

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

### OUR CONCERNS:

The UMC and General Conference Delegates 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 including Afghanistan  
For peace & wisdom in areas of conflict  
Police officers and their families  
Folks harmed in interactions with police  
Emergency personnel & 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  
Healing & peace for divisions caused by race, class, gender, sexuality, politics & fears  
All affected by natural disasters—including Haiti and the flooding of Hurricane Ida  
Wisdom around natural resources & the environment  
Eradication of deadly diseases—incl. COVID-19  
Refugees & huddled masses yearning to be free  
People who are hungry and homeless  
Security and immigration reform  
Prisoners & Prison Leadership  
Schools, Education and Foster Care Reform  
Members of AA, NA, & AlAnon and their families  
Those struggling with addictions, finances, etc.  
Those suffering depression & mental health illnesses  
All those caring for sick loved ones  
Those grieving the loss of loved ones  
Bishop Schol, EPAUMC Staff, and DS BK Chung Coleman Memorial Chapel & calling a new pastor  
Rev. Dorcas, her eyes & ministries in Sierra Leone  
Udobo School in Durban, South Africa  
Campus Ministry: Jacob Marino at Millersville University; Rev. Will Brawner & Rev. Diana Esposito at Drexel & West Chester; Rev. Dr. Mel Sensenig & Rev. Ibrahim Bangura at Albright; & Lebanon Valley as they seek a Campus Minister  
Brendon Snyder (Mary Shenk's grandson) – shoulder injury  
Alma Hollingsworth (John's sister) heal from a fall

Norm Whiteley (Ella's brother) – health  
Charlotte Garfield  
Dottie Sheaffer – healing for back & eyes  
Eileen Williams – muscles, healing, and friendships  
Shelda's granddaughter Bella's health  
Bradley McGowan – ALS  
Linda Philbin – motor neuropathy  
Noah Boughter – wisdom, safety and recovery  
Those with cancer: Cyndi Campbell, Dean Grove, Mark Reitzel, Kerry Link, Joe, John Rathvon, Glenn (friend of Harbisons), Duane Lehman, Allan Dutton, Smith's nephew Mark, Lori, Georgia Greiner  
Carl Jones – strength & healing  
Rosemary (Marilyn Jones' sister) – healing  
Michelle Rathvon Mitterer – healing from strokes  
Chuck Flory – ALS  
Darlene Brown – Abdominal surgery  
John – Cardiac Issues  
Clarita – kidney issues  
All Impacted by COVID-19 – including Kim (Eileen's niece)  
Alan Price – Buni's father for health  
Don Klos – ongoing healing and strengthening  
Ray – recovering from strokes  
Margie & Terry Urban's granddaughter Analise  
Margie Urban – herniated disk and infection  
Terry Urban – heart issues and infection  
Annette McClarigan – health & son Kyle's family  
Diana Valentine  
Terry Kofroth – healing of back & foot  
Brooke & Dennis Dankenbring & family  
Dennis Pounds (Brooke's Uncle) - healing  
Erek Perkowski and his son Shaughn – custody  
Angela & Maria Rodriguez – to be safe & thrive  
Oaklee, Carson, Izabel & their parents  
Gene Onest – health issues  
Bill Heinaman – back pain  
Lydia Erk - death of husband and pregnancy  
Abbe - victim of domestic abuse  
Aaron Goddard - traumatic brain injury  
Jake Ruhl – test results for swallowing problems

### OUR PRAISES:

God's presence through illness and struggle  
Vaccinations & healings from COVID-19  
Donna Parmer – returned home after a fall  
New members preparing to join our church



*Welcome*

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# Faith United Methodist Church



October 31, 2021 at 10:30AM – 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost & Reformation Sunday

**W**ELCOME: We have been gathered together by the Holy Spirit to worship God the Father and to love one another in the fellowship with Jesus Christ. 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.

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

*There are offering plates by the doors to the sanctuary and the altar. You may also give online or by mail.*

## GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michelle Bame

*If you're worshipping online, please 'sign in' by commenting on the video & post prayer requests, too.*

## A TIME FOR CENTERING & PRAYER

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *Loving God, Loving Our Neighbors* Pastor Jason & God's People

We are people of God, created to love

**We will love the Lord our God with heart, soul, mind, and strength.**

We are people of God, determined to love.

**We will love our neighbors and treat them as we would be treated.** (Mark 12:28-34)

We love neither from a sense of obligation nor to gain popularity of favor.

**We choose to love both the lovely and the unlovable because love imitates God's nature.**

For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment,

**"You shall love your neighbor as yourself"** (Galatians 5:14 NRSV).

*(Safiyah Fosua, Africana Worship Book for Year B, Valerie Bridgeman Davis and Safiyah Fosua, eds., 73.)*

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 146

Michelle Bame

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

## \*PRAISE MEDLEY

*The Power of Your Love & Refiner's Fire*

MSFPW #26 & #50

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ruth 1:1-18

Michelle Bame

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

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

UMH #895

## \*HYMN

*Be Still, My Soul*

UMH #534

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 9:11-14

Michelle Bame

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

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Amy Boughter

## \*PRAISE SONG

*Blessed Be Your Name*

WS #3002

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 12:28-34

Michelle Bame

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

## SERMON

*Not Far From the Kingdom*

Pastor Jason

## BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Pastor Jason

## \*HYMN

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

UMH #57 v. 1, 3, 4, 5 & 7

*\* Please stand if you are able*

Director of Worship and Music Ministry: Shannon Edwards

Audio / Visual Technology: Dennis Meck, Sr.

Pastor: The Rev. Jason Perkowski

Ministers: The People of God

**PRE-REGISTRATIONS** are appreciated when attending in person (*and you may register for a month at a time*). Walk-ins may register at door. Register at: <https://forms.gle/EezjoRzcX1uC5NGn7>.

**WORSHIP SERVICES ARE ALSO BROADCAST** on FM 89.9, Facebook & our website.

**COVID PROTOCOLS:** Confirmed COVID cases in Lancaster Co. are still averaging about **180 new cases/day**. Only 50% of our county is vaccinated. **So, please wear a mask inside the building & throughout the Worship Service** (esp. as you enter, exit & sing). At this time, we will NOT turn anyone away because they are not wearing a mask, but **simply ask you to consider the needs of those around you who may be at high risk**. We also request social distancing.

**NEW MEMBERS JOINING FAITH UMC:** On Sunday, November 7 we invite you to come and celebrate the newest members of our congregation as they officially join our fellowship of believers.

**JUNIOR CHURCH BY ZOOM VIDEO CHAT – SUNDAYS AT 9 AM for 3 year old-4<sup>th</sup> grade kids.** *Feel free to invite friends!* We send families the Zoom link and other resources—contact the office if interested.

**YOUTH GROUP, SUNDAYS at 5-7 PM** at Faith UMC. **RSVP.** Youth in 5th-12<sup>th</sup> grades are invited. **Youth go to Gretna Glen Camp November 21 (& every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday) from 2:30-6pm.**

**CHATting CLUB: MONDAYS AT 7 PM BY ZOOM –This week's theme:** *"How to Handle the Rising Rage Epidemic."* Many people are reporting to be angrier now than in years past. Though anger is normal, the way we deal with it determines if it is helpful or negative. We will discuss the anger of Jesus and God as reported in the Bible. Is there righteous versus unrighteous anger? **Below is the NEW LINK with embedded password:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518?pwd=cEVDeDljeThaaWVlYjIjQWmZjTm5oUT09>

**IMPACT! MISSIONS** is a Christian Housing Ministry that helps restore homes to be sold to low-income families and does repairs for homeowners in need. They need volunteers. **Join Leon Bame on 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays.** For info, contact him: 717-344-9924 or [leonshel37@gmail.com](mailto:leonshel37@gmail.com).

**ATTENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:** It is time to complete Charge Conference forms--available online at [2021 Charge Conference Forms \(epaumc.org\)](https://www.epaumc.org) or contact the office. Forms need to be completed by the end of October so that we can approve them at the November 4<sup>th</sup> Church Council meeting.

**ATTENTION CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS:** There will be two important meetings in November. The meeting on November 4th will focus on our upcoming Charge Conference. We will approve and sign all forms which are due to the Conference Office by November 15. Please have all forms completed prior to this meeting. On November 11th we will meet to review church ministries and approve the 2022 General Budget. Our Charge Conference will be a joint meeting with the The Pikes & Northern Lancaster Mission Link churches on Thursday, December 2 at 6:30 p.m. at Salem UMC, 140 N. Penn Street, Manheim. Everyone is invited to attend and committee chairpersons are encouraged to do so.

**ALL SAINTS DAY: On November 7,** we would like to honor all of our loved ones that have passed away since last year. **VETERANS DAY: On November 14** we would like to honor all of our church members and their family who have served in the armed services. **Please email/drop off a photo of your loved ones to the church no later than the Monday before each service.** Include their full name, date of birth/death, and for veterans their military branch and rank. We will display a slideshow honoring them as part of the service. *If you sent us photos for service members last year, we have those on file; just let us know if you want them included.*

**M.U. CARE PACKAGES:** We are looking forward to supporting the Millersville Students with care packages that **will be packed on Nov 21 after church.** Please donate shoeboxes, cookies, candy, snack crackers, granola bars, popcorn, highlighters, travel tissues, sticky notes, hot chocolate mix, and individually wrapped teabags to give to college students who are part of **The HUB: Millersville University Campus Ministry.** Christmas wrapping paper and tape would also be useful. *Please have your donations to the church by Nov 14<sup>th</sup>.*

**DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH LEFTOVER HALLOWEEN CANDY?** Bring it in for the Care Packages for the Millersville University students. *Please drop off donations by November 14.*

**HANGING OF THE GREENS** will take place after worship on Sunday, Nov 28<sup>th</sup>. Come enjoy decorating the church, singing Christmas carols and eating lunch with friends. Everyone is welcome! *If you would like to help with serving the meal that day or bringing things down from the attic prior to the 28<sup>th</sup> please contact the office.*

**SECRET SISTER REVEAL SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 2022 FROM 9 AM TO NOON.** Amy and Judy will prepare a light repast. Please RSVP to Amy Boughter (thamno@live.com) or Judy Hurst.

**OFFERING TITHES & GIFTS TO THE LORD:** You can direct gifts to **General Ministry, Debt Reduction/Building Fund, & Benevolence.** Mark your preference in the memo. **You can mail a check or donate digitally** through the website. *The area of greatest need right now is the General Ministry Budget.*

**AMAZON SMILE:** When shopping, if you select *Manheim Township: Faith United Methodist* as your charitable organization, **Amazon will donate a percentage of your purchase to Faith.**

**SPECIAL NEEDS:** For help, 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** for social services. The **Crisis Intervention Lifeline is (717) 394-2631**

**SERVANT SATURDAY ON Nov 6:** On the Saturday before Communion Sunday each month, we are asking everyone to show God's love to the world through your time, talents and treasures.

**DOWNTOWN MINISTRY:** At 2pm on Servant Saturdays, we are providing meals & personal items for people who are homeless. To help, call Diana at 717-435-8577. We need people to cook, prepare donations, deliver food, etc. **WISH LIST:** Summer's Eve wipes, small bottles of hand sanitizer, and Chapstick. **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)

**ONE-BEDROOM APARTMENT NEEDED:** Dennis is a non-smoker with no pets. He would like to pay about \$800 rent per month. Location is not important. If you hear or know of an apartment that is available, please call Dennis Meck at 717-413-1504 and leave a message. Thank you.

**OFFICE COMMUNICATION:** Hours vary, so please contact us directly to see when we are available.

**THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE:** We will host a joint service on November 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at Long Memorial UMC to celebrate God's goodness to us and to express our thankfulness for his continued providence for our families, church, community, nation, and world! God is good, all the time! All the time, God is good!

#### ONGOING EVENTS:

**Sundays** Junior Church *via Zoom* (for ages 3 years through 4th grade), **9:00 AM**  
Worship, 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary, Facebook Live & FM 89.9  
Youth Group *at Faith*, 5-7 PM (*Gretna Glen on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays, 2:30-6PM*)

**1st Sundays** Communion is offered during worship service, 10:30AM

**Mondays** Chatting Club *via Zoom*, 7:00 PM

**Wednesdays** Bible2School, 11 AM-1 PM for students from Reidenbaugh El. in Fellowship Hall  
Worship Team Practice, 6:30PM  
Joint Christmas Cantata Rehearsals at Long Memorial UMC, 7:30 PM  
Bible Study with Mike Shifflet, at Oregon Community UMC, 6:30 to 7:30 PM  
Wing and a Prayer AA Meeting in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM

**Thursdays** Bible Study with Pastor Jason in the room across from the church office, 10AM

**Fridays** Faith UMC works with IMPACT! Missions – Contact Leon Bame to help.

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays** Servant Saturday & Downtown Food Ministry, 2PM (Sat. before Communion)

**1<sup>st</sup> (or Last) Saturdays**

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Tuesday, Nov 2** Election Day – Faith UMC is a polling place, 6:00 AM – 9:00 PM

**Wednesday, Nov 3** Ladies' Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30 AM – RSVP to Sandy Patschke

**Thursday, Nov 4** **Church Council Meeting to approve forms for Charge Conference, 6:30 PM**

**Saturday, Nov 6** **Servant Saturday**/Deliver food & personal items to unhoused folks downtown, 2 PM

**Sunday, Nov 7** Worship with **Communion, reception of new members & All Saints Day**, 10:30 AM

**Thursday, Nov 11** **Church Council Meeting, 6:30 PM**

**Sunday, Nov 14** Worship & Veterans honored, 10:30 AM

**Sunday, Nov 14** **Veterans Day Drive-thru Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, 4:00 to 6:00 PM**

**Thursday, Nov 18** Senior Men's Lunch, 11:30AM, Location TBA

**Thursday, Nov 18** Finance Team Meeting, 6:00PM (& Wednesday, Dec. 15, 6:00PM)

**Sunday, Nov 21** **Pack MU Care Packages after church**

**Monday, Nov 22** Faith UMC serves Bag and Go Lunch at Zion Lutheran Church, 11:30 AM

**Wednesday, Nov 24** **Joint Thanksgiving Eve Service at Long Memorial UMC, 7:00 PM**

**Sunday, Nov 28** **Hanging of the Greens after church – Christmas Decorating & Christmas Carols**

**Sunday, Dec 19** **Christmas Cantata at Faith (9:00 AM) and Long Memorial (11:00 AM)**

**Our worship participants for next Sunday, November 7 are as follows:**

DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP & MUSIC MINISTRY: Shannon Edwards

AUDIO/VISUAL TECH: Dennis Meck, Sr.

GREETER/USHERS: Leon Bame & Allen Kennedy

LITURGIST: Drew Hassara

CHILDREN'S TIME: Terry Kofroth

JUNIOR CHURCH VIA ZOOM: Julie Hassara, Carol Kennedy, & Diana Valentine