

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's father) hip replacement
Sebastian for start of rehab
Eileen Williams
Oberholzer's granddaughter Danielle in need of a car
Bob Black – lung cancer
Families of Evergreen HS after school shooting
Family and friends of Charlie Kirk
All those affected by violence and hate
Mary Ann Unangst for shoulder to heal after a fall
Linda Berklew's family after her sister's Jean's death
Rachel's family on her death (Buni's family)
Peace for those dealing with anxiety and stress

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 21, 2025 at 10:30AM – 15th 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 Amy Boughter

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Amy Boughter & God’s People
When we are surrounded on every side, wondering which way is up and which way is down...
Help us, God, for the glory of your name.
When we question which way to go and how to follow God’s path for us...
Help us, God, for the glory of your name.
When we find our rest in God and long for others to know the sweet peace of God’s embrace...
Help us, God, for the glory of your name.
Today, as we gather for worship, may we come ready to listen and discern God’s help that meets us right where we are.
Help us, God, to receive your help and to extend your help to our neighbors, all for the glory of your name.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, April, 2025

***HYMN** The Heart of Worship MSFP&W2 #71

SCRIPTURE LESSON Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 Bob Rodgers
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN’S TIME Pastor Jason

***HYMN** All Who Love and Serve Your City UMH #433

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 79:1-13 Bob Rodgers
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

THE PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER UMH #895

***HYMN** O God of Every Nation UMH #435

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Bob Rodgers
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

OUR OFFERINGS: OF PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS Pastor Jason
***DOXOLOGY** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH #95

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 16:1-13 Bob Rodgers
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

SERMON For the Glory Pastor Jason

***HYMN** For the Healing of the Nations UMH #428

*BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Pastor Jason

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

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. **NO CLASS TODAY, SEPT 21**

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: October 16 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: Oct 1*) <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOeIVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>.

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.*

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.

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 from 5-7PM. 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.

CHARGE CONFERENCE on Wednesday, November 5 at 6:30PM at Faith UMC. Our Charge Conference for Faith and Oregon Community UMC will be a joint charge conference at Faith UMC. Everyone is invited to join us as we report on and celebrate our ministries, complete official annual documentation, and learn about upcoming District and Conference opportunities. All members of Church Council are expected to attend. **All Charge Conference Forms/Reports are due in Arena by September 20, 2025.**

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 \$2,500 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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, Sept 21
Thursday, Sept 25
Saturday, Sept 27

Saturday, October 4
Friday, October 24
Saturday, October 25
Monday, October 27
Wednesday, November 5
Sunday, November 23
Wednesday, November 26
Saturday, December 13

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
Work Day at FUMC, 8:30AM-Noon
OCUMC Trivia Night, 6PM-8PM
Trunk or Treat, 5-7PM
FUMC to provide Grab & Go Meal at Zion East Pete
Charge Conference at Faith UMC w/ OCUMC, 6:30PM
Hanging of the Greens, after Worship
Thanksgiving Eve service at OCUMC 7PM
Breakfast with Santa & Cookie Sale, 8AM-10:30AM

WORSHIP LEADERS for Next Sunday, September 28

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Buni Harbison
GREETERS: Jim & Buni Harbison
USHERS: Jim & Buni Harbison
LITURGIST: Drew Hassara
CHILDREN’S TIME: Michelle Bame
JUNIOR CHURCH: Diane Black & Julie Perkowski
NURSERY: Marilyn Jones
YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason, Pastor Ian Solodky & Bryan Nelson