

PRAYER REQUESTS:

OUR CONCERNS:

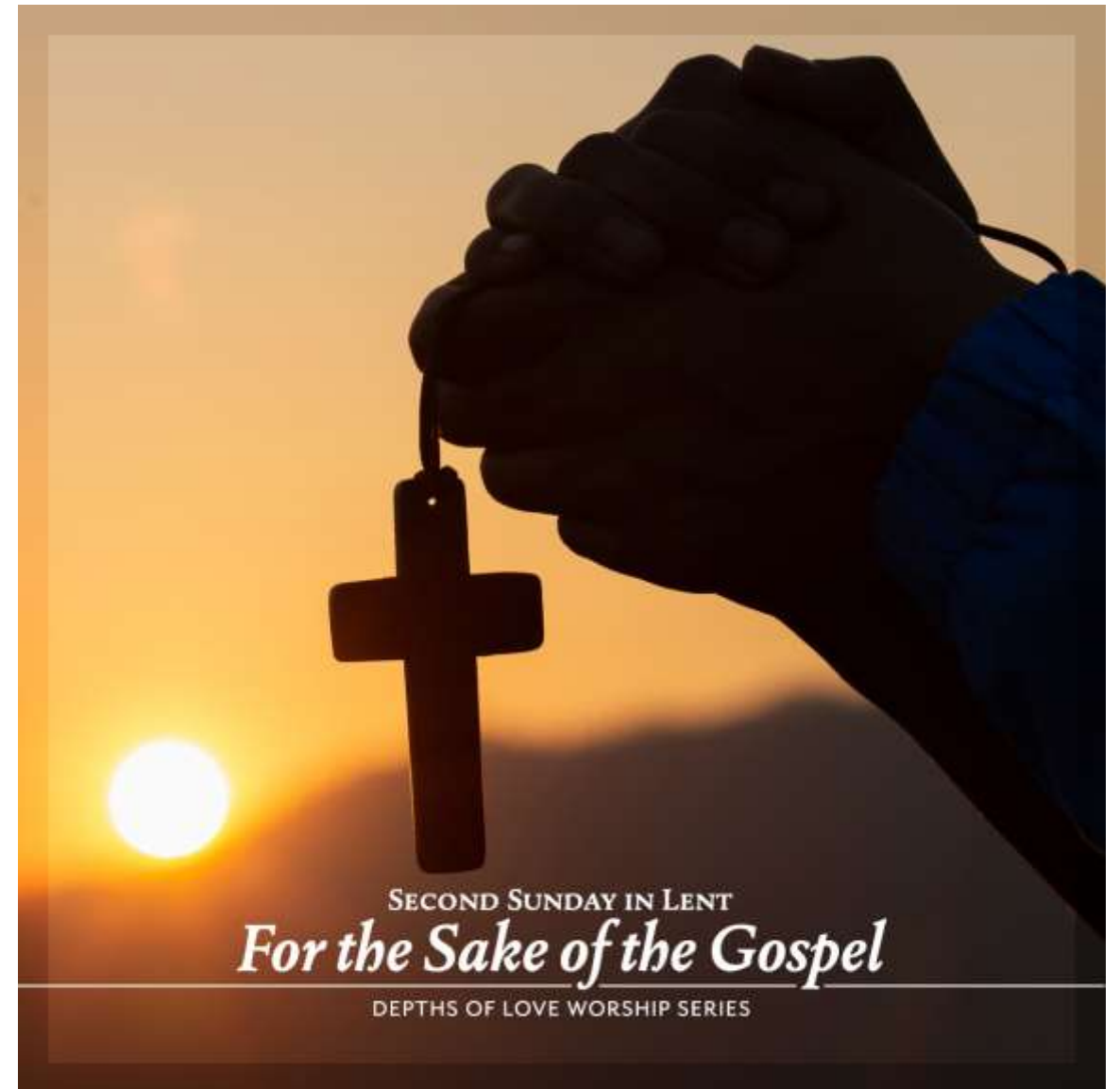
Peace in Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine
For peace & wisdom in areas of conflict
Wisdom & safety for government officials globally
President Joe Biden and VP Kamala Harris
Healthy and gentle campaigns and election process
Veterans and Service Members
Civilians, leaders, and soldiers in war torn regions
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
Udobo School in Durban, South Africa
Campus Ministries
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
Jake Ruhl – hip and shoulder pain

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),
Richard Stauffer (Tina's brother)

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
Terry Kofroth – healing
Rev. Dorcas – eyes, cancer surgery, & Sierra Leone
Gail's cancer–friend of Sandy
Ruthie & Gary with Dementia – friends of Amy
Brenda, Dave and Mike Loechner – health
Bob Perkowski – healing from neurosurgery on neck
Renia Perkowski – healing after pain stim. surgery
Tracy and Eddie Dean (Pastor Jason's cousins) for
healing from foot surgery and broken leg
George (Ella Buchanan's brother) – health
Jason & Julie Perkowski & their 3 foster boys
Tracey – follow up reports on a tumor
Deb Stauffer – healing from pneumonia
Diana Valentine – bone infection in foot
Kevin Bodder – healing from work accident
Carol Dronke – upcoming surgery
The Hackman Family after fire and death
Vickie - neurological issues & GI issues
Rev. Sally Ott - upcoming spinal surgery
Janice (Buni's sister) healing from infection
Steve Valente – healing of broken hand
TJ (Buni's granddaughter) relief from stress

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
Beauty of nature & sunshine
The Promise of Heaven
God is in control & walks with us through everything
*Please submit prayer needs, praises, & updates by
note or email to the office: faithumc@hotmail.com*



Welcome

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February 25, 2024 at 10:30 AM – 2nd Sunday in Lent

WELCOME: For forty days, Jesus wandered the wilderness in prayer and fasting in preparation for his ministry. We gather this morning as part of our journey to follow Jesus more closely and to prepare ourselves for remembering his death and resurrection at Easter. We are so glad that you have joined us on the path. 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 listen to hear God speak to us anew as individuals and as community.

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

Lenten travelers, who is this Jesus that we follow? **He is the Messiah.**

What kind of Messiah is Jesus? **He is the Messiah who teaches that he will lose his life and who calls us to lose our lives in order to save our lives.**

How does it feel to follow a Messiah whose teachings and call are so hard and uncomfortable? **Some feel fear and anger, while others feel uncertain and anxious, and still others feel resolute and ready to follow.**

Lenten travelers, we are not alone in our feelings about following Jesus as our Messiah. It is a hard road. The blessing is that we do not travel it alone.

Thanks be to God that we share this journey with Jesus and one another as we lose our lives for the sake of the gospel to save our lives through Jesus, our Messiah. Amen.

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

*HYMN

Cry of My Heart

MSFPW #39

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Terry Urban

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Michelle Bame

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 22:23-31

Terry Urban

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

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Pastor Jason

*Offertory Prayer

UMH #95

*HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

UMH #451

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 4:13-25

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

*HYMN

Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

UMH #325

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 8:31-38

Terry Urban

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

SERMON

For the Sake of the Gospel

Pastor Jason

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Pastor Jason

*HYMN

Lift High the Cross

UMH #159

* *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.

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 or to help, please contact Pastor Jason. **The next Gretna Glen trip is March 17 (3:30-7 PM).**

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: March 4 & 18.**

CHATTING on Mondays at 6:30 PM: This member-led, discussion group meets online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518?pwd=cEVDeDIjeThaaWVlYjIjQWmZjTm5oUT09>.

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

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

THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. **Next meeting: March 21 at 5:30 PM (3rd Thursdays).** **These sessions are by Zoom only at:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82735304374?pwd=eDBSZHRCZVphSnh2TENDZ0xrdG0vQT09>. To learn more, contact Renee Norman. To be a part of the team working on **Criminal Justice & Bail Reform**, join us online at Noon every Wednesday:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOeIVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQ09>

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.**

SEND A CARD TO HOMEBOUND PEOPLE: There are cards in a basket in the hall and complete sets of labels in small bags pinned to the bulletin board. Add a note and drop it in the mail to spread some joy to those who cannot get to church. If you know of someone to add to our list, see Buni.

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 or you may pick a ready-made sandwich.. You can support our ministries while getting a discount on your sandwich! See Carol.

MERCY CHEFS' JOHN CAULEY + PRAISE & WORSHIP NIGHT at Mt Zion: Narvon on Fri, March 1, 6:30pm. Mercy Chefs is a faith based non-profit disaster and humanitarian relief organization providing professionally prepared, restaurant quality meals to victims, volunteers and first responders in natural disasters and emergencies. We will be having a goodwill offering which will benefit Mercy Chefs to further their worldwide humanitarian effort. Worship Music will be provided by John 3:16 (the Mt. Zion Worship Team) and Ava Hartman who is a young guitar player and vocalist. Mt Zion UMC is located at 753 Mt Zion Road, Narvon, PA 17555.

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORMS are in mailboxes & hallway. To beautify the sanctuary and have bulbs to plant in your own yard after Easter, return the order form and payment to the office mailbox **TODAY.**

LITITZ DAY OF PRAYER: Fri., March 1, 2024 at 7PM with music at 6:30 pm. St. Paul Lutheran Church, 200 W Orange St, Lititz. Featured Speaker: William Zee, attorney. A free-will offering will be taken in support of Warwick Release Time Program. Special Music by: Lititz Moravian Trombone Choir & St James Folk Group.

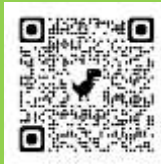
BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY AND EGG HUNT! We are celebrating Spring and the good news that Christ has risen! Come and join in the celebrations on **Saturday, March 16th from 8:00 to 10:30 AM with Egg Hunts at 8:30, 9:30 & 10:30 AM.** We will be serving a hot breakfast to enjoy in our dining room or for take-out. Breakfast will include pancakes and sausage with various toppings. Gluten free option available! **Cost is by donation.** The Easter Bunny will be available for photos. **Please donate plastic eggs and stickers or candy to fill them. NO small toys.**

THE LANCASTER FAMILY YMCA 69TH ANNUAL GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST will be held Friday, March 29 at The Farm and Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, PA @ 7:30 am (Doors open at 7 am) The speaker will be Rev. Jennifer Mattson from Saint Thomas Episcopal Church in Lancaster, PA, along with live music and a buffet-style breakfast. Tickets are \$20 per person and are required. They may be purchased online at [Registration Options \(donorperfect.net\)](https://www.registrationoptions.com/donorperfect.net). *Tickets are NOT available at the door.*

THANK YOU for your faithful giving toward our ministries through your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness! Our church is growing in attendance for worship, Bible Studies and ministries. New people are exploring how they can connect with us. Thank you for being such a welcoming and loving congregation!

While we ended 2023 in strong financial shape, **we do need to be faithful in giving each week in order to meet our obligations and have the resources to maintain and expand our ministries.** We need gifts toward the General Ministry and Debt Reduction for the mortgage. Please prayerfully consider how you can help.

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.



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.

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.** *Contact Carol Kennedy if you are interested in participating in this ministry.*

FAITH UMC WORSHIP TEAM: Do you sing, play an instrument, and make a joyful noise to the Lord? If so, please **join the Faith Singers every Wednesday at 6:30 PM (RETURNING TO ORIGINAL TIME)** to learn and rehearse the worship music. We will welcome you with open arms, open hearts, and open voices.

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.

PASTOR JASON ON HALF-TIME PATERNITY LEAVE UNTIL EASTER: He will continue to preach, lead the Youth Ministry & Grief Share, teach Bible2School & Friday Bible Study, and provide pastoral care. **If committees want Pastor Jason to attend meetings, contact him in advance. For pastoral needs, call, email or text with a detailed message. He will primarily be available when the boys are in school.** Sundays are focused on worship service and youth ministry. **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 Mar 17)

1st Sundays Communion offered during worship service, followed by refreshments

Mondays 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
Bible Study at Oregon Community UMC, 6:30PM
Worship Team Practice, 6:30 PM - **RETURNING TO ORIGINAL TIME**

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:

Friday, March 1 **Mercy Chefs & Worship Night at Mt. Zion, 6:30 PM**
Lititz Day of Prayer at St. Paul, 7:00 PM

Monday, Mar 4 GriefShare Group - Every other Monday from 5:00 to 6:00 PM
Chatting Club via Zoom, 6:30 PM

Wednesday, Mar 6 Ladies’ Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30 AM – RSVP to Sandy Patschke

Thursday, Mar 14 Finance Team meeting, 6:00 PM

Saturday, Mar 16 **Breakfast with the Easter Bunny 8:00 to 10:30 AM**
with Egg Hunts at 8:30, 9:30 & 10:30

Wednesday, Mar 21 Senior Men’s Lunch, 11:30 AM
Church & Society meeting via Zoom, 5:30 PM

Thursday, Mar 28 **Maundy Thursday Service at Salem UMC: Rothsville, 7:00 PM**

Friday, Mar 29 **Good Friday Service at Long Memorial UMC: Neffsville, Noon**
Good Friday Service at Faith UMC, 7:00 PM

Sunday, Mar 31 **Easter Sunrise Service at Oregon Community, 6:30 AM**

Sunday, Mar 31 **Easter Services at Oregon Community at 9:00 AM & Faith at 10:30 AM**

WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, March 3 are:

GREETERS/ USHERS: John & Priscilla Rice

LITURGIST: Tim Patschke

CHILDREN’S TIME: Amy Boughter

JUNIOR CHURCH: Buni Harbison & Marilyn Jones

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