

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
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)
Foster children – to be healthy & thrive
Children – to know they are not alone in struggles
Noah Boughter, Sophie and family
Heather Lindsey
Jake Ruhl – hip and shoulder pain
Shirley Gehr – healing
Tracey – follow up reports on a tumor
The Jackson Family
Robyn Meckley – healing
Linda Weber - healing

Those with cancer: Cyndi Campbell, Dean Grove,
Mark Reitzel, Duane Lehman, Ruthie, Martin
Campbell, Ben Neideigh, Harmony Chiccarine,
Grandma Edwards, Nat, Tina Miller, Carl Derr,
Dorcas Kamanda (in remission), Jim Royer,
Adam Malik, Carol Bryner (Allen K's sister),
Joan (Nancy's sister-in-law), Isaias Maldonado
(Ramonita's Uncle), Missy Landis; Gail (friend
of Sandy), Hector Rosado, Tim (Marilyn J's
nephew)

Terry & Margie Urban & family – housing & health
Rev. Dorcas's ministry in Sierra Leone
Ruthie & Gary with Dementia – friends of Amy
Brenda, Dave and Mike Loechner – health
Denny Armstrong – kidney failure
Deb Stauffer – healing from pneumonia
Carol Dronke – upcoming surgery
Daryl Hawthorne – healing after foot surgery
Terry Kofroth – healing
Phyllis Miller – Congestive Heart Failure
Bob Miller – pain and heart problems
Pastoral transitions for Long Memorial, Emmanuel
and Salem: Rothsville UMC
Bishop Schol, DS Freymoyer & EPAUMC Staff
Laity and Clergy of the UMC
For unity & love in the church universal & the UMC
Twin baby boys in foster care with Jason & Julie
Paul (Jake's nephew) – healing for heart & kidneys
Lexi Compton – treatment for tumor on spine
Owen Charles – Infant of Sami & Brian heart
condition
Boughter family
Brian – healing
Donald Campbell – kidney and heart concerns
Lorraine Smith – healing after thyroid removal
Dolly Bankert – severely bruised knee
Ron Lunn – health issues and preparing to move
Joshua Bitner – Crohn's Disease

OUR PRAISES:

Pastor Hedwige Mutwale Mukalay coming to serve
New friends joining us for worship each week
Love and support of Faith UMC Family
Grace and forgiveness
The Holy Spirit speaking to us
The Promise of Heaven
God's loving presence in the midst of struggles
**Please submit prayer needs, praises, & updates by
note or email to the office: faithumc@hotmail.com**



Welcome

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July 7, 2024 at 10:30 AM – 7th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME: God is beyond our understanding but comes to us in many different ways to be revealed so that we may know the love of God more. May the Spirit of God inspire & fill us as we worship together today! 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. 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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Michelle Bame & God’s People

Beloved, when our bodies feel unable and incapable, and the voices all around us disparage and criticize our bodies as weak and worthless, God calls to us... **Open your heart to your weakness and my strength.** When we persist in the false belief that we should and must do everything on our own, never asking for help and persisting in our drive for full independence, God calls to us...

Open your heart to your weakness and my strength.

When we feel shame because we need help, and the deep vulnerability of our needs pierces our hearts, God calls to us... **Open your heart to your weakness and my strength.**

Listen! Pay attention! God calls to us in our weakness, not to erase our frailties or bemoan all the things society may tell us we lack, but to empower us within the vulnerability of our humanness, naming us Beloved in the fullness of who we are.

May we open our hearts in worship to receive the goodness in our weakness and the power in the strength of God’s love for all of God’s vulnerable creation. Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, April 2024

***HYMN**

Amazing Grace

UMH #378 v. 1-4

CHILDREN’S TIME

Michelle Bame

THE PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Bob Rodgers

***HYMN**

Freely, Freely

UMH #389

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 21:23-32

Daryl Hawthorne

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

SERMON

Who’s in Charge Here?

Pastor Rimert

COMMUNION: CONFESSION, PARDON & PASSING THE PEACE

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

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

***HYMN**

Come Sinners, to the Gospel Feast

UMH #616

***HYMN**

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

UMH #614

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Pastor Rimert

***HYMN**

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

UMH #382

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

Pianist: Dolly Bankert **AV Tech:** Dennis Meck, Sr & Keagan Meck

Guest Musicians: Jody & Anthony Wiker

Pastor: The Rev. Jason Perkowski **Ministers:** The People of God

WELCOME TO PASTOR RICHARD RIMERT: We are grateful for him bringing us the sermon and Communion today. He is a retired Elder in the UMC having faithfully and lovingly served multiple churches in Eastern PA. He is an avid reader and bicyclist, enjoys working at Hershey Park in retirement, and can often be found with his beloved wife enjoying the beauty of Longwood Gardens. He also has extended family who are part of our congregation. Please make him feel welcome as he joins us in worship today. *Pastor Jason is with Pastor Hedwige Mutwale serving at Salem, Emmanuel and Long Memorial this morning and bringing them communion.*

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 is dinner, games & a lesson. Any students are invited to join us—you don’t have to be a member of one of our churches. Sign up to be the 2nd adult and/or provide a meal in the hall or by contacting Pastor Jason. **THOSE ENTERING 5TH GRADE IN THE FALL ARE INVITED TO START ATTENDING YOUTH GROUP!! WELCOME!**

GRIEFSHARE helps people process the loss of loved ones and to find support from peers. There is a video curriculum, discussion and mutual support. **We started a new group in April. We meet every other Monday from 5-6:30 PM in the first classroom in the Education Wing at Faith UMC. Our next meetings are July 15 & 29.** This is open to the church and community. Contact Pastor Jason for more info or to register.

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: July 18 at 5:30 PM (3rd Thursdays). Join us by Zoom only at:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82735304374?pwd=eDBSZHRZCVphSnh2TENDZ0xrdG0vQT09>. To learn more, contact Renee Norman. The **Criminal Justice & Bail Reform Team**, meets online at Noon every other Wednesday: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOeIIVVXQwUk5LR2VfOT09>

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.

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 6:00 PM** to learn and rehearse the worship music.

LONG MEMORIAL UMC VBS: Christmas in July: The Real Story, July 7-11, 5:30 TO 8:00 PM.

CALLING ALL KIDS AGES 4-10!!! Vacation Bible School is July 22-26 from 6-8 PM. This year we are going on a deep-sea adventure – **Operation Overboard!** Come and join us for a fun-filled week of skits, games, music, crafts, and snacks. We will meet people of deep faith from both the Old & New Testaments as we invite you into a deeper relationship with God through Jesus Christ. **Sign up now:** <https://forms.gle/aqZ6Hi75EUUo7ofN8> or visit our website and click the link in the events section. We can't wait to see you here!

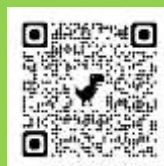
VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Adults & youth are invited to volunteer for *Operation Overboard* VBS! There is a signup sheet in the hall or contact Carol Kennedy for opportunities to serve, lead & have fun with children from our church and the community! We are especially in need of a person to lead the music & guides for the 1st – 4th grade group.

MANDATED REPORTER/SAFE SANCTUARIES TRAINING: You are required to attend this training **annually if you have any interaction with children, youth or vulnerable adults.** Please provide us with a certificate proving that you have done this training or join us on **Mon., July 15 from 6:30–8 pm for training led by Pastor Jason —for youth & adults.** If you are not able to attend that day training sessions are available online.

THANK YOU for your faithfulness to our ministries—through your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. As we reach the midpoint of the year, giving and fundraisers for our **general ministries has raised \$82,000, with \$90,000 in expenses.** Thankfully, due to generous end of year giving, we carried a surplus into 2024, which has enabled us to pay our expenses and still have **\$14,000 in our general ministry account.** We began the year with \$1,000 in our account to be used for our mortgage payments on the Fellowship Hall and Education Wing, and **that debt reduction account now has \$8,700** to be used for those bills.

We need to maintain a regular weekly income of \$4,000 per week toward the regular budget and the debt reduction combined in order to meet our expenses without depleting the accounts. We are currently averaging only \$3312 in income, including fundraisers. If you are able to give regularly toward our ministry—or to make a one-time donation—that goes a long way to sustaining the work that we do together to serve our community.

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.



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 on July 8.*

THREADS OF FAITH: If you like to knit, sew, crochet or quilt, we would like to invite you to Threads of Faith! Whether experienced or just learning, you are welcome to join us from **10am - Noon the first Saturday of each month** for fun, fellowship and crafting! Bring your sewing machines and supplies and work on your projects or start a new one while we chat and share talents in our brightly lit, spacious room with plenty of outlets! **Our first gathering will be Sat., Aug. 3rd.** Signups appreciated but walk-ins welcome! We look forward to meeting you all!

SCRAPBOOKING EVENT at Faith UMC on Saturday, August 10, 2024 from 9AM-5PM: For \$25 you will have a 4 foot by 30 inch table space per person.. We will provide assistance with transporting your scrapbook supplies from the car to the table when you arrive and back to the car at the end of the day. Food will be available for purchase. You can [REGISTER ONLINE](#) or by downloading [a copy of the form](#) to print and mail. **Register now to save your spot! Registration is preferred by July 15th.** *There is a signup sheet for volunteers in the hall.*

SUMMER CAMP: REGISTER TO ATTEND OR VOLUNTEER AS A COUNSELOR / SUPPORT STAFF. Visit <https://www.epaumc.org/ministry/camp-retreat> for more info. **Families with campers in need of financial support should contact the church office.**

MEDICINE BOTTLE COLLECTION: We send *small* prescription pill bottles to clinics in poor countries. **Please remove all labels and sticky residue.** A basket is under the table as you enter the Sanctuary.

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–6PM. **Tell staff to credit Non-profit partner #10221 - Faith UMC.** Write or tape partner number on bags/boxes.

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.*

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.**

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, 5:00-6:30 PM at Faith UMC

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

Bible Study at Oregon Community UMC, 6:30PM

Worship Team Practice, 6:00 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 & Threads of Faith (beginning Aug 3)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, July 7

Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall following the service

Monday July 8

Faith UMC provides Grab ‘N Go Meal at Zion Church, 9:15 AM prep

Scrapbook Crop meeting, 6:30 pm

Finance meeting, 6:00 PM

VBS Prep, 9:00 AM

Thursday, July 11

GriefShare Group - Every other Monday from 5:00 to 6:30 PM

Saturday, July 13

Mandated Reporter/Safe Sanctuaries Training, 6:30 PM

Monday, July 15

Men’s Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30 AM

Church & Society meeting via Zoom, 5:30 PM

SPRC meeting, 6:00 PM

VBS Prep, 9:00 AM

Thursday, July 18

VBS decorating & setup, noon (lunch included)

Saturday, July 20

Operation Overboard VBS, 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Sunday, July 21

Family Picnic, noon

M-F, July 22-26

GriefShare Group - Every other Monday from 5:00 to 6:30 PM

Sunday, July 28

Monday, July 29

WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, July 14 are:

GREETERS: Lisa Baker & Marilyn Jones

USHERS: Lisa Baker & Allen Kennedy

LITURGIST: Buni Harbison

CHILDREN’S TIME: Michelle Bame

JUNIOR CHURCH: Gwen Newell & Marilyn Jones

YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason & Sara Solody