

Faith-A-Gram

Weekly Newsletter: August 20, 2026

Faith UMC, 1290 Fruitville Pike, Lititz, PA 17543

Pastor: The Rev. Trevor L. Webster Office: (717) 560-0321 Cell: (717) 813-0603

Sermon: What's in God's Wallet

Scriptures: Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

Our worship participants for Sunday, August 16

WORSHIP MUSIC: Jessica Maldonado

and the Faith Singers

A/V TECH: Dennis Meck, Sr.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Michelle Bame

GREETERS: Jim & Buni Harbison

USHERS: Jim & Buni Harbison

LITURGIST: Lisa Baker

CHILDREN'S TIME: Michelle Bame

JUNIOR CHURCH: Eric Byers & Carol Kennedy

NURSERY: Ann Byers

YOUTH GROUP: Bryan Nelson, **NEED 2**

ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS TO CHAPERONE

Our worship participants for Sunday, August 23

WORSHIP MUSIC: Jessica Maldonado

and the Faith Singers

A/V TECH: Dennis Meck, Sr.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Michelle Bame

GREETERS: Wayne & Melodie Dearolf

USHERS: Leon Bame & Allen Kennedy

LITURGIST: Drew Hassara

CHILDREN'S TIME: **Volunteer Needed**

JUNIOR CHURCH: Lisa Baker & Marilyn Jones

NURSERY: **Volunteer Needed**

YOUTH GROUP: Bryan Nelson, **NEED 2**

ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS TO CHAPERONE

We need volunteers to chaperone when Bryan and PT need a day off. Prayerfully consider helping

*Reminder: If you cannot serve for a week you signed up for, we need you to find a substitute and inform the office. **The Church office cannot look for a replacement for you.** Thank you for your cooperation!*

AUGUST CELEBRATIONS: We extend our prayers and best wishes to those who celebrate their birthdays & anniversaries this month. *If we missed your special day, please notify the office so we can update our records.*

BIRTHDAYS: Lisa Baker, Eileen Williams, Doug Eckenrod, Tom Boehm, Ann Byers, Bill Green, Addie Schroeder, Mary Shenk, Linda Swank, Keagan Meck, Buni Harbison, Terry Kofroth, Tim Patschke

ANNIVERSARIES: Drew & Julie Hassara, John & Priscilla Rice

Oregon Community needs some assistance:

Oregon Community has some issues with their windows. The storm windows need resealed. If anyone knows how to do that and can help do it or can provide a little knowledge, they have scheduled to work on those projects on September 12 and October 10 from 9-12. Any help or guidance is greatly appreciated!

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS: (See the announcements for more info and links)

Saturday, August 22	Good Works Guild 9AM -Noon (craft day)
Saturday, August 22	Oregon Community UMC back to school bash
Sunday, August 23	Blessing of the Backpacks during worship – Students of all ages are invited to bring your backpacks.
Saturday, August 29	West District Day at Gretna Glen, 10:30 AM-3:00 PM
Monday, August 31	Faith UMC provides Grab & Go Meals to be distributed at Zion Lutheran Church. Meet at Faith at 9:30 am to package the meals.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September, 5	Good Works Guild - Cancelled for Labor Day Weekend
Saturday, Sept 11	Oregon Community Day & BBQ (more info to come)
Saturday, Sept 19	Fall Yard Sale- Link now open to register https://forms.gle/Gu7o4u7GY7LJAPPk7
Saturday, Oct 10	Faith & Festivities Makers Market 8AM-2PM Copy Link to register https://forms.gle/N8Pa5VBCevxE8Wk89

ONGOING EVENTS:

Sundays	Adult Sunday School, 9AM Worship, 10:30AM in the Sanctuary and Facebook Live (Communion on 1st Sundays) Junior Church during 10:30AM worship Youth Group at Faith, 5-7PM
1st Sundays	Communion offered during worship service, followed by refreshments.
1st & 3rd Tuesdays	Nar-Anon, 7:15-8:45PM at Faith UMC
2nd Tuesdays	Oregon Community UMC Church Council, 7:00PM
Tuesdays	Women's Bible Study in the Parlor, 6-7:30PM
Wednesdays	Pastor's Bible Study in the Adult Classroom, 10AM
Wednesdays	Worship Team Practice, 6:00PM
1st Wednesdays	Ladies' 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 (<i>no meetings over the summer</i>)
1st Thursdays	Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC), 6 PM NONE ON AUGUST 6TH
3rd Thursdays	Men's Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30AM
3rd Thursdays	Finance Team, (even months), 6PM
4th Thursdays	Trustees (on even months), 6PM // Church Council (on odd months), 6PM
1st Saturdays	Threads of Faith, 10AM
2nd Sat. (odd months)	District Meeting of Al-Anon Leaders, 10-Noon

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES:
9AM AT OREGON COMMUNITY UMC & 10:30AM AT FAITH UMC**

HEALTH PROTOCOLS: Masks are optional. There is one row along the back kitchen side of the sanctuary that is reserved for people who want to sit with other people who are masked with more spacing.

WE BROADCAST OUR 10:30 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP LIVE ONLINE:

You can view our entire catalog of videos on our new YouTube Channel

https://youtube.com/@faithumclititz?si=sK1FJneq4nRh0z_a with the handle: @FaithUMCLititz

By Website: Click on “Online Worship” section of www.FaithUMC.us and www.OregonCommunityUMC.us.

Bulletins & Links to Scriptures will be available on the website so that you can follow along from home.

PRAYER REQUESTS: You may send prayer requests or needs to Pastor Trevor at trevorwebster@gmail.com and he will share those during the service. We also have prayer cards in the red pew pads to fill out and place in the altar basket.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SAFE SANCTUARY / MANDATED REPORTER TRAINING: Everyone who works with children, youth, and other vulnerable people through the ministries of our church **must ANNUALLY complete training to identify and report abuse as a Mandated Reporter.** There is an online training that is available if you have not already done that training at work or in some other forum. The Commonwealth’s approved online course is at: <https://www.reportabusepa.pitt.edu/>. We need a certificate of completion to be turned into the church office ASAP. If you have this through your employer it can be submitted to the office and is acceptable.

FOOD TRUCKS: Oregon Community UMC has decided to pause the food truck events for now. They are prayerfully considering other community outreach ideas for the future. Thank you for your support with this adventure and look forward to seeing you at their future events.

SAVE THE DATES FOR UPCOMING OREGON COMMUNITY UMC EVENTS:

- Saturday, September 12 – Community Day and Chicken BBQ
- Saturday, October 24 – Fall Festival
- Saturday, November 14 – Holiday Bazaar - Picture with Turkey, kid crafts, Santa letter writing station, etc..

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 Baker at 717-615-6707 or lisa.baker2294@gmail.com

SIGN UP SHEETS: You can **sign up in the hallway** to provide a meal for youth, be a greeter or usher, nursery & junior church helper, serve on altar guild setting the paraments in the front of the church, or providing refreshments on Communion Sunday.

WEST DISTRICT DAY AT GREтна GLEN CAMP on Saturday, August 29, 2026, from 10:30 AM-3:00 PM. This is a time for our West District United Methodist community to gather for fun, fellowship, and food for ALL AGES. Laity, clergy, family, and friends of folks from the EPAUMC West District are all welcome to join us at Gretna Glen! Come when you can, leave when you must. The address is 87 Old Mine Road, Lebanon, PA 17042. **Registration info is our website. This is a free event, but donations to Retreat Scholarships are appreciated.**

POST A REVIEW OF FAITH UMC to spread the word about your church. Many people seeking a church home look at our website AND online reviews. We would love to have your honest feedback made public. You can post on your favorite review site or via Google: <https://g.page/r/CcgWhgsaiJaBEBM/review>. *You don't have to have Gmail.*

FALL YARD SALE 9/19 8 AM TO 1 PM Rent a space for only \$20, pre-registration required. Go to <https://forms.gle/Gu7o4u7GY7LJAPPk7> to register. It is Rain or Shine, payment due day of yard sale.

FINANCIAL UPDATE: As of June 30, we have received gifts of \$87,094.15 and incurred \$107,522.81 in expenses. Our Checking Account = \$15,585.68 and Mortgage/Debt Reduction Account \$3,702.51. We have almost \$68,200 saved in other restricted funds. Our current debt on our mortgage is approx. \$383,000. As you consider what to give, we recommend $\frac{3}{4}$ of your offering being allocated to the General Ministry Fund and $\frac{1}{4}$ of your gift 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 or through Online Giving at: www.FaithUMC.US

FINANCIAL PLANNING: Did you know that you could 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 donate to the church through your annual Required Minimum Distributions from investments—and benefit from this as a tax-sheltered donation. There are many ways to give beyond just your traditional income that may provide benefits to you. *If you would like more info, please contact Pastor Trevor who can help put you in touch with financial resources.*

BIBLE STUDIES AND SMALL GROUPS:

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9AM in the Adult Classroom.

NURSERY (1-3 years old) & **JUNIOR CHURCH** (4-years-old - 4th grade) are offered during the 10:30AM Worship Service. Please sign your child in on arrival & get a numbered badge. *The Nursery is available at 10:30AM. Junior Church students 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 back to the Sanctuary for Communion. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for these programs.** We provide lesson plans. For more info, contact Lisa at 717-615-6707 or lisa.baker2294@gmail.com.

YOUTH GROUP ON SUNDAYS, 5-7PM for 5th-12th graders. Each week there is dinner, games & a lesson. **Please sign up on the sheet in the hallway to provide a meal.** *We are looking for additional adults to assist Bryan Nelson and Pastor Trevor.*

TUESDAY EVENING WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY from 6-7:30PM. Meet in the Parlor. New session begins July 21 Psalm 23.

PASTOR’S MORNING BIBLE STUDY at 10AM on **WEDNESDAYS** in the Faith UMC Adult Classroom. Pastor Trevor will cover the previous week’s sermon scriptures with a time of study and devotion. All are welcome!

GOOD WORKS GUILD Faith UMC would like to invite you to help create some crafts for the craft show on October 10th for our table. 9AM -12PM Saturday August 22 & October 3rd. No meeting on Sept 5th (Labor Day Weekend)

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES:

GRAB AND GO COMMUNITY MEAL: for those in need at Zion Lutheran Church in East Petersburg every Monday. **Faith UMC provides sixty-five meals quarterly. Our next and last meal will be August 31st.** Contact Carol Kennedy to help. After leading this ministry for over 25 years Carol has decided to step down and, with no one to take up the yoke, Faith UMC will hand the mission back to Zion. Thank you, Carol, for your years of dedication to this wonderful ministry.

SALEM'S LITTLE FREE PANTRY: The SMO committee has voted to discontinue this mission at this time.

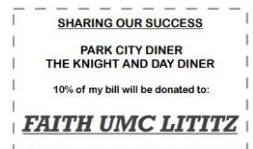
FAITH UMC WORSHIP TEAM: We are looking to add some new musicians and singers to our worship team. If you sing or play guitar / bass guitar we would love to have you join us. **The Worship Team meets every Wednesday at 6PM**

MEDICINE BOTTLE COLLECTION PROJECT. We are sending empty prescription pill bottles to clinics in underprivileged countries that use them to provide medication. ***Please remove all labels and sticky residue.*** There is a collection basket under the table as you enter the Sanctuary. *Please note we are only able to use the smaller bottles that measure approximately 1.25 inches in diameter by 3 inches tall.*

PRAYER SHAWLS & LAP ROBES AVAILABLE: Perhaps you or someone you know would appreciate the comfort of a prayer shawl or quilt. **Please help yourself to a prayer shawl from the rack in the hall** and sign the sheet attached to the rack. **You are invited to knit, crochet, or quilt prayer shawls for this ministry.** Each month we deliver prayer shawls and lap quilts to nursing homes, hospice centers, hospitals, etc..

NO COST TO YOU FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES:

THE PARK CITY AND KNIGHT & DAY DINERS want to give back to the community by offering their "SHARING OUR SUCCESS" (SOS) Program to local non-profits. During checkout, at either diner, please ask the cashier to donate 10 % of your sale to **Faith UMC Lititz**. There are cards available in the hall. The card does not need to be presented, but please give the name as specified to avoid confusion.



FOR COMMUNITY AID DONATIONS: Community Aid will donate \$.13 to Faith UMC for every pound of clothing, shoes, electronics, toys, & household goods donated—including gently used furniture (contact the store before donating large furniture). Their retail store is at 31 Rohrerstown Road, Lancaster. The donation center entrance is on Good Drive and is open Mon – Sat, 9AM-6PM. **Our partner number is 10221. Make sure to tell the staff** at the door that you're there to credit your donations to a Nonprofit Partner - Faith United Methodist Church **before they unload**. It is helpful to tape a note with our partner number to the outside of the bag or place it inside each bag.

SUPPORT SERVICES:

CHURCH SUPPORT: If you or someone you know is in need, please contact Pastor Trevor at (717) 813-0603 or trevorwebster@gmail.com. We are here to help, whether there is a need for prayer, a phone call, delivery of food or supplies, financial support, ETC... Perhaps there are tangible things that you need help with at your home. There are many people who are willing to help, and we simply need to know where there are needs.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES HELP:

1) **The Disaster Distress Helpline**, Call 1-800-985-5990 or text TalkWithUs to 66746 to reach a 24/7, 365-day-a-year, national hotline dedicated to providing immediate crisis counseling for people who are experiencing emotional distress related to any natural or human-caused disaster.

2) **Dial 2-1-1** or 855-501-6785 to reach the **United Way Call Center** which can direct you to social service organizations to provide help. You may also visit <http://www.pa211east.org/Lancaster> or <http://www.211.org> for more info.

3) If someone is in crisis, suffering from **severe depression or is suicidal**, you can also call **Lancaster County Crisis Intervention Lifeline: 717-394-2631** or the **NATIONAL SUICIDE CRISIS HOTLINE by dialing: 9-8-8**

SEE THE VARIOUS FOOD MINISTRIES WHERE YOU CAN RECEIVE GROCERIES AND MEALS THAT ARE LISTED ABOVE IN THE "OTHER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES." CONTACT 211 ONLINE FOR A DIRECTORY OF SERVICES FOR FOOD, CLOTHING, HOUSING, HEALTH SERVICES ETC...

PRAYER REQUESTS:

OUR UNIVERSAL CONCERNS:

Bishop Moore-KoiKoi, DS
Freymoyer & EPA Staff as they lead us.
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 world leaders
For peace & wisdom in areas of conflict
Peace and health to Veterans.
Strength and safety to DOD
Civilians, Servicemembers, and their leaders at home and abroad.
First Responders and their families
Victims & families of violent crime, sexual abuse, and/or discrimination in all forms.
Abusers and their families
For an end to violence in all forms
Relief from natural disasters & disease
Stewardship of our environment & climate
Refugees & huddled masses yearning to be free.
Security and immigration reform
God's hungry and unhoused children
Prisoners, Prison Leadership, Judges & Attorneys
The incarcerated or recently released.
Reform for Education Funding, Criminal Justice, and Foster Care Systems
Teachers, Students, Families & Campus ministries
Members of AA, NA, & AlAnon and their families
Those burdened with addictions, finances, mental health illnesses, anxiety, and stress.
Those caring for sick loved ones, Or those grieving the loss of loved ones.
Udobo School in Durban, South Africa
NarSarah Village and Clinic, Sierra Leone

OUR OWN PRAYERS:

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 Wickers), Kole; Pat Oglesby (Laura G's sister); Eileen Landis; Janet (friend of Lisa); Bob Black – lung & liver cancer; Priscilla Rice – lung cancer; Craig friend of Bob Lawrence
Mary Shenk for Alzheimer's
Alfredo Vega, Jr – safety while on active duty
Peggy Burley regaining strength.
Garnett for health & balance issues
Patte Lund, friend of Diana, multiple myeloma
Tom Boehm and Sheila Scriven – home and healing.
Sandy Patschke – health
Kathy Brandyberry healing from kidney stones
Melodie Dearolf back issues & pain
Marilyn Jones' daughter's partner, Larry, healing from liver cancer surgery.
Bob Black restarting treatments for lung cancer.
Priscilla Rice complications from lung cancer, healing.
Chris Street's cousin Jan Kohlmoir in ICU
Marilyn Jones's sister Rosie having seizures & monitoring cancer in her brain & spine.
Natalie's friend Eric is struggling with alcohol addiction.
Marilyn Jones prayers for family members healing concerns.
Pastor Jason & Julie Perkowski on the passing of Julie's mom Mary Ann Unangst
Kathy Oberholtzer on the passing of her mom.
Christianna UMC

WE PRAISE GOD FOR:

Those healing from surgeries and mental health treatments
Becky Mowery continued hearing improvement
Diana Valentine recovering from back surgery.

“I have engraved you on the palms of my hands.”

Isaiah 49:16

Please submit prayer needs, praises, & updates by note or email to the office: faithumc@hotmail.com

OUR MILITARY MEMBERS:

Please keep these people in prayer. We encourage you to write letters or send cards to these men to thank them for their service. If you have an armed forces member you would like to include on this list, or you would like to make a correction, please contact the church office at 717-560-0321 or email faithumc@hotmail.com with the subject line "Soldier."

Armed Forces Members in the States:

SSG SCOTT F. ECKENROD

261 PINE BRIDGE LN
LANCASTER, PA 17603

SGT TIM KUSTER

570 RED CLIFF RD
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO
80906

PFC BRADY M NELSON

990 MAPLE ST
LITITZ, PA 17543

FAITH UMC OFFICE INFORMATION:

1290 Fruitville Pike, Lititz, PA 17543 (*entrance to parking lot on Koser Road*)

<http://www.FaithUMC.us> & Facebook as **Faith UMC** (<https://www.facebook.com/faith.umd.1>)

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OFFICE HOURS: 11AM- 2PM Monday to Thursday.

Pastor: Trevor L Webster

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Email: trevorlwebster@gmail.com

PASTOR TREVOR plans to keep his normal hours to Monday-Thursday, as well as Sunday mornings. You should find him in the office or in the general area from around 10AM to 4:30PM Mondays to Thursdays. If you don't find him in the office, He's probably out visiting someone in the hospitals or nursing homes. Call or text him.

MESSAGES left on the office phone, 717-560-0321 or email: faithumc@hotmail.com, will be checked from Monday through Thursday from 11AM-2PM. In case of an emergency contact Pastor Trevor at **717-813-0603** or trevorlwebster@gmail.com and leave a detailed message.

EMERGENCIES AND HOSPITAL VISITS: Please let Pastor Trevor know that you have had a medical emergency. You can call, text or email him. Leave a detailed message letting him know what has happened, whether you would like a visit or phone call, and whether you would like this information shared in the prayer list or to be shared with the members on the prayer chain and Shepherding Team.

WEEKLY PUBLICATIONS: Submissions to Faith-A-Gram and bulletin will be **accepted until Wednesday at 12 PM.** Articles received later will not be included in that week's documents. **Please note** that not all submissions will be accepted and **most will be edited for space, format, and clarity.** The editor reserves the right to edit or reject submissions. To submit something, place it in the Office mailbox or email faithumc@hotmail.com with the subject line "Faith-a-Gram Submission." **Please write the blurb exactly as you would like to see it printed—and if you want something different between the bulletin, faith-a-gram, Facebook page, website, or publication in the newspaper, please be clear about that as well.**

We are still **accepting updates to email addresses for the Faith-a-Gram email list.** If you or someone you know is interested in it, has had an email change, or would like to be removed from this newsletter, please leave a message at the church office by phone or email. Thank you! **We would also like to get photographs (or updated photos) of anyone who is not yet included in the directory.** Contact the office to submit a photo or have us take one.

WEBSITES OF INTEREST:

Faith United Methodist Church: www.FaithUMC.us

Oregon Community United Methodist Church: www.OregonCommunityUMC.us

West District of EPA Conference: <https://www.epaumc.org/districts/west/>

Local UM Church Events: <https://www.epaumc.org/category/local-church/local-church-events/>

Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of The United Methodist Church: <http://www.epaumc.org>

The United Methodist Church: <http://www.umd.org>

The World Methodist Council: <http://worldmethodistcouncil.org/>

LUMINA (Lancaster United Methodist Inner-City Alliance): <http://www.luminaoutreach.org>