

PRAYER REQUESTS:

OUR CONCERNS:

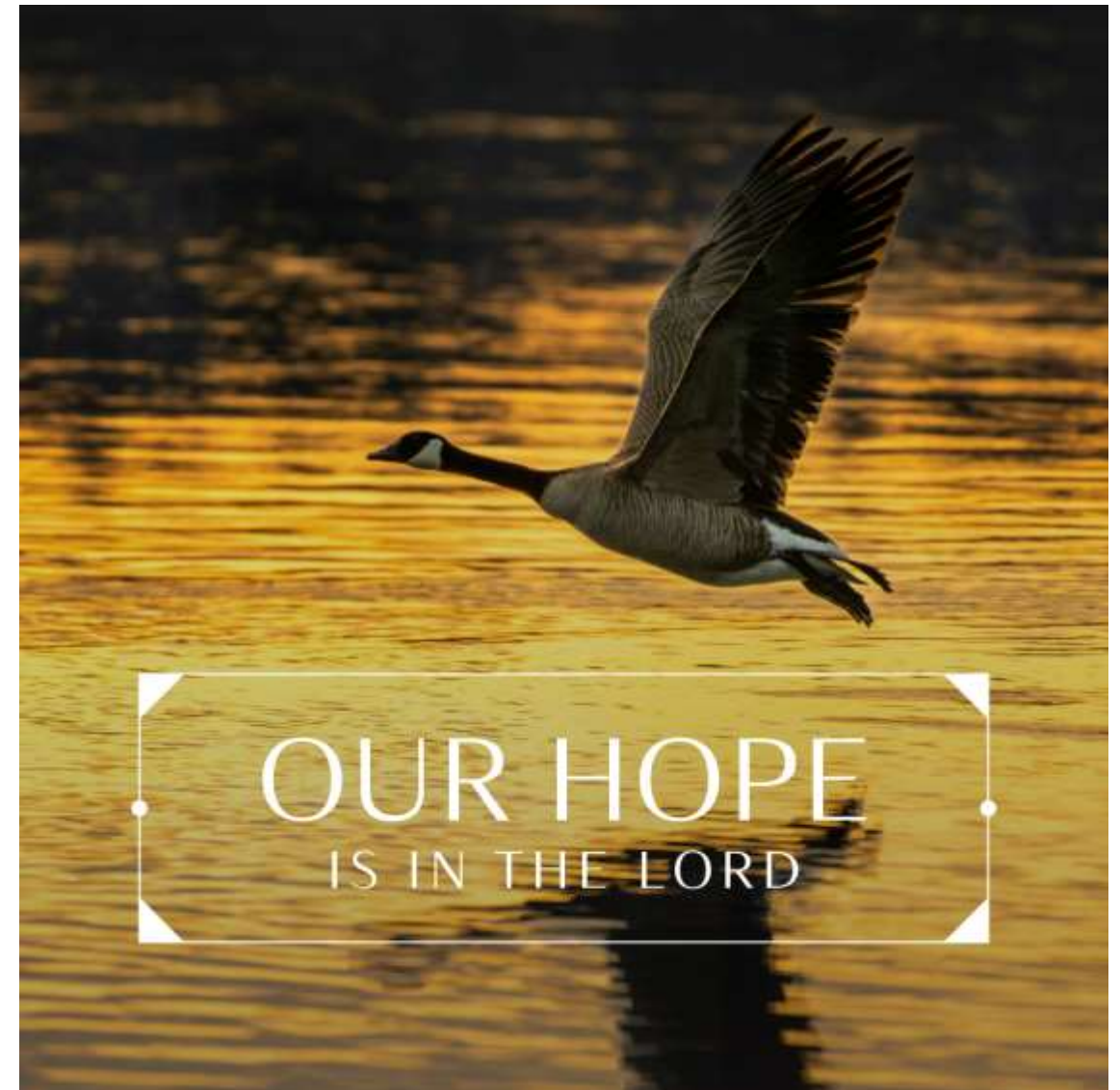
Bishop Moore-KoiKoi, DS Freymoyer & EPA
Staff as they travel in South Korea
Laity and Clergy of the UMC
Unity & love in the church universal & the UMC
Healing & peace for divisions over race, class,
gender, sexuality, politics & fears
Wisdom & safety for government officials globally
President Donald Trump and VP JD Vance
Peace in Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, Russia and the
Middle East
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 & Attorneys
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
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
Rosemary (Marilyn Jones’ sister) healing

Those with cancer: Cyndi Campbell, Dean Grove,
Mark Reitzel, Duane Lehman, Ruthie, Martin
Campbell, Dorcas Kamanda (in remission),
Adam Malik, Joan (Nancy’s sister-in-law), Isaias
Maldonado (Ramonita’s Uncle), Missy Landis;
Marc Barley (Diane’s cousin), Heather Williams,
Nat (friend of Wikers), Pat Oglesby (Laura G’s
sister); Eileen Landis, Janet (friend of Lisa)

Terry Kofroth healing for back issues
Melanie Jusino for peace and guidance
Mary Shenk for Alzheimer’s
Alfredo Vega, Jr – safety while on active duty
Shirley Gehr for health
Mike Loechner healing from seizures
Loechner’s health and car accident
Gene DeLange for healing
Destiny Eckman – brain tumor & heart issues
Kole – brain tumor needs further treatment
Kathy Oberholtzer’s mother & family concerns
Sandy Patschke – health
Michael - housing insecurity and addictions
Diana Allia – heart condition
Members currently in jail or returning home
Garnett K. for health & balance issues
Randy White in hospice
Garnett’s daughter Kimberly Ann Wenger
Families dealing with custody arrangements
Melodie Dearolf for healing of back and leg pain
Carter & Ramonita to find an apartment
Bob Miller (Diana V father) hip replacement
Sebastian for start of rehab
Rachel’s family as she enters hospice
Eileen Williams
Kathy and Mike’s granddaughter Danielle who is in
need of a car
Community Members who have lost loved ones—
including stillborn babies
Bob Black – lung cancer
Those who lost loved ones on September 11, 2001
Families of Evergreen HS after school shooting
Family and friends of Charlie Kirk
All those affected by violence and hate

OUR PRAISES:

All who are healing from various surgeries
New members and guests in worship
Church leaders gathering to hear God’s vision for us
***Please submit prayer needs, praises, & updates by
note or email to the office: faithumc@hotmail.com***



Welcome

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Faith United Methodist Church



September 14, 2025 at 10:30AM – 14th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME: We come together to worship the Creator God who spoke all things into existence, whose Spirit fills us and invites us into righteous and loving relationship, and who came among us in human flesh as Jesus the Rabbi and Savior. You are welcome to engage with us and our loving God 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		Buni Harbison
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Michelle Bame & God’s People
God is our hope and our refuge. We come searching for safety in a world that often calls foolishness wisdom and wisdom foolishness. God is our hope and our refuge. We come longing for rest in a world that bombards us with all the ways people work against the abundant life and flourishing of their neighbors. God is our hope and our refuge. Come, children of God, to find refuge and hope in God who delivers and restores us. May God teach us & guide us to find refuge & be refuge with & for our neighbors today & every day.		
<i>Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, April, 2025</i>		
*HYMN	<i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>	UMH #400
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 <i>This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!</i>	Terry Kofroth
CHILDREN’S TIME		Michelle Bame
*HYMN	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	UMH #378 v. 1-3, & 6
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Psalms 14 <i>This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!</i>	Terry Kofroth
THE PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER		UMH #895
*HYMN	<i>Potter’s Hand</i>	MSFP&W #85
SCRIPTURE LESSON	1 Timothy 1:12-17 <i>This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!</i>	Terry Kofroth
OUR OFFERINGS: OF PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS		Pastor Jason
*DOXOLOGY	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH #95
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Luke 15:1-10 <i>This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!</i>	Terry Kofroth
SERMON	<i>Our Hope Is in the Lord</i>	Pastor Jason
*HYMN	<i>And Can It Be that I Should Gain</i>	UMH #363
*BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH		Pastor Jason
<i>* You are invited to stand in body or in Spirit</i>		

Pianist: Jessica Maldonado **AV Tech:** Dennis Meck, Sr.
Pastor: The Rev. Jason Perkowski **Ministers:** The People of God

OFFICE COMMUNICATIONS: Office Admin, Paula Fultz, will be in the office and responding to messages **Mon-Thur, 10AM–3PM.** Pastor Jason will be on duty Mon-Thur, 10AM–5PM & Fri 10-Noon. His Sabbath is Friday at Noon -Sat. *Please call ahead to ensure that we are available and not in a meeting.*

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

NURSERY (1 year old - 3 years old) & **JUNIOR CHURCH** (4-years-old - 4th grade) are offered during the 10:30AM Worship Service. Please sign your child in before the service & get a numbered badge. *The Nursery is available at the start of the worship service.* **Children who are 4 years old-4th grade should stay in the service until after the Children’s Message during the worship service.** After worship, you will sign your children out in their classrooms in the Education Wing—except on the First Sundays when children will be brought to the Sanctuary as Communion begins.

YOUTH GROUP ON SUNDAYS, 5-7PM for 5th-12th graders. Each week there is dinner, games & a lesson. All students are invited. **We still need volunteers to provide a meal for youth group each week. Please sign up on the sheet in the hallway if you are willing to help.**

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Jason at 10AM in the Adult Classroom in Education Wing.

THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM (CST) engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. **Next meeting: September 18 at 5PM (3rd Thursdays).** **Join us by Zoom at:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82735304374?pwd=eDBSZHRCZVphSnh2TENDZ0xrdG0vQT09>. Contact Renee Norman for more info. The **Criminal Justice & Bail Reform Team** meets at Noon every other Wed. (*Next meeting: Sept 17*) <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVlXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>.

COMMUNITY MEAL: People in need may pick up a **Grab ‘n Go Meal at Zion Lutheran** in East Pete every Monday. Faith UMC provides sixty meals quarterly. Our next date is Oct 27. *Contact Carol Kennedy to help.*

VISION MEETING with Church Council, is Sunday, Sept 14 from Noon-3PM All members of Church Council are encouraged to attend this session after church as we spend time praying, discerning God’s call on the ministry of our congregation and community, and developing plans and strategies for how we live into that call. RSVP to Renee Norman, Michelle Bame and Pastor Jason your availability to attend. There is a potluck lunch with hamburger barbecue provided. *Please bring a side dish to share.*

EPAUMC ADJOURNED SESSION OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE on Saturday, Sept 20 from 9:45AM-12:30PM in Philly. Information and Registration is found at: <https://www.epaumc.org/sas2025/>. All Lay Delegates, Equalizing Lay Delegates and Clergy are expected to attend as we pass resolutions on our Annual Budget, Clergy Leave Policies, etc. **If you want to drive down in a van as a group, please let Pastor Jason know ASAP.**

CHURCH AND SOCIETY COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ON HOMELESSNESS on Sun., Sept. 21 from Noon-1:30PM. Join us as we have a time of learning around **“Homelessness and Housing Insecurity in Lancaster County” with Duncan Hopkins** and then spend time in discussion about how we can be a part of the solution. A light meal will be provided. Please use sign-up sheet in the hallway to RSVP so we can plan for the food & seating.

FAITH UMC COMMUNITY YARD SALE on Sat., Sept. 27th from 8AM.-1PM *RAIN or SHINE.* Spaces for rent are 20’x20’ in the grass for \$20. Pre-registration of spaces is required, with payment due the day of the event. Register for a space online at FaithUMC.us or contact 717-696-5321. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!** Please sign-up in the hallway to help the day of the event or by donating deserts. Gently used items (no clothing) can be donated in the Purple Sunday School Room to be sold by the youth to support their upcoming events. Donation of books, and puzzles can be dropped off in the 2nd Sunday school room. THANK YOU for supporting our fundraisers at Faith UMC!

TRIVIA NIGHT COMPETITION at OCUMC on Friday, October 24 from 6-8PM. Come out and bring a team with you to compete at answering trivia questions created by Pastor Jason. The team that earns the most points after 4 rounds will earn a prize. Everyone is welcome. **FREE TO PLAY**, but we will have hotdogs, pizza and drinks to sell for dinner/snacks. A sign-up sheet for teams will be available as we get closer. Challenge your friends, family and coworkers to come and compete with you or against you!

TRUNK OR TREAT at Faith UMC on Sat., Oct 25. Start to plan to decorate your vehicles, look for deals on candy, and / or be ready to sign up to help Lisa Baker with various games, activities and food for this fun event.

HOLIDAY CRAFT BAZAAR at OCUMC on Sat., Nov. 15 from 8AM – 1PM. Vendors can rent a table to sell craft items in the Fellowship Hall. To reserve a table call Joetta at 717-371-0112. Be sure to invite your friends.

FINANCIAL UPDATE: With many people travelling over the final month of summer, we are now about \$4,800 behind when comparing income and expenses for the year. If you have gotten behind in your planned giving, we encourage you to consider ways to close that gap. Thank you for your generosity!! We still have a healthy balance in our checking and savings account for various purposes including capital projects and a reserve for cash flow. Our goal is to finish 2025 with at least the same reserves that we began with. **We need an average of \$4,200 per week in giving** toward the general ministry budget and our mortgage payments.

*Gifts can be directed to **General Ministry and/or the Debt Reduction / Building Fund** by marking your preference in the memo line & envelope. You can set up automatic 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**. Special gifts from IRAs, stocks, etc. can also be received. You can also mail checks directly to the church.*



FOOD ALLERGIES OR SENSITIVITIES? We will have placards on dishes during our meals to identify ingredients that may cause reactions to people who grace our tables. If you are bringing dishes to events in the future, please help us by being prepared to identify ingredients that may be allergens.

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*.

SALEM’S LITTLE FREE PANTRY: Salem’s Little Free Pantry is in need of Spaghetti Sauce and Pasta. You can donate this in the box in the hallway. Anyone in need – at any hour of the day or night – can come and get groceries from this outdoor pantry located on the porch at Salem Lutheran, 26 Owl Hill Rd, Lititz.

ALAN STRAIT was welcomed into God’s heavenly kingdom on August 28, 2025. We miss him dearly. The family invites us to join them in a memorial service for friends and family that will be held to celebrate Alan’s life on **Saturday, October 25, 2025, with Visitation at 1pm followed by a 2pm Celebration of Life Service at Faith United Methodist Church**, 1290 Fruitville Pike in Lititz, PA. In lieu of flowers, the family invites donations to a National Park Foundation or local SPCA organization, in honor of Alan’s lifelong passion for nature and creativity. His obituary can be read at: <https://www.moserfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Alan-Knepper-Strait?obId=45234753>

ONGOING EVENTS:

Sundays

1st Sundays

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

Wednesdays

Every Other Wednesday

1st Wednesdays

Thursdays

1st Thursdays

2nd Thursdays

3rd Thursdays

3rd Thursdays

4th Thursdays

Fridays

1st Saturdays

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, Sept 14

Thursday, Sept 18

Saturday, Sept 20

Sunday, Sept 21

Thursday, Sept 25

Saturday, Sept 27

Adult Sunday School, 9AM

Worship, 10:30AM in the Sanctuary and Facebook Live

Junior Church during 10:30AM worship

Youth Group at Faith, 5-7PM

Communion offered during worship service, followed by refreshments

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

Worship Team Practice, 6:45PM

POWER Criminal Justice Reform Team by Zoom, Noon

Women’s Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30AM

Wing and a Prayer AA Meeting in the Fellowship Hall, 10AM

Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC), 6PM

Finance Team, 6PM

Men’s Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30AM

Church and Society Team (CST) by Zoom, 5PM

Trustees (on even months) // Church Council (on odd months), 6PM

Bible Study, 10AM in the Adult Classroom at Faith UMC

Threads of Faith, 10AM

Vision Meeting with Church Council, Noon-3PM

Men’s Lunch 11:30AM Oregon Dairy

Church and Society Team via Zoom, 5PM

Adjourned Session of Annual Conference, 8AM-Noon

Fellowship Hall in use, Noon-6PM

Church and Society Community Conversation on Homelessness, Noon-1:30PM

Church Council meeting, 6PM

Faith UMC Annual Yard Sale, 8AM-1PM

Fellowship Hall in use, 3PM-6PM

WORSHIP LEADERS for Next Sunday, September 21

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Amy Boughter

GREETERS: John & Priscilla Rice

USHERS: John & Priscilla Rice

LITURGIST: Bob Rodgers

CHILDREN’S TIME: Pastor Jason

JUNIOR CHURCH: Erich Byers & Colette Borden

NURSERY: Ann Byers

YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason, Pastor Ian Solodky & Bryan Nelson