

PRAYER REQUESTS:

OUR CONCERNS:

The UMC and delegates to the 2021/2022 General Conference as we seek God's will regarding human sexuality & our mission to make disciples of Jesus
President Joe Biden and VP Kamala Harris
Wisdom & safety for all government officials and their staff- from the US & other nations
Veterans and Service Members
Civilians, leaders, and soldiers in war torn regions
Victims of "religious," white supremacist and racist violence
For peace & wisdom in areas of conflict
Police officers and their families
Individuals & families harmed in interactions with police
First responders, emergency personnel, and medical staff
For an end to violence—including gun violence, domestic violence, terrorism, & weapons of mass destruction
Victims & families involved in violent crime, sexual abuse and harassment
Abusers and their families
Healing & peace for divisions caused by race, class, gender, sexuality, politics & fears
All affected by natural disasters
Refugees & huddled masses yearning to be free
People who are hungry and homeless
Security and immigration reform
Prisoners & Prison Leadership
Schools & Education Reform
Members of AA, NA, & AlAnon and their families
Those struggling with addictions, finances, etc.
Those suffering from depression & mental health issues
All those caring for sick loved ones
Those grieving the loss of loved ones
Wisdom around natural resources and the environment
Eradication of deadly diseases—including COVID-19
Bishop Johnson, the EPAUMC Staff, and DS BK Chung
Coleman Memorial Chapel & Rev. Beverly Andrews
Rev. Dorcas, her UMC ministries in Sierra Leone, and her husband Daniel's health
Udobo School in Durban, South Africa
Campus Ministry: Ed Weber at Millersville; Rev. David Piltz & Rev. Diana Esposito at Drexel & West Chester; Rev. Dr. Mel Sensenig & Rev. Ibrahim Bangura at Albright; & Lebanon Valley
Becky, Angela and Maria Rodriguez – custody
Becky Rodriguez – kidney failure & dialysis
Phil Buchanan – strength & healing in legs/back
Norm Whiteley (Ella's brother) – health
Charlotte Garfield
Dottie Sheaffer – healing for back
Eileen Williams – muscles, healing, & new home
Shelda's granddaughter Bella's health
Bradley McGowan – ALS
Linda Philbin – motor neuropathy
Donna Parmer – ongoing medical conditions
Noah Boughter – wisdom, safety and recovery

Those with cancer: Cyndi Campbell, Dean Grove, Mark Reitzel, Pat Shenk, Kerry Link, Joe, John Rathvon, Glen (friend of Harbisons), Duane Lehman, Bob (Valente family), Priscilla Rice, Allan Dutton (wife Jane is a Deacon at Grandview), Smith's nephew Mark with leukemia

Janet – nodules in lungs
Carl Jones – strength & healing and health of siblings
Frank (Marilyn Jones's brother) –back surgery
Rosemary (Marilyn Jones' sister) – healing
Heather Lindsey
Michelle Rathvon Mitterer – healing from strokes
Chuck Flory – ALS
Darlene Brown – Abdominal surgery
John – Cardiac Issues
Laurie – Recovery from surgery
Lorraine Jones - arthritis
Kathleen McDuffie–rheumatoid arthritis & hip pain
Healthy pregnancy for Christi and Mark Shifflet
Mike Shifflet's mom—physical therapy
Neighbors of Shifflets
Bob Jolly's parents
Katie & Dustin Oakes in Japan
Clarita – kidney issues
All Impacted by COVID-19 – incl. Quinn, Leon Bame's mother, Ruthie, Deanna Brivchik, Ken, Dennis Meck Sr.'s mom, Marcia Eisenhower's Dad
Jason Hurst– grandson of Judy Hurst
Sandy Patschke – healing after back surgery
Sherry Guard
Alan Price – Buni's father recovering from a fall
Jenkins Family (Buni's granddaughter)—house fire and son Lincoln broken collarbone
Jackie Black – continued healing
Don Klos – ongoing healing and strengthening
Erek Perkowski and his son Shaughn – custody
Ray – recovering from Strokes
Mike & Brenda Hardwig – healing
Glenn Slater
Grandview Church as newly independent church
Margie & Terry Urban's granddaughter Analise
Margie Urban – health
Annette McClarigan – heart, shoulder & family
The Pond family
Lisa & Patrick McGovern
Brenda and Dave Loechner—health
Mike Loechner—housing
Pat Dietz – healing from a fall
Diana Valentine – rotator cuff injury

OUR PRAISES:

Church beginning to reopen for worship in person
God's presence through illness and struggle
Healings from COVID-19 & vaccinations
Phil Buchanan's faithful service to our churches in our music ministry and a blessing to him as he pursues God's call into new opportunities as he officially retires.



Abide In Me

LIVING THE RESURRECTION



Welcome

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Faith & Oregon Community United Methodist Churches



May 2, 2021 at 10:30AM – 5th Sunday of Easter

WELCOME FRIENDS: We have come together to worship God and to love one another. Today we remember the resurrection of Jesus, our Messiah—remembering that he chose to come and live among us, was willing to even die on the cross for us, and then rose from the dead to redeem our souls. While some of us are worshipping online and some in person, we are aware that the Holy Spirit has gathered us together across space and time. You are welcome in this sacred space no matter who you are; from where you have come; or what experiences, struggles, questions or gifts you bring. We are glad you are here and hope you find what you need in today's service. May God bless you!

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Jason

Please 'sign in' by liking or commenting on the video or emailing us. Let us know who watched the video with you. **You can also post any prayer requests that we can lift up.** Please register in advance for in-person worship at: FaithUMC.US or OregonCommunityUMC.US

A TIME FOR CENTERING & PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jason & God's People

God is the True Vine, **and we are the branches.**

Connected to God. **Connected to bear fruit!**

Connected to God. **Or we wither away.**

Connected to God. **Or useless!**

We come to worship God, who is the True Vine.

God, teach us how to remain connected so that we might bear good fruit!

(Safiyah Fosua, from UMCDiscipleship.org)

*HYMN

How Great Thou Art

UMH #77

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 22:25-31

Bob or Christie Jolly

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

TITHES AND OFFERINGS OF PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS

There is a jar to receive the offering where you registered. You may also give online or by mail.

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*HYMN

I Stand Amazed in the Presence

UMH #371 v. 1, 2, 4, 5

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 John 4:7-21

Bob or Christie Jolly

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Jason

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 8:26-40

Bob or Christie Jolly

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

*HYMN

Go, Make of All Disciples

UMH #571 v. 1-3

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 15:1-8

Bob or Christie Jolly

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

SERMON

Abide in Me

Pastor Jason

CONFESSION AND PARDON

UMH #12

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH #13-14

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest! ... And so in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving ... as we proclaim the mystery of faith. **Christ has**

died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH #895

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP *(shared at your own seat)*

UMH #15

All are invited to receive the bread and the cup, as God's grace and love extend to everyone!

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

*HYMN

Christ for the World We Sing

UMH #568 v. 1-2

** Please stand if you are able*

OCUMC Pianist: Jody Wiker & Cellist, Guitar and Vocals: Anthony Wiker

Vocals: Phil Buchanan Audio / Visual Technology: Bryan Nelson

Pastor: The Rev. Jason Perkowski Ministers: The People of God

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES ON THE NORTH LAWN OF THE CHURCH, weather permitting.

PRE-REGISTRATIONS are preferred for all persons planning to attend in person. *Links are*

available on our websites. Walk-ins are welcome but must register upon arrival. There are distanced circles

painted on the lawn for each family to sit in. You must wear masks the entire service. Please bring your

own lawn chairs (or blankets) and dress for the weather. On the 1st Sunday of the month communion will

be offered as part of the 10:30am outdoor worship service. Please bring your own bread and juice. **In case**

of rain, services will be ONLINE only. Link to register: <https://forms.gle/EezjoRzcX1uC5NGn7>

WORSHIP SERVICES WILL CONTINUE TO BE BROADCAST

at FM 89.9 each Sunday at 10:30AM as well as

on Facebook Live through the churches' and Pastor's Facebook pages & church websites.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

JR CHURCH AT 9:30 AM EACH SUNDAY: Kids up to 4th Grade may join us *via Zoom* with Julie Hassara. We are emailing activity pages *and the password*. If interested, email faithumc@hotmail.com.

YOUTH GROUP, SUNDAYS, 5-7 PM (in person or by Zoom w/link sent by text message). On *May 16* youth will go to **Gretna Glen**, leaving Faith UMC at 1:30PM & back by 5PM. Wear a mask & dress warmly. RSVP & permission slips required. **RSVP by Sunday, May 9 about Gretna Glen.**

CHATTING CLUB: MONDAYS AT 7 PM BY ZOOM at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518>.

This Week's Topic: *President Biden Announces Full Withdrawal of U.S. Troops from*

Afghanistan. September 11, 2021 will be the 20th anniversary of 9/11, please join us as we explore the full troop withdrawal effectively ending the war in Afghanistan. We will examine what this can mean in our own lives when there are opportunities to end something without the expected or desired outcome we preferred or sought out. For more info: www.Chattingatthegeneralsutter.us

BIBLE STUDY led by Mike Shifflet on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM at Oregon Community UMC.

Masks & distancing are required.

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY BY ZOOM AT 10 AM: We discuss the scriptures from the **Common Lectionary**. Join us: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83172825482>.

MAY 8th COMMUNITY OUTREACH: Even though we can't be a part of the neighborhood yard sale this year, we thought this would be a sweet opportunity to show our neighbors we are still part of this neighborhood. We will be passing out muffins to the neighbors who are participating in the yard sale. If you would like to **help package muffins on Fri., May 7 at 2pm or deliver muffins beginning at 7:30am on Sat., May 8** please contact Michelle Bame at leonshel38@gmail.com or 717-537-5064. Thank you to everyone who is baking! Please have your nut-free muffins **at Faith by Fri., May 7th at noon.**

GRETNA GRITTY MUD RUN: Gretna Glen is looking forward to hosting the return of its signature Gretna Gritty Mud Run, on Saturday, May 8 beginning at 8:00 AM. Known as the "hometown hero of mud runs," it will again offer competitive and non-competitive runs for teams and individuals, plus a children's 1-mile Nitty Gritty fun run. Go to www.gretnaglen.org for more information and to register.

UMC SUMMER CAMPS are gearing up for an summer. To get more information and to register for camp go to www.gretnaglen.org or another camp. *Camp scholarships are available.*

PLANS ARE UNDERWAY TO REOPEN SAFELY FOR WORSHIP SERVICES & OTHER

ACTIVITIES: We would like to assess our congregation's needs and comfort levels with various ways to reopen the building. We miss everyone and value your input. Watch for a survey mid-May. We will also be reaching out with phone calls. There will be a meeting of the survey committee on Sunday, May 2 at 1PM and a joint Church Council/Trustees meeting on Wednesday, May 5 at 6:30PM to prepare the survey and to continue to plan for a safe reopening!

ANNUAL CONFERENCE UPDATE: Members of Annual Conference **MUST REGISTER** at <https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/newreg.php?eventid=610768&> to attend the Eastern PA Annual Conference which will take place online from **May 20-22, 2021. All former Equalizing Delegates will continue to serve until after the next General Conference.** Your attendance is expected. Everyone is invited to watch the streaming of these sessions via EPAUMC.org.

SPECIAL NEEDS: If someone has needs the church can support, please contact Pastor Jason. You can also dial **2-1-1** or visit www.211.org to reach the **United Way Call Center** who can direct you to social service organizations. You can also reach the **Crisis Intervention Lifeline: 717-394-2631**

DOWNTOWN FOOD MINISTRY: We are providing meals, toiletries, blankets, etc. for people who are homeless at 2pm on the first Saturday of the month. To help, contact Diana at 717-435-8577. We need people to cook, prepare donations, deliver food, etc. **UPDATED WISH LIST:** good disposable razors (two and three blade) & shaving cream packets. **AMAZON WISH LIST:** https://smile.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/5zDLQnj?ref_=wl_share **If you shop on AmazonSmile for this (or for yourself) & select Manheim Township: Faith United Methodist as your charitable organization, they'll get a percentage of your purchase (no cost to you).**

SERVANT SATURDAY: On the first Saturday of each month, (right before Communion Sunday), we are asking everyone to make an effort to show God's love to the world around you—giving of your time, talents and treasures locally or across the world. There is info on the church website with some suggestions to get you started. June 5th is our next Servant Saturday.

IMPACT! MISSIONS is a Christian Housing Ministry that helps create warm, safe, and dry homes to be sold to lower-income families and does repairs on homes for existing homeowners without means to do the work themselves. Impact! Missions needs volunteers who are willing to use their skills to help restore houses for those in need. **Leon Bame volunteers on the first and third Saturdays and would love to have some people from Faith & Oregon Community UMC join him. For more info, please contact Leon at 717-344-9924 or leonshel37@gmail.com.**

OFFERING TITHES & GIFTS TO THE LORD: You can direct gifts to the churches in four areas: **General Ministry, Debt Reduction/Building Fund, the Benevolence Funds** or the **Community Care Ministry** (which is sent to three local food ministries). Mark your preference clearly in the memo. **You can mail a check** to Faith UMC, 1290 Fruitville Pike, Lititz PA 17543 or Oregon Community UMC, 1214 Creek Rd, Lititz, PA 17543 or **donate digitally through links on each churches' own website.**

BENEVOLENCE / PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND: This is a separate fund that helps us meet the needs in our local congregation and community *as they arise*—separate from the three ministries listed below. We have helped people with rent, car payments, utilities, groceries, gas, etc. The recipient remains anonymous to everyone except Pastor Jason, but the particular type of usage is approved by the church treasurer and finance team. You can contribute to this fund at any time. **You can also contact Pastor Jason if you or someone you know has needs with which we can help.**

COMMUNITY CARE MINISTRY: We have expanded the ways in which we are caring for our community. If you are able and would like support your neighbors during this difficult season, **we will be equally splitting any gifts labeled "Community Care Ministry" between the following three ministries:**

- **The Lancaster City / Columbia Food Ministry and Tutoring Program** distributes food to people in need through local churches and have hired Millersville University students to help tutor public school students. These programs are being partially supported by our sister churches and synagogues in Lancaster County POWER Interfaith
- **Anchor Lancaster Breakfast Ministry** at First UMC Lancaster distributes a bagged breakfast from 8:30-9:45AM outside their Walnut Street entrance to people who are homeless or food insecure (and previously provided a full hot in-house meal before the Corona Virus). They are feeding 100-150 people each day.
- **Long Memorial UMC's Friday Night Share Food Ministry** distributes boxes of food to families every Friday at 6 PM, supporting families in Manheim Township and the neighboring areas. They are located at 2660 Lititz Pike in Neffsville.

PASTOR JASON & CAROL OFFICE HOURS: We are sometimes telecommuting. Contact us directly: Pastor Jason: (717)333-9238 / jbperkowski@gmail.com. Office: (717)560-0321 / faithumc@hotmail.com