

PRAYER REQUESTS:

OUR CONCERNS:

Bishop Moore-KoiKoi, DS Freymoyer & EPA Staff
Laity and Clergy of the UMC
Unity & love in the church universal & the UMC
Wisdom & safety for government officials globally
President Joe Biden and VP Kamala Harris
For accuracy and trust in confirming the votes and a peaceful transfer of power
President-elect Donald Trump and VP-elect JD Vance
Peace in Israel, Palestine, Ukraine & Russia
For peace & wisdom in areas of conflict
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
Reform for Education Funding, Criminal Justice, and Foster Care Systems
Teachers, Students, Families & Campus ministries
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
NarSarah Village and Clinic, Sierra Leone
Eileen Williams – muscles
Bradley McGowan – ALS
Jean & Ben Neideigh – healing
Noah Boughter, Sophie and family
Heather Lindsey
Denny Armstrong – kidney failure
Carol Dronke – healing

Those with cancer: Cyndi Campbell, Dean Grove, Mark Reitzel, Duane Lehman, Ruthie, Martin Campbell, Ben Neideigh, Harmony Chiccarine, Tina Miller, Dorcas Kamanda (in remission), Jim Royer, Adam Malik, Joan (Nancy's sister-in-law), Isaias Maldonado (Ramonita's Uncle), Missy Landis; Gail (friend of Sandy), Geneva (sister of Larry Landis), Marc Barley (Diane's cousin), Lexi Compton (tumor on spine), Heather Williams

Paul (Jake's nephew) – healing for heart & kidneys
Dottie Sheaffer – healing
Andrea (friend of Lisa) – neck & back pain
Linda Philbin – motor neuropathy & cancer
Pat Oglesby (Laura Gehman's sister) –health
Pat Drebot (Jake's sister) – declining health
Rosemary (Marilyn Jones' sister) – health
Dolly Bankert – healing after knee surgery
Diana Valentine – healing after hand surgery
Terry Kofroth – healing for back & cataract surgery
Melanie Jusino – for peace and guidance
Ralph & BobbiAnn Stone and their family
Mary Shenk – Alzheimer's
Alfredo Vega, Jr – safety while on active duty
Kaylee Colón – depression & anxiety
Kayla (Tyler's sister)
Craig Hathaway – health
Shirley Gehr – healing
Holly (Julie H's sister) – healing after stroke
Nat (friend of Wikers) – healing
Twins & Sister settling back with parents
Amanda Ortiz's Dad – health
Stormy – Stage 4 Bone Cancer
Mike Seiders – upcoming brain surgery
Buni Harbison – healing after shoulder surgery
Phyllis Miller – healing after falls
Family & friends of Gerry Maurer on her passing
Tim – healing from severe workplace injury
All impacted by California wildfires

OUR PRAISES:

Couples preparing for marriage
Guests worshipping with us each week
Tom & Sheila moving into new home
God's loving presence in the midst of struggles
Those who have seen healings from prayer
Please submit prayer needs, praises, & updates by note or email to the office: faithumc@hotmail.com



What Concern is That?

WHERE YOU ARE: EMBRACING THE FAMILIAR

Welcome

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January 19, 2025 at 10:30 AM – 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

WELCOME: We gather together to worship God! 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. May the Spirit of God inspire & fill us as we take this journey together. As we retell the stories of God’s faithful love throughout time, may our hearts rejoice! 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 & Pastor Jason

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jason & God’s People

Be still for a moment. What do you hear? What do you smell? What do you feel under your feet? Beloved, God is here. **In the familiar and unfamiliar, God is here with us.**

Take a moment to look around. Whom do you notice? Who isn’t here that you expected to see? Whether this community feels brand new or familiar to you, God is here.

In the familiar and unfamiliar, God is here with us.

Take a deep breath. We share this air, this space, this worship home together. In our breathing and worshipping in this time and place, God is here. **In the familiar and unfamiliar, God is here with us.**

God is here. May we pay attention and discern how God brings us together in the familiar and the unfamiliar to be and become the Body of Christ.

May we notice and join in God’s work of forming us for community as we worship today. Amen.

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

*HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

UMH #384

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 36:5-10

Michelle Bame

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

CHILDREN’S TIME

Pastor Jason

*HYMN

Whom Shall I Send

UMH #582

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

UMH #895

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

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Michelle Bame

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

*HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

UMH #593

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 2:1-11

Michelle Bame

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

SERMON

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Pastor Jason

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Pastor Jason

*HYMN

Lift Every Voice and Sing

UMH #519

* You are invited to stand in body or in Spirit

Guest Musicians: Jody & Anthony Wiker **AV Tech:** Dennis Meck, Sr

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.

FAITH UMC JOB OPPORTUNITIES: Seeking maturing Christian candidates. Details visit www.FaithUMC.US

OFFICE MANAGER / ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT for approx. 20 hours per week in-office to provide administrative support for Pastor, Finance Committee, and church ministries. This includes managing communications, developing weekly worship materials and digital newsletters, and supporting financial accounting with the Treasurer. Strong tech and communication skills necessary.

PIANIST to help lead worship on Sunday Morning at 10:30AM as well as a one-hour midweek rehearsal. Stipend is \$100/week. Able to play at a blended service with contemporary and traditional elements.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL at 9 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. All students are invited to join us. To be the 2nd adult and/or provide a meal, sign up in the hall or contact Pastor Jason. **We will go to Gretna Glen Camp on Sun, Jan. 19 (3:30-7pm). Volunteers are needed to carpool to the camp. Please see Pastor Jason if you are willing to help drive the youth and/or chaperone.**

BIBLE2SCHOOL is meeting at Faith UMC on **Tues. for 3rd Grade & Weds. for 4th and 2nd Grade** students from Reidenbaugh Elem. **Volunteers needed as Small Group Leaders.**

GRIEFSHARE helps people process the loss of loved ones and to find support from peers. This is open to the church and community. **We will be starting a new round of classes. Let Pastor Jason know if you are interested.**

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: February 20 at 5:00 PM (3rd Thursdays). Join us by Zoom only at:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82735304374?pwd=eDBSZHRCZVphSnh2TENDZ0xrdG0vQT09>. To learn more, contact Renee Norman. The **Criminal Justice & Bail Reform Team**, meets online at Noon every other Wed.

(Jan 22 & Feb 5): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>.

Reimagine Justice Lancaster meets online at Noon on Tuesdays of the opposite weeks (Jan 28 & Feb 11) at:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/82819147194?pwd=BF8E8JopVvfExanCW0QPjJ7p9DcbDq.1>

POWER INTERFAITH: NEW - Justice Response Team Meeting. Join us on Sunday, January 26th 4-7pm at Church of the Apostles UCC- Fellowship Hall- 1850 Marietta Ave, Lancaster, PA 17603. This is a gathering in which we will share our fears and our hopes, will create action groups, and will leave with a plan for next steps. Any person of faith or moral courage or any community organization that works to represent the needs of the poor and the marginalized is welcome to attend. **Registration required. See Pastor Jason or Renee for details.**

UDOBO PRE-SCHOOL: Our Advent & Christmas Eve offering of \$2,073.00 along with the change jar and any additional labeled offering will be donated to the Udobo Pre-School in Durban, South Africa in early February.

Thank you for your faithful generosity! If you would still like to donate to this cause you may. Visit <http://UdoboSchool.com> to learn more. Your gift will help finance meals, educational supplies and teaching staff.

Checks can be made out to *Faith UMC* with “Udobo School” in the memo or donate online to that fund at

www.faithumc.us.

SUB SALE: We have \$7 certificates from S. Clyde Weaver for delicious made-to-order subs w/over 7+ varieties on sub rolls, bread or wraps. Support our ministries & get a discount! See Carol.

LEARN MORE ABOUT JUNIOR CHURCH & VBS: On February 23rd, after the service, we will be holding a joint meeting for anyone interested in volunteering for **Junior Church or VBS**. Please attend if you would like to hear more information about becoming a Junior Church leader, second adult or teen volunteer. Our leaders are on a rotation and there are many lessons to choose from. We will go over what a lesson looks like, how to prepare a lesson and answer any questions you may have. We will also answer questions about what the responsibilities are for our second adults and teen volunteers. **Attendance does not mean a commitment! We would love to have you!** We will also be discussing this year's annual VBS, held in July. We would love to hear your ideas about VBS and discuss what types of volunteers are needed. Light refreshments will be served.

PUZZLE PALOOZA! DO YOU LOVE JIGSAW PUZZLES? Join us at Faith UMC on **Saturday, January 25, 2025 from 10:00am to 11:30am (check-in at 9:30am)**. Get your team of 2-4 together and **let's race to complete a 500-piece puzzle. The winning team gets a prize** along with bragging rights! ALL teams get to keep their puzzles after the event. **The cost is \$40 per team, due at time of registration. Information and registration is available at www.FaithUMC.US under Events. Register now!** To join with another team please contact Gwen or the office.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY is Feb 9th. Wear your favorite football jersey to church and bring some canned soup to share with LUMINA and our local food bank. Watch for more information on our Chili Sale that day. We will be selling quarts and pints to take home and reheat while you watch the game.

DIRECTORY UPDATE: Carol will be updating the directory this month. If you would like your picture updated or do not currently have a picture in the directory, please see her to get your picture taken, submit a picture to the office, or email it to faithumc@hotmail.com. If you haven't already done so, please let her know of any changes to your address, phone number, or email.

THANK YOU for your faithfulness to our ministries through your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. **We finished 2024 with a balanced budget. Thank you for your generous support!** In 2025 we will need about \$4,200 per week in giving toward the general ministry and our mortgage debt reduction in order to finish the year with a balanced budget. **If you haven't submitted a pledge card, please consider doing so.**



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 bank 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.

THREADS OF FAITH: If you like to knit, sew, crochet or quilt, you are invited to Threads of Faith from 10am - Noon the first Saturday of each month for a time of fellowship and crafting! Bring your sewing machines and supplies and work on your projects or start a new one! **Next meeting February 1.**

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 before they unload.** Write or tape partner number on bags/boxes.

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.**

COMMUNITY MEAL: People in need may pick up a **Grab 'n Go Meal at Zion Lutheran Church** in East Petersburg every Monday. **Faith UMC provides sixty Grab 'n Go Meals quarterly.** Our dates for 2025 are: Feb. 3, Apr. 7, Jul 7, and Oct 27. *Contact Carol Kennedy if you are interested in participating in this ministry.*

TOOLS FOR MINISTRY on Sat., Feb. 22, 2025 from 8AM-Noon at Salem UMC: 140 N. Penn st., Manheim. **Registration Fee: \$8.** Doors open at 8AM. At 8:30AM DS Freymoyer will lead us in opening worship and a Keynote address. Session 1 is 9:15-10:30AM and Session #2 is 10:45-Noon. There will be 10 training workshops to choose from in each session on topics including Alzheimers Care, Church Finances, Dealing with Church Crisis, Exploring a Call to Ministry, Partnering with Community Organizations, etc. **Save the Date on the Calendar. Registration and full list of workshop will be available soon.**

IMPACT! MISSIONS is a Christian Housing Ministry that helps create warm, safe, and dry homes to be sold to lower-income families and does repairs on homes for existing homeowners in financial distress. They need volunteers to restore these homes. **Contact Leon Bame for more info at 717-344-9924 or leonschel37@gmail.com.**

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 (*3rd Sundays to Gretna Glen Camp instead - Jan 19*)

Communion offered during worship service, followed by refreshments

Nar-Anon, 7:15-8:45 PM at Faith UMC

1st Sundays

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

Tuesdays

Bible2School in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Wednesdays

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

Wednesdays

Worship Team Practice, 6:45 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 Saturdays

Servant Saturday & Threads of Faith

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday, Jan 23

Church Council meeting, 6:00 PM

Saturday, Jan 25

Puzzle Palooza, 10:00-11:30 AM (check in at 9:30 AM)

Saturday, Feb 1

Threads of Faith, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Monday, Feb 3

Faith UMC provides Grab & Go Meal at Zion Lutheran Church prep at Faith 9:30 AM

Wednesday, Feb 5

Ladies' Lunch at Oregon Dairy - RSVP to Sandy Patschke

Thursday, Feb 6

SPRC meeting, 6:00 PM

Fri - Sun, Feb 7-9

Youth Group at Winter Retreat at Gretna Glen, no youth group Sunday evening

Saturday, Feb 8

Scrapbook Crop, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Sunday, Feb 9

Take Out Chili Fundraiser, 12:00 - 2:00 PM

Monday, Feb 10

District Resource Team meeting via Zoom, 6:30 to 8:00 PM

Thursday, Feb 13

Finance meeting, 6:00 PM

Sunday, Feb 16

Youth Group Night at Gretna Glen, 3:30 - 7:00 PM

Thursday, Feb 20

Men's Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30 AM

Saturday, Feb 22

Church & Society Team meeting via Zoom, 5:00 PM

Sunday, Feb 23

Tools for Ministry at Salem UMC in Manheim, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Thursday, Feb 27

Junior Church & VBS meeting, 11:45 AM

Trustees meeting, 6:00 PM

WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, January 26

GREETERS/USHERS: John & Priscilla Rice

LITURGIST: Daryl Hawthorne

CHILDREN'S TIME: Michelle Bame

JUNIOR CHURCH: Lisa Baker & Colette Borden

YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason & Sara Solody