

PRAYER REQUESTS:

OUR CONCERNS:

Peace in Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine
For peace & wisdom in areas of conflict
Wisdom & safety for government officials globally
President Joe Biden and VP Kamala Harris
Healthy and gentle campaigns and election process
Veterans and Service Members
Civilians, leaders, and soldiers in war torn regions
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 & disease
Stewardship of our environment & climate
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 & 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
Noah Boughter, Sophie and family
Heather Lindsey
Theo Wenger – healing for kidneys

Those with cancer: Cyndi Campbell, Dean Grove,
Mark Reitzel, Kerry Link, Duane Lehman, Lori,
Ruthie, Martin Campbell, Ben Neideigh,
Harmony Chiccarine, Grandma Edwards, Nat,
Tina Miller, Carl Derr, Dorcas Kamanda,
Cynthia (from NJ), Jim Royer, Adam Malik,
Carol Bryner (Allen K's sister), Joan (Nancy's
sister-in-law), Benedicta Fair (Romanita's Aunt)

Jake Ruhl – hip and shoulder pain
Shirley Gehr – healing
The Jackson Family
Robyn Meckley – healing
Linda Weber - healing
Terry & Margie Urban & family – housing & health
Michael Herr (Steph Edward's dad) – medical tests
Dave Fisher – car accident
Sandy Patschke – healing after a fall & back
Principal Rilatt, his family and his recovery
Terry Kofroth – healing and back surgery
Rev. Dorcas – eyes, cancer surgery, & Sierra Leone
Gail's cancer-friend of Sandy
Ruthie & Gary – friends of Amy
Brenda, Dave and Mike Loechner – health
Bob Perkowski – shoulder & neurosurgery on back
George (Ella Buchanan's brother) – health
Jason & Julie Perkowski & their 3 foster boys
Family & friends of the Serio Family on the passing
of Sophia
Kim, whose home was broken into and is afraid
Tracey, waiting for follow up reports on a tumor
Priscilla – defibrillator replacement

OUR PRAISES:

Love and support of Faith UMC Family
God's faithful love that is new every morning
God's presence through illness, struggle & loss
New folks joining us for worship and ministries
Beauty of nature & sunshine
Time with friends & family
The Promise of Heaven
That no matter what is going on in the world, we
know that God is in control ultimately!
That God walks with us; even in the shadow of death
Prayers are answered according to God's will &
timing
Dolly's gifts as our pianist
Diana Valentine – good test results from doctor
Faithful givers and God's providence

*Please submit prayer needs, praises, & updates by
note or email to the office: faithumc@hotmail.com*



Welcome

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January 7, 2024 at 10:30 AM – 1st Sunday after the Epiphany

WELCOME: We gather together to worship God: The Father, The Son, & the Holy Spirit. We celebrate that The Holy Spirit came upon the Virgin Mary, the Word of God became flesh within her, & she brought the only begotten Son, Jesus, into the world. This birth gathered together angels, shepherds, and magi. It brought together people of all nations and classes. So, you are welcome in this sacred space 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 honor & understand the gift of the Christ Child!

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

O God, you made of one blood all nations, and, by a star in the East, revealed to all peoples him whose name is Emmanuel.

Enable us who know your presence within us so to proclaim his unsearchable riches that all may come to his light and bow before the brightness of his rising,

Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Written by Laurence Hull Stookey, United Methodist Publishing House, 1989.

*HYMN

O Come All Ye Faithful

UMH #234 v. 1, 3, 6

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6

Tim Patschke

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

*HYMN

Sing We Now of Christmas

UMH #237 v. 1, 4, 5

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Jason

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Tim Patschke

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

*HYMN

The First Noel

UMH #245 v. 1, 3, 4, 5

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 3:1-12

Tim Patschke

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

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*HYMN

We Three Kings

UMH #254

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

Tim Patschke

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

SERMON

Epiphany: An Aha Moment

Pastor Jason

COMMUNION

UMH #12-13

All are invited to the Lord's Table to receive God's forgiveness and grace through Communion

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

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH #13-14 & #895 & BOW #58-59

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*HYMN

Let Us Break Bread Together

UMH #15

*HYMN

There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood

UMH #618

UMH #622

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

*HYMN

Joy to the World

UMH #246 v. 1 & 4

** You are invited to stand in body or in Spirit*

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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL at 9:00 AM meets in the 1st classroom in the Ed. Wing.

JUNIOR CHURCH for 3-year-olds - 4th grade during the 10:30AM Worship Service. Please sign your child in before the service & get a numbered badge. 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.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS: January 7, 14 & 21 at Noon. If you are interested in learning more about the UMC and our local churches, and are considering becoming a member, contact Pastor Jason to **join this class.**

YOUTH GROUP ON SUNDAYS, 5-7 PM at Faith UMC for 5th-12th graders. Each week there are dinner, games & a lesson. Sign up to be the 2nd adult and/or to provide a meal. For more info contact Pastor Jason. **The next Gretna Glen trip is Jan. 21 (3:30-7PM). 2nd adult needed tonight. Contact Pastor Jason if you can help.**

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: January 8 & 22.**

CHATTING on Mondays at 6:30 PM: This member-led, discussion group meets online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518?pwd=cEVDeDljeThaaWVlYjIjQWmZjTm5oUT09>.

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

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

YOUTH WINTER RETREAT: On Feb. 2-4 the Youth will go to Gretna Glen for the Winter Blast Youth Retreat. Please sign up by the Youth Bulletin Board. Permission Slips are needed. Cost is \$120, but \$60 will be covered from Youth Fundraisers. **\$30 is due when you sign up and \$30 is due by January 15, 2024.**

YOUNG ADULTS WINTER RETREAT: On Feb. 23-25 the Young Adults (HS Grad-30 years old) will go to Gretna Glen for the Winter Blast Youth Retreat. Cost is \$120, but scholarships are available from the camp. **Register directly through the camp.** Info is available at: <https://gretnaglen.org/event/18460122-2024-02-23-young-adult-retreat/>

THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. **Next meeting: Jan 17 at 5:30 PM (3rd Thursdays).** To learn more, contact Renee Norman. **Roadmap For Justice: POWER Interfaith Convention in Harrisburg on Feb 19.** 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=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVlXQwUk5LR2VFOT09>

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.**

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.

CHILI FUNDRAISER: We are trying a new FUNdraiser in 2024. On January 28, after church through 2pm, you may stop by Fellowship Hall for a warm bowl of chili with toppings. We hope to include a choice of 3 bases (Tator tots, rice, or spaghetti), 2 types of chili (regular or vegan), and plenty of toppings to make it just to **your** spice level. Like our spaghetti fundraiser, this will be a goodwill offering. You can also create pints to-go for those who wish to eat it during your favorite sports events later in the day. There is a volunteer sign-up sheet and a donation sign-up sheet in the hall. Please consider helping in any way to make our first ever Chili FUNdraiser a success. If you have any questions, please contact Tim Patschke or Gwen Newell. ***WE'RE NOT COLD, WE'RE JUST A BIT CHILI.***

SEND A CARD TO HOMEBOUND PEOPLE: There are cards and address labels in the hall. 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. If you know of someone to add to our list, please see Buni. In addition to individual cards and labels, there are complete sets of labels in small bags pinned to the bulletin board.

THE STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE THANKS ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED to our annual Staff Appreciation gifting that occurred in December! Through January, you can conveniently write a Note of Appreciation to staff members via the SPRC Basket on the tables in the hall. Thanks, Becky Mowrey, SPRC Chair.

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 MEAL: People in need may pick up a **Grab 'n Go Meal at Zion Lutheran Church in East Petersburg every Monday.** Several churches in the area support this ministry. **Faith UMC provides fifty Grab 'n Go Meals quarterly. Our next date to provide a meal is Jan 29, 2024.** We will be packaging the meal at Faith UMC at 9:00 AM. *Contact Carol Kennedy if you are interested in participating in this ministry.*

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.

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS FOR SPRING/EASTER WREATH MAKING at Faith UMC on **Sat., Feb. 10, 9AM-1PM.** Cost is \$40.00 to cover the cost of supplies and instructor's time—due by Wed., Feb 7. Bring small wire cutters, and/or scissors if you have them. Samples are on display near the sign-up sheet. Pre-registration required and spaces is limited. This craft is not appropriate for children. **For more info, email/text Amy Boughter at thamno@live.com or 717-371-2302** (incl. your name in text).

FINANCIAL UPDATE: We have paid all our 2023 bills in full as well as our 2022 past due apportionments and are able to start 2024 with a healthy balance in our checking account. Thank you all for your very generous gifts throughout this year.

THANK YOU for your faithful giving toward our ministries through your time, talents, prayers, presence and financial gifts! We celebrate all that God has accomplished through you this year. We are grateful for new friends who have joined the church, the many guests welcomed during dozens of events, the ongoing discipleship through Bible Study and faithful ministry, and all the fun we have had together! **We can't wait to see what God does in 2024!**

Gifts can be directed to **General Ministry and/or 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.** Special gifts from IRAs, stocks, etc. can also be received. See the office for info.

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.

PASTOR JASON ON PATERNITY LEAVE: Pastor Jason & Julie have welcomed three boys into their home through foster care. In the UMC (BOD ¶355), pastors receive 8 weeks of full-time paid leave for maternity/

paternity leave that can also be spread out. So, he will begin to work half-time over the next 3 months instead of full-time paternity leave. He will continue to preach, lead the Youth Ministry & Grief Share, & teach Bible2School & Friday Bible Study. He will also respond to needs for pastoral care. However, there are other aspects of the ministry that he will not participate in as actively. Laity will fill in these gaps or there may simply be a delayed response. **If committees want Pastor Jason to attend their meetings, they should let him know in advance.** Otherwise, he will simply read the minutes afterwards. If you **have a pastoral need, please call, email or text with a detailed message for Pastor Jason so that needs can be prioritized and responded to efficiently. Calls may go to voice mail.** Leave **a detailed message.** During this important time in the lives of these children, Pastor Jason and Julie need to be available to get them to and from school, to visits and appointments, and to have time in the evenings to help with meals, homework, evening routines, etc. It is important to establish routines and connections, now. **Pastor Jason will primarily be working on church ministry when the boys are in school.** Sundays are focused on worship service and youth ministry. **So, 9am-3pm Monday-Thursdays are the best time to reach him.**

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 (Gretna Glen on Jan. 21)

1st Sundays Mondays

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

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

Wednesdays

Bible2School in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Worship Team Practice, 6:30 PM

Thursdays

Bible Study at Oregon Community UMC, 6:30PM

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, Jan 7

Membership Class, noon (also Jan 14 & 21)

Monday, Jan 8

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

Wednesday, Jan 10

District Resource Team meeting, 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Thursday, Jan 11

Finance Team meeting, 6:00 PM

Thursday, Jan 18

Senior Men's Lunch at Oregon Dairy – RSVP to Allen Kennedy
Church & Society Team meeting, 5:30 PM

Thursday, Jan 25

Church Council meeting, 6:00 PM

Saturday, Jan 27

Chili Fundraiser setup, 10 AM – noon

Sunday, Jan 28

Chili Bar Fundraiser, 11:45 AM – 2 PM – Eat in or Take out

Monday, Jan 29

Faith UMC provides Grab 'N Go Meal at Zion Lutheran Church, 9:00 AM prep

WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, Jan 14 are:

GREETERS/USHERS: Jim & Buni Harbison

LITURGIST: Lisa Baker

CHILDREN'S TIME: Michelle Bame

JUNIOR CHURCH: Gwen Newell & Marilyn Jones

YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason & the Byers Family

