

## 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

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  
Vickie (friend of Natalie) healing after a heart attack  
Allen Kennedy - healing from foot surgery  
Pamela Funk & husband, healing & guidance  
Marilyn Jones' daughter Sheri for upper lip surgery  
Marilyn's sister Rosemary for a recent fall & cancer  
Randy Rineer-hernia surgery  
Dixie & Denny recovering from falls  
Jim Harbison for ankle surgery & healing  
The Philbin family as Linda's health has declined  
Amy Boughter's niece's friend's mom Lisa in  
hospice care, and her son having brain surgery  
Melodie's friend Lynette Francis on passing of son at  
25 from cancer & Susan on passing of nephew at 28  
from gun violence.

### 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 rehab

*Please submit prayer needs, praises, & updates by note or  
email to the office: [faithumc@hotmail.com](mailto:faithumc@hotmail.com)*



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# Faith United Methodist Church



March 15, 2026 at 10:30AM – 4th Sunday in Lent

**W**ELCOME: 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

Beloved, the journey of grace takes us to still waters, the valley of the shadow of death, even to tables surrounded by our enemies. **We gather to worship God, our Shepherd, who guides us on the journey.**

The journey of grace points us toward the Light so that we may bear the fruit of the Light in all that we do.

**We gather to be formed by grace so that our lives may bear the fruit of all that is good and right & true.**

The journey of grace calls us to pay attention, to discern what is pleasing to God. **We gather to listen to the Spirit, who empowers us to go from this place to work together to do what is pleasing to God.**

Come, let us worship God who provides, inspires, and empowers us on the journey of grace.

**Come, let us worship God as we journey in grace together! Amen.**

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

### \*HYMN

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

UMH #454

### CHILDREN'S TIME

Michelle Bame

### \*HYMN

*Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior*

UMH #351

### ANNIVERSARY OF FAITH UMC

*Remembering the saints who have served here since 1985  
The Hymn of St. Patrick: Christ Be Beside Me*

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

UMH #895

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

#### \*HYMN

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

UMH #133

#### \*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH #95

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Matthew 7: 12-29**

Bob Rodgers

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

### SERMON

*The Narrow Gate*

Pastor Jason

### \*HYMN

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

UMH #396

### BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Pastor Jason

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

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Pianist: Jessica Maldonado AV Tech: Dennis Meck, Sr. 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 available.

**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.** Beautify the sanctuary and have bulbs to plant in your own yard after Easter. Return the order form & 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](http://www.rosesymca.org) for more info.

**BOOK 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-4<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays when children will be brought to the Sanctuary as Communion begins.

**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](mailto:lisa.baker2294@gmail.com).

**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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**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.

**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](http://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](mailto:marketing@blessingsofhope.com)

**THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM** engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. **Next meeting: March 19 at 5PM (3<sup>rd</sup> 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=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVXQwUk5LR2VFOT09>.

**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!

**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](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.**

**CAR SHOW:** We are planning a Car Show Fundraiser in August 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!

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Sunday, March 15**

**Monday, March 16**

**Tuesday, March 17**

**Wednesday, March 18**

**Thursday, March 19**

**Saturday, March 21**

**Friday, March 27**

**Thursday, April 2**

**Friday, April 3**

**Sunday, April 5**

**Thursday, April 9**

**Sunday, April 12**

**Sunday, April 19**

## ONGOING EVENTS:

**Sundays**

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

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

**Mondays**

**Tuesdays**

**Tuesdays**

**Wednesdays**

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**Every Other Wednesday**

**1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays**

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**4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. (odd months)**

**Youth Group, to Gretna Glen from Faith 3:30 returning at 7pm**

Grief Share, 5PM Adult Classroom

**Bridge of Hope Check in Meeting, 6PM**

Bible Study with Kathy, 6PM

Pastor’s Bible Study, 10AM in the Adult Classroom

Worship Team Practice, 6PM

Church & Society Team, 5PM *by Zoom*

**NO Finance Meeting**, (moved to even months, next meeting April 16), 6PM

**Breakfast with the Easter Bunny 8-10:30AM & Egg Hunts 8:30, 9:30 & 10:30AM**

**Game Night, 5PM Fellowship Hall, sign-up sheet in hallway**

**Maundy Thursday Service, 7PM at OCUMC**

**NO Staff Parish Relations Committee meeting**

**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**

**SMO meeting 11:45AM after the service**

**Spaghetti Dinner from Noon-2PM (Eat-In or Take-Out) and 5-7PM (Take-Out)**

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

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

Grief Share, 5PM in Adult Classroom

Bible2School, 10:20AM-Noon

Bible Study on Prayers and Psalms with Kathy, 6PM

Pastor’s Bible Study, 10AM at Faith UMC

Bible2School, 10:20AM-1:20PM

Worship Team Practice, 6:00PM

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

Girl Scouts once a month, 5PM-6:30PM

**Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC), 6PM**

Oregon Community UMC Church Council, 6:30PM

Men’s Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30AM

**Church and Society Team** by Zoom, 5PM

**Finance Team**, (on even months), 6PM

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

Threads of Faith, 10AM

District Meeting of AI-Anon Leaders, 10-Noon

## WORSHIP LEADERS for March 22<sup>nd</sup>

GREETERS: Sydney Dohring & Marilyn Jones // USHERS: Marilyn Jones & Daryl Hawthorne

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Buni Harbison // LITURGIST: Michelle Bame

CHILDREN’S TIME: Pastor Jason

JUNIOR CHURCH: Lisa Baker & Carol Kennedy // NURSERY: Julie Perkowski

YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason & Bryan Nelson // YOUTH GROUP MEAL: ***Volunteer Needed***