

## 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), 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, Marcia Eisenhour'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  
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 – shoulder 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



# No Greater Love

LIVING THE RESURRECTION



### Welcome

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*United Methodist Church*  
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& on Facebook

# Faith & Oregon Community United Methodist Churches



May 9, 2021 at 10:30AM – 6th Sunday of Easter & Mother's Day

**W**ELCOME: We have come together to worship God and to love one another. While some are worshipping online & some in person, we are aware that the Holy Spirit has gathered us across space & time. You're 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're here & hope you find what you need in the service. May you know the blessing of a resurrected Jesus!

## GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Jason

*If you're worshipping online, please 'sign in' by liking or commenting on the video—and let us know who was with you. You can also post prayer requests that we can lift up. Please register in advance for in-person worship at: [FaithUMC.US](http://FaithUMC.US) or [OregonCommunityUMC.US](http://OregonCommunityUMC.US)*

## A TIME FOR CENTERING & PRAYER

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jason & God's People

See what love has been given to us, that we should be called children of God.

**By this we know love, that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh, and lived and died, that God's love might be made plain among us.**

Therefore, beloved, let us not love in word or in speech but in deed and in truth.

**Because we love one another, we know that we have passed from death into life.**

This is the victory that overcomes the world, through Jesus our risen Christ. **Amen.**

(Ruth Duck, *Bread for the Journey*, Pilgrim Press, 1981, p.44)

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 98

Lisa Baker

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

## \*HYMN

*Joy to the World*

UMH #246 v. 1 & 2

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 15:9-17

Lisa Baker

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

## CHILDREN'S TIME & RECOGNITION OF MOTHERS

Pastor Jason

## \*HYMN

*When Love is Found*

UMH #643 v. 1, 2, & 5

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

*There is a jar up front to receive the offering if you're in person. You may also give online or by mail.*

## THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH #895

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 John 5:1-6

Lisa Baker

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

## \*HYMN

*O How He Loves You and Me*

TFWS #2108

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 10:44-48

Lisa Baker

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

## SERMON

*No Greater Love*

Pastor Jason

## BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

### \*HYMN

*They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love* TFWS #2223 v. 1, 2, 4

*\* Please stand if you are able*

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

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 4<sup>th</sup> Grade may join us *via Zoom* with Julie Hassara. We are emailing activity pages *and the password*. If interested, email [faithumc@hotmail.com](mailto: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. No Youth Group Tonight—enjoy time with your family this Mother's Day!**

## CHATting CLUB: MONDAYS AT 7 PM BY ZOOM at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518>. **This Week's Topic:** *Obscure Poet Remembered for Out-sized Impact.* We will discuss poet Frances Angermayer's poem that's been described as "the poem heard 'round the world" because of the profound impact it had on military personnel across the globe. This is a unique way for us to see how everyone is blessed with gifts in various ways that can help serve others. For more info: [www.Chattingatthegeneralsutter.us](http://www.Chattingatthegeneralsutter.us)

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IS SEEKING A PART-TIME DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC MINISTRY** who desires to encourage Christian belief and action through worship. We are an active, growing, community-focused church in Lititz, PA that offers a blended service with contemporary and traditional elements. Candidates should be able to lead Sunday worship music with vocals and keyboard or guitar, select contemporary and traditional music connected to the weekly theme, and prepare volunteer musicians / vocalists to serve as a strong cohesive worship team. For more details, please visit [www.FaithUMC.US](http://www.FaithUMC.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>.

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

**PLANS ARE UNDERWAY TO REOPEN SAFELY FOR INDOOR WORSHIP SERVICES & OTHER ACTIVITIES:** We would like to assess our congregation's needs and comfort levels with various ways to re-open the building. We miss everyone and value your input. **The survey will be posted on the church website this week**—and you may also receive a phone call to complete the survey verbally. Church Council/Trustees will continue their work planning for a safe reopening! In the meantime, we encourage you to join us for worship outside on the lawn or via online worship through Facebook and the churches' websites.

**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.

**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](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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:leonshel37@gmail.com).

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SPECIAL MUSIC, SCRIPTURE READING & CHILDREN'S MESSAGES:** If you are interested in performing special music, reading the scriptures, or teaching the children's message, please let Pastor Jason know at 717-333-9238 or [jbperkowski@gmail.com](mailto:jbperkowski@gmail.com). These are especially needed as we begin to re-open.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** In order to continue in-person services (outside and eventually back in the building) we need volunteers for the following roles: **Greeters** (to pass out bulletins, register each guest, and to take temperatures), **Audio/Visual Techs** (to help run computers and sound board), **Clean Team** (to help vacuum/mop, clean high-touch surfaces and bathrooms, restock paper towels, etc). Contact the Church Office if you are willing to be on a rotation to help.

**OFFERING TITHES & GIFTS TO THE LORD:** You can direct gifts to 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**. Both churches could use your support—especially toward the General Ministry Budget

**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.

**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](http://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**

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