

## 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  
Healing & peace for divisions caused by race, class, gender, sexuality, politics & fears  
Wisdom & safety for government officials globally  
President Donald Trump and VP JD Vance  
For a peaceful transfer of power  
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  
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  
Paul (Jake's nephew) – healing for heart & kidneys  
Dottie Sheaffer – healing  
Andrea (friend of Lisa) – neck & back pain  
Linda Philbin – motor neuropathy & cancer

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

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  
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  
Diana Valentine  
Tim – healing from severe workplace injury  
All impacted by California wildfires  
Tom & Sheila struggles with new home

### **OUR PRAISES:**

Geneva (sister of Larry Landis) cancer in remission  
Lexi Compton cancer in remission  
Harmony Chiccarine cancer in remission  
Couples preparing for marriage  
Guests worshipping with us each week  
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](mailto:faithumc@hotmail.com)*



# As Was His Custom

WHERE YOU ARE: EMBRACING THE FAMILIAR

## *Welcome*

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January 26, 2025 at 10:30 AM – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

**WELCOME:** We gather together to worship God the Father, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit! May the Spirit of God unite us and the church universal to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God (*Micah 6:8*). 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 worshiping 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

Children of God, we gather to worship, to sing and proclaim with joy the good works God is doing in our midst.

**We gather to worship, as is our custom.**

We also gather today to pray for our families, our community, and our world. To name the challenges that press in around us, to lament the suffering in our world, to declare our trust in God in the midst of hardship.

**We gather to worship, as is our custom.**

We, like those in Nazareth, gather to hear and receive the Word of God proclaimed among us. To encounter the life-giving message of God's love redeems us to be bearers of love and freedom in this world.

**We gather to worship, as is our custom.**

Children of God, listen. Pay attention. Ready your hearts. God is here. Jesus has come among us. The Spirit brings the Word to life in our midst. Are you ready?

**We gather to worship, as is our custom. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

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

## \*HYMN

*This Is the Day*

UMH #657

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

Terry Kofroth

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

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Michelle Bame

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Psalms 19**

Terry Kofroth

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

## \*HYMN

*Wonderful Words of Life*

UMH #600

## 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 12:12-31a**

Terry Kofroth

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

## \*HYMN

*Come, Ye Sinner, Poor and Needy*

UMH #340

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Luke 4:14-21**

Terry Kofroth

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

## SERMON

*As Was His Custom*

Pastor Jason

## BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Pastor Jason

### \*HYMN

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

UMH #454

\* *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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> 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, Feb 16 (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. Youth group will not meet on the evening of Feb 9.***

**WINTER BLAST YOUTH RETREAT on Feb. 7-9 at Gretna Glen Camp. We will meet at 5:30PM at Faith UMC on Friday and be back here by 11:45AM on Sunday.** Please contact Pastor Jason if you would like to attend. A Faith UMC Permission Slip is needed. **You will also need to register at:** <https://gretnaglen.org/event/23777954-2025-02-07-youth-winter-blast/> and complete all of the forms required by the camp. Cost for the weekend is \$130, but \$60 will be covered from Youth Fundraisers. **When registering, you should be able to mark that Faith UMC will cover \$60 and then pay the remaining \$70 online.**

**BIBLE2SCHOOL** is meeting at Faith UMC on Tues. for 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade & Weds. for 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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: January 16 at 5:00 PM (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays).** Join us by Zoom only at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82735304374?pwd=eDBSZHRCZVphSnh2TENDZ0xrdG0vOT09>. To learn more, contact Renee Norman. The **Criminal Justice & Bail Reform Team**, meets online at Noon every other Wed. (Feb 5 & 19): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOeIVVXQwUk5LR2VFT09>. 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: Justice Response Team Meeting. All are invited to join us TODAY (Jan. 26) 4-7pm at Church of the Apostles UCC, 1850 Marietta Ave, Lancaster, PA 17603.** This is a gathering in which we will share our fears and our hopes, create action groups, and 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. **See Pastor Jason or Renee for details. Registration required at <https://secure.everyaction.com/qrWMhZWnVE6m4ublJPEOdW2>.**

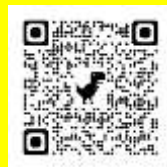
**LEARN MORE ABOUT JUNIOR CHURCH & VBS:** On Sunday, February 23rd, after the service, we will be holding a joint meeting **for anyone interested in volunteering for Junior Church or VBS.** Please attend if you would like to hear more information about becoming a Junior Church leader, second adult or 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 your questions. 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.

**SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY** is Feb 9<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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. **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](http://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.

**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.*

**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 [leonshe137@gmail.com](mailto:leonshe137@gmail.com).**

**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 10:45AM-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 workshops will be available soon.**

**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.

**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.**

#### 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<sup>rd</sup> Sundays to Gretna Glen Camp instead – Feb 16*)

Communion offered during worship service, followed by refreshments

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

##### **1<sup>st</sup> Sundays**

##### **1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

##### **1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays**

Servant Saturday & Threads of Faith

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**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**

**~~Serapbook Crop, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM – POSTPONED INDEFINITELY~~**

**Sunday, Feb 9**

**SOUPER Bowl Sunday – Wear your favorite sports gear and donate cans of soup**

**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, February 2

GREETERS/USHERS: Jake Ruhl & Allen Kennedy

LITURGIST: Tim Patschke

CHILDREN'S TIME: Amy Boughter

JUNIOR CHURCH: Gwen Newell & Julie Perkowski

YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason & the Byers