonia  
Carl Derr – breathing problems  
Peace in Israel & Palestine  
Carol Bryner (Allen K's sister) – pancreatic cancer  
Joan (Nancy's sister-in-law) – breast cancer  
Gail's cancer & Bob's dementia – friends of Sandy  
Ruthie & Gary – friends of Amy  
Regina Jenkins – stroke  
Brenda, Dave and Mike Loechner – health

### 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](mailto:faithumc@hotmail.com)*



## ENTER THE GATES

OUR HYMN OF GRATEFUL PRAISE WORSHIP SERIES

### Welcome

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# Faith United Methodist Church



November 12, 2023 at 10:30 AM – 24<sup>th</sup> 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

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jason & God's People

God is great, and greatly to be praised! **We thank you, God, for families and friends. We thank you for the warmth of kitchens, quilts, and good neighbors.**

God, how great is your name throughout the earth! **We thank you, God, for newborn kittens and faithful dogs, for pine trees and sunlight and crisp, clean air.**

Blessed be God, the rock of our salvation! **We thank you, God, for the sound of laughter and the touch of love, for brand new mornings and for dreams held close.**

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise. Come! Let us worship God.

*Written by Janice Jean Springer, found in Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship, Updated, eds. Ruth C. Duck and Maren C. Tirabassi (Cleveland, OH: Pilgrim Press, 2012), 103-104.*

### \*HYMN

*He Has Made Me Glad*

The Faith We Sing #2270

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25**

Buni Harbison

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

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

UMH #895

### HONORING OF VETERANS

Pastor Jason

*We thank you all for your service and your selfless love for your neighbors!*

### \*HYMN

*The Battle Hymn of the Republic*

UMH #717

### CHILDREN'S TIME

Michelle Bame

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Psalm 78:1-7**

Buni Harbison

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

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

Pastor Jason

#### \*Hymn

*My Tribute*

UMH #99

#### \*Offertory Prayer

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Psalm 100**

Buni Harbison

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

### SERMON

*Enter the Gates*

Pastor Jason

### BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Pastor Jason

### \*HYMN

*Now Thank We All Our God*

UMH #102

\* 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

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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

**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. November 19, youth will go to Gretna Glen – volunteer needed.** Meet at Faith at 3:30PM and pick up there at 7PM. Permission slips are required. Contact Pastor Jason for more info. *All students are invited.*

**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: November 20 & December 4. November 20 will be especially focused on "Surviving the Holidays" and is open to people who have not been attending the group.**

**CHATTING VIA ZOOM on Mondays at 6:30 PM:** This member-led, discussion group meets online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518?pwd=cEVDeDljeThaaWVlYjJlQWmZjTm5oUT09>.

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY at Oregon Community UMC, 6:30PM**

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

**POWER Interfaith will be hosting a Community Wide Assembly TODAY from 3-5pm at Grandview Church,** 888 Pleasure Rd, Lancaster, PA 17601. We will plan on ways to work together for justice in Lancaster County across multiple faith communities. Register at: <https://secure.everyaction.com/uKGVNAO2AESlkjQIadaA8A2>.

**THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM** engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. **Next meeting: Nov 16 at 5:30 PM (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays).** To learn more, contact Renee Norman. To be a part of the team working on **Bail Reform & Representation for persons accused of crimes,** join the Zoom Session at Noon every Wednesday: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVlXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>

**IN NEED OF HELP?** Contact Pastor Jason, dial 2-1-1 or visit [www.211.org](http://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.**

**SUB SALE:** We have certificates from S. Clyde Weaver for \$7.00. Pick up a delicious made-to-order sub at any of their locations. You have 7+ varieties of sandwiches available on a sub roll, bread or wrap. See Carol.

**CHURCH-WIDE WORK DAY:** Trustees are holding a work day **Nov 18 at 9:00 AM. Everyone is invited to lend a hand.** There will be tasks to do outside (weed whacking, tree cutting, roof repair and more). And of course there will be a number of indoor tasks. We are looking for one or two people who are willing to climb ladders for lights in Fellowship Hall and the sanctuary. If you have any questions, contact Buni.

**THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE** on November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM at Oregon Community UMC to celebrate God's goodness to us and to express our thankfulness for his continued providence.

**HANGING OF THE GREENS** will take place after worship on Sunday, Nov 26<sup>th</sup>. Come enjoy decorating the church, singing Christmas carols and eating lunch with friends. Everyone is welcome! *If you would like to help with serving the meal that day please contact the office. We will need some people to stay after worship on Nov 19<sup>th</sup> to form an assembly line to get Christmas items down from the attic.*

**CARE PACKAGES FOR MILLERSVILLE STUDENTS:** We are continuing our tradition of providing boxes to support college students who are part of The HUB: Millersville University Campus Ministry while they prepare for final exams in Dec. **If you wish to participate, please donate** shoe boxes, post-it notes, cookies, candy, snack crackers, granola bars, popcorn or hot chocolate mix **by Nov 19**. Thank you to Walmart for providing highlighters, pens, and pencils. *We will be packaging the items on Nov 26 during Hanging of the Greens.*

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE:** We will be holding our annual Christmas Cookie Sale on Dec 9<sup>th</sup>. If you are available to bake please sign up in the hall or let Sandy Patschke know ASAP by contacting her at 717-844-3530 or [stpatschk@outlook.com](mailto:stpatschk@outlook.com). Most cookies freeze well so you can get an early start with your baking.

**POINSETTIAS AVAILABLE:** Help beautify the sanctuary for Christmas by purchasing a poinsettia in memory or honor of someone. You may take your poinsettia home any time after the Christmas Eve service. Poinsettia order forms are in your mailboxes. Please return them to the office mailbox along with payment **by November 19th**.

**OFFERINGS:** Your faithful giving each week has enabled us to currently keep up with expenses for 2023 through November 9 and to pay 100% of our apportionments from 2022! However, there are some end of year expenses coming up and only one more Fundraiser (Breakfast with Santa and the Cookie Sale). *So, we are going to have to pull together to end the year with a balanced budget.* We have made huge progress, but please prayerfully consider your giving through December.

**We need \$4,000 per week to meet our Annual Ministry Budget and \$3,900 per month toward Debt Reduction to pay our mortgage on the Education Wing.**



**PLEDGE CARDS:** *Please return your 2024 Pledge Cards now. We are creating the 2024 budget and need your "Best Guess" as to what you will be able to contribute next year so that we can try to balance expenses with giving.*

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.**

**BIBLE2SCHOOL SMALL GROUP LEADERS** are needed for 2-4<sup>th</sup> grade classes on Tuesdays and Wednesday for 1.5 hours each class. Students from Reidenbaugh get bussed in. The teachers provide the core lesson, **but we need small group leaders for a short discussion with pre-planned questions.** Contact Pastor Jason to help.

**SEND A CARD TO HOMEBOUND PEOPLE:** There are two baskets on the table in the hallway. One has cards & the other has address labels of church members who are homebound. Take cards and address labels, add your thoughts and prayers, maybe include 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.

**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.*

**IMPACT MISSION LUNCH CREW** needs volunteers on **Thursdays, 10AM-Noon**. Volunteer for 1 or more Thursdays a month (or some Wednesdays). *Help make bagged lunches for Impact volunteers* at Christ UMC, 935 E. Walnut St., Lancaster. Contact Sue Grimm Mattox at [sgrimm1028@gmail.com](mailto:sgrimm1028@gmail.com) or 717.575.6414

**LUMINA KIDS NIGHT** needs volunteers for Monday evenings Nov. 13 & 20 and January 8, 22, & 29. They need 3-4 adults to play with the kids and provide a light supper for 15 students. Contact Pastor Jason, Diana Valentine or Correen Russo 717-808-8633.

**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:** *Please remove labels & residue.* A basket is under the table in the hall.

#### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays)

##### **1st Sundays**

Communion offered during worship service, followed by refreshments  
GriefShare Group - Every other Monday, 5:00-6:00 PM at Faith UMC  
Chatting Club via Zoom, 6:30 PM

##### **Mondays**

##### **Tuesdays**

Bible2School in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
Nar-Anon - Every other Tuesday, 7:00-9:00 PM at Faith UMC  
Bible2School in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

##### **Wednesdays**

Worship Team Practice, 6:30 PM  
Bible Study at Oregon Community UMC, 6:30PM  
Wing and a Prayer AA Meeting in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM

##### **Thursdays**

Bible Study led by Pastor Jason, 10:00 AM

##### **Fridays**

##### **1st & 3rd Saturdays**

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

##### **1st Saturdays**

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

##### **Sunday, Nov 12**

**POWER Interfaith** hosts **Community Wide Assembly at Grandview Church, 3-5PM**

##### **Tuesday, Nov 14**

Nar-Anon meeting, 7:00 to 9:00 PM

##### **Thursday, Nov 16**

Senior Men's Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30 AM  
Church & Society meeting, 5:30 PM

##### **Saturday, Nov 18**

**Church-wide Work Day, 9:00 AM**

##### **Sunday, Nov 19**

Volunteers needed to get Christmas items from the attic, 11:45 AM  
Youth Group at Gretna Glen - meet at Faith UMC, 3:30 to 7:00 PM  
GriefShare Group - Every other Monday, 5:00 to 6:00 PM – *Surviving the Holidays*  
Chatting Club via Zoom, 6:30 PM

##### **Monday, Nov 20**

**Joint Thanksgiving Eve Service at Oregon Community UMC, 7:00 PM**

##### **Wednesday, Nov 22**

Hanging of the Greens & assembling care packages for Millersville students, 11:45 AM

##### **Sunday, Nov 26**

Church Council meeting, 6:00 PM

##### **Thursday, Nov 30**

Secret Sister Reveal, 9:00 to 11:00 AM

##### **Saturday, Dec 2**

Breakfast with Santa & Christmas Cookie Sale at Faith UMC, 8:00 to 10:30 AM

##### **Saturday, Dec 9**

#### WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, November 19 are:

GREETERS/ USHERS: Jim & Buni Harbison

LITURGIST: Lisa Baker

CHILDREN'S TIME: Pastor Jason

JUNIOR CHURCH: Gwen Newell & Marilyn Jones

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