

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, the
Middle East, Nigeria, Venezuela, Syria,
Somalia, Yemen, etc.
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 those affected by violence and hate
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, mental
health illnesses, anxiety and stress
All those caring for sick loved ones
Those grieving the loss of loved ones
Members currently in jail or returning home
Udobo School in Durban, South Africa
NarSarah Village and Clinic, Sierra Leone
Mary Shenk for Alzheimer's
Alfredo Vega, Jr – safety while on active duty
Sebastian for start of rehab
Mary Ann Unangst for healing and strength
Peace for those dealing with anxiety and stress
Eileen Williams – muscles
Linda Philbin – motor neuropathy & cancer

Those with cancer: Cyndi Campbell, Dean Grove,
Mark Reitzel, Duane Lehman, Ruthie, Martin
Campbell, Dorcas Kamanda, 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), Kole; Pat Oglesby (Laura G's sister);
Eileen Landis, Janet (friend of Lisa); Bob Black
– lung cancer; Priscilla Rice – lung cancer; Craig
friend of Bob Lawrence

Terry Kofroth for upcoming test for continued pain
Daryl Hawthorne – knee pain and other health issues
Craig & Nancy Hathaway
Peggy Burley regaining strength
Ray Carpenter – heart surgeries and broken femur
Ruthie Johnson for Health
Beth (Amy's friend) – recovery from back surgery
Garnett for health & balance issues
Garnett's daughter Kimberly Ann Wenger
Kathy, friend of Natalie, who had a stroke
Shelda Costello – healing from broken femur
Tom Boehm and Sheila Scriven – home and healing
Sandy Patschke – health and recovery from fall
Alex's (a friend of Bryan) grandmother in hospice
Buni Harbison – healing for rotator cuff surgery
Rich (Daryl's brother) recovering from a stroke
Allen Kennedy, healing from surgery
Vickie (friend of Natalie) healing after a heart attack
Wayne Dearolf's Uncle Bob Burkhardt, admitted to
hospital with mini strokes
Pamela Funk & husband, healing & guidance
Marilyn Jones' daughter Sheri for upper lip surgery
Marilyn's sister Rosemary for a recent fall &
hospitalized who is also a cancer patient.
Dixie & Denny recovering from falls

OUR PRAISES:

All who are healing from various surgeries
The season of Lent and learning deeper disciplines
Amy Weaver is home, no cancer, & healing from rare
staph infection
Jake Ruhl is home from treatment for infection

*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



March 8, 2026 at 10:30AM – 3rd Sunday in Lent

WELCOME: We gather together to worship God: The Father, The Son, & the Holy Spirit. 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

Pastor Jason & God's People

Come, let us worship God! **Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**
Come, let us worship our Shepherd! **We are the sheep of God's pasture, and we follow where God leads us.**
Come, let us open our hearts! **We receive God's love poured into our hearts through the Spirit.**
Come, let us worship God, the rock of our salvation! **Let us worship God, whose mercy guides and sustains us on the path of new life! Amen.**

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

*HYMN

God Is Good All the Time

MSFPW1 #45

CHILDREN'S TIME

Michelle Bame

*HYMN

God Will Take Care of You

UMH #130

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

UMH #895

BLESSINGS OF PRAYER SHAWLS

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

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

*HYMN

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

UMH #127

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 7:7-12

Drew Hassara

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

SERMON

Receiving Goodness from God and Giving Good to Others

Pastor Jason

*HYMN

Children of the Heavenly Father

UMH #141

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: Melodie Dearolf will be in the office 11AM- 2PM Mon.-Thurs. Submit info for the Faith-a-Gram & Bulletin by Wed., 11AM. Pastor Jason will be on-duty Sundays, plus Mon.-Thurs. (9AM–2PM) due to a limited schedule to acclimate a new foster child into their home. Call ahead to see if free.

SIGN UP SHEETS: There are several spaces where you can volunteer to support our ministries. You can **sign up in the hallway** to provide a **meal for youth**, help as a **greeter or usher**, **nursery & junior church helper**, serve on **altar guild** resetting the paraments in the front of the church, or providing **refreshments** on Communion Sunday.

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY is on Saturday, March 21 from 8-10:30AM. There will be Egg Hunts at 8:30, 9:30 & 10:30AM. There will also be a telling of the Easter Story at 9:15AM and 10:15AM.

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORMS are in the hallway. To beautify the sanctuary and have bulbs to plant in your own yard after Easter, return the order form and payment to the *Carol Kennedy's mailbox by March 15th.*

LENTEN SEASON: Lent began with the Ash Wednesday Service. This began a 40-day season (plus Sunday Celebrations) in preparation for Easter as we remember Jesus' 40 days of prayer and fasting in the wilderness. **Holy Week** will include a **Maundy Thursday Service on April 2 at 7PM at Oregon Community UMC**, two **Good Friday Services at Noon and 7PM**, an **Easter Sunrise Service on April 5 at 6:30AM at Long Memorial UMC's Parsonage**, two **Easter Sunday Services at 9AM at OCUMC and 10:30AM at Faith UMC.**

40 DAYS OF GIVING: During the 40 days of Lent, we are invited to grow closer to God through prayer, reflection and sacrifice. This year, we also invite you to join in by collecting food for those in need. If you are able to donate one item each day of Lent, together we can make a powerful difference in the lives of families in our community. Small acts of faithfulness, multiplied by many hands, become a great blessing. Let us walk this Lenten journey with hearts open to give and serve. There are lists of items to collect on the tables in the hallway.

GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST AT YMCA OF THE ROSES on April 3 at 7AM (Farm and Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster). \$25 per person & requires pre-registration. Chris Eden from Otterbein UMC is the guest speaker this year. Go to www.rosesymca.org for more info.

NEW STUDY DURING ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9AM; *Outlive Your Life* by Max Lucado is new study, led by Michelle Bame. Rooted in Acts 1 and 2, this series explores the truth that God created each of us to make a meaningful difference. The study is planned as a four-week session, followed by time to discuss one or more service projects. Each gathering includes a short video and some light homework that we'll talk through the following week, so the full journey may run six to eight weeks. **Michelle has workbooks available.** It's inspiring to consider that we're not only invited but commissioned to leave the world better than we found it.

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 Time".* After worship, you will sign your children out in their classrooms in the Education Wing—except on 1st 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. **Please sign up on the sheet in the hallway if you are willing to provide a meal. We will go to Gretna Glen on Sun., March 15th meeting at Faith UMC at 3:30PM and return by 7PM.**

OUR GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP meets **every Monday at 5PM** for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one and could use support and tools for dealing with all of the emotions and struggles that come from grief. Contact Pastor Jason for more info and register at: <http://bit.ly/3MeeZax>

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY WITH KATHY "Meet Yourself in the Psalms" 6-7:30PM. This is a Bible Study reading through some of the Psalms to explore how to pray more holistically. Meet in Adult Classroom.

PASTOR'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY at 10AM on WEDNESDAYS in the Faith UMC Adult Classroom.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help in nursery and junior church. We are on a rotation, based on our volunteers' availability. We provide lesson plans. For more info, contact Lisa at 717-615-6707 or lisa.baker2294@gmail.com.

CAR SHOW: We are planning a Car Show Fundraiser on **August 8 at Faith UMC.** Charlie Parmer is leading this event. Our next planning meeting is **Thurs., April 9th at 6:30PM.** Contact Charlie at 717-665-6152 if you are interested in being a part of the planning team for this "fun"draiser event!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Sunday **March 8** after church to help move the piano, please help if you can.

FINANCIAL UPDATE: In 2026, we will need an average of \$3,430/week in giving towards our General Ministry Fund and \$770 towards our Mortgage/Debt Reduction. As you consider what to give, we recommend ¾ of your offering being allocated to the General Ministry Fund and ¼ of your gifts to the Mortgage/Debt Reduction Fund. For example, if you give \$100 per week, we recommend \$75 to General Ministry and \$25 to Mortgage/Debt Reduction.

You can set up automatic gifts through your own bank, mail checks directly to the church, place an offering in the plate on a Sunday, or donate online by scanning the QR Code, clicking www.FaithUMC.US → “Online Giving” or go to <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z37Q/home>.



FINANCIAL PLANNING: You can leave a gift to the church in your will—along with a testimony that shares a statement of faith with your family and friends? You can also make a donation to the church through your annual Required Minimum Distributions from investments—as a tax-sheltered donation. There are many ways to give that may provide benefits to you. For more info, contact Pastor Jason who can put you in touch with financial resources.

BLESSINGS OF HOPE, in partnership with Financial Planning Ministries (FPM), invites you to a **FREE estate planning seminar**. Learn how to protect your loved ones, plan your legacy, and gain peace of mind. Topics include wills and trusts, living trusts, healthcare directives, guardianship for minor children, avoiding probate, asset protection, and charitable giving. You’ll also have the opportunity to create or update your estate planning documents with professional guidance—at no cost. **In-Person: Thursday, April 2, 2026 at 7:00 PM at 1848 Charter Lane, Suite 218, Lancaster, PA.** Online (Zoom): **Friday, April 3, 2026 at 10:00 AM.** Registration required via marketing@blessingsofhope.com

THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. **Next meeting: March 19 at 5PM (3rd Thursdays).** Contact Renee Norman for info. **Join us by Zoom at:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82735304374?pwd=eDBSZHRCZVphSnh2TENDZ0xrdG0vQT09>.

THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE & BAIL REFORM TEAM Next meeting: **March 18 at Noon (every other Wednesday).** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOeIVVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>.

GRAB ‘N GO COMMUNITY MEAL for those in need at Zion Lutheran Church in East Petersburg every Monday. Faith UMC provides sixty meals quarterly. **Our next meal will be June 1st.** Contact Carol Kennedy to help. **We are looking for a volunteer or a pair of volunteers to take the lead on this ministry.**

CHURCH RECORDS: We are currently updating our church records. Information cards are available on the information table outside the office. **If you are new here, we would love for you to fill one out so we can get to know you better. If you have been here, please fill one out with any updated info.** Please return completed cards to the office mailbox. **Photos will be updated or taken as needed.** Thank you for helping us stay connected!

BRIDGE OF HOPE: There will be a check in meeting for the team. It is tentatively scheduled at 6 or 6:30PM on **March 16.** Please pencil this in—and reach out to Diane Black to confirm your availability.

DO YOU HAVE ANY JEWELRY THAT YOU NO LONGER WEAR? Maybe some that is broken? Please give it to the jewelry room that we will have during the May yard sale. There is a table in the purple room to put it

SALEM’S LITTLE FREE PANTRY: Place donations in the box at Faith. The pantry accepts canned goods (tuna, chicken, soup, vegetables, fruit), cereal, shelf stable milk, peanut butter, jelly, boxed macaroni & cheese, ramen noodles, rice, spaghetti sauce & pasta. Patnry is on the porch at Salem Lutheran, 26 Owl Hill Rd., Lititz.

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.

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.**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, March 8 Youth Group, 5-7PM
Monday, March 9 Grief Share, 5PM Adult Classroom
Tuesday, March 10 Bible Study with Kathy, 6PM
Wednesday, March 11 Pastor’s Bible Study, 10AM in the Adult Classroom
Worship Team Practice, 6PM
Youth to Gretna Glen, 3:30-7PM (last Gretna Glen Youth Night of the year)
Bridge of Hope Check in Meeting, 6PM
Breakfast with the Easter Bunny 8-10:30AM & Egg Hunts 8:30, 9:30 & 10:30AM
Maundy Thursday Service, 7PM at OCUMC
Good Friday Services, Noon & 7PM
Sunrise Service, 6:30AM behind Long Memorial’s Parsonage
Easter Services: 9AM at OCUMC & 10:30AM at Faith UMC
Car Show Team Meeting 6:30PM
Spaghetti Dinner from Noon-2PM (Eat-In or Take-Out) and 5-7PM (Take-Out)

ONGOING EVENTS:

Sundays Adult Sunday School, 9AM - **Outlive Your Life** by Max Lucado
Worship, 10:30AM in the Sanctuary and Facebook Live
Junior Church during 10:30AM worship
Youth Group at Faith, 5-7PM (**March 15 at Gretna Glen from 3:30-7pm**)
Communion offered during worship service, followed by refreshments
1st Sundays Nar-Anon, 7:15-8:45PM at Faith UMC
1st & 3rd Tuesdays Grief Share, 5PM in Adult Classroom
Mondays Bible2School, 10:20AM-Noon
Tuesdays Bible Study on Prayers and Psalms with Kathy, 6PM
Tuesdays Pastor’s Bible Study, 10AM at Faith UMC
Wednesdays Bible2School, 10:20AM-1:20PM
Wednesdays Worship Team Practice, 6:00PM
Every Other Wednesday POWER Criminal Justice Reform Team by Zoom, Noon
1st Wednesdays Women’s Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30AM
Thursdays Wing and a Prayer AA Meeting in the Fellowship Hall, 10AM
Thursdays Girl Scouts once a month, 5PM-6:30PM
1st Thursdays **Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC), 6PM**
2nd Thursdays Oregon Community UMC Church Council, 6:30PM
3rd Thursdays Men’s Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30AM
3rd Thursdays **Church and Society Team** by Zoom, 5PM
3rd Thursdays **Finance Team,** (on even months), 6PM
4th Thursdays **Trustees** (on *even* months) // **Church Council** (on *odd* months), 6PM
1st Saturdays Threads of Faith, 10AM
2nd Sat. (odd months) District Meeting of AI-Anon Leaders, 10-Noon

WORSHIP LEADERS for March 15th

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Buni Harbison
GREETERS: Daryl Hawthorne & Terry Kofroth
USHERS: Daryl Hawthorne & Carol Kennedy
LITURGIST: Bob Rodgers
CHILDREN’S TIME: Michelle Bame
JUNIOR CHURCH: Diane Black & Julie Perkowski
NURSERY: **Volunteer Needed**
YOUTH GROUP to Gretna Glen: Pastor Jason & Bryan Nelson