

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; & Rev. Andrea Haldeman at Lebanon Valley
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
Alan Price – Buni's father for health
Sonja Kipp - healing
Klos extended family for various illnesses and needs
Ray – recovering from strokes
Margie & Terry Urban's granddaughter Analise
Annette McClarigan – health & son Kyle's family
Diana Valentine
Brooke & Dennis Dankenbring & family
Dennis Pounds (Brooke's Uncle) - healing
Erek Perkowski and his son Shaughn – custody
Angela & Maria Rodriguez – to be safe & thrive
Izabel, Oaklee, Carson, Matthew & their parents
Gene Onest – health issues
Bill Heinaman – back pain
Terry Kofroth – continued healing
Lydia Erk - pregnancy
Abbe – protection and healthy future
Aaron Goddard - traumatic brain injury
Jake Ruhl – problems with swallowing and healing

OUR PRAISES:

God's presence through illness and struggle
Vaccinations & healings from COVID-19

The Joy of Home

COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERIES



Welcome

*Faith United Methodist Church
1290 Fruitville Pike, Lititz, PA 17543
717-560-0321*

www.FaithUMC.us & also on Facebook

The Rev. Jason Perkowski jbperkowski@gmail.com Phone: 717-333-9238

Faith United Methodist Church



December 12, 2021 at 10:30AM – 3rd Sunday of Advent

WELCOME: In Advent we prepare ourselves for Christmas, worshipping Jesus the Christ who came as a child in Bethlehem to remind us of God's abiding love. We are aware of the mystery of the Holy Spirit gathering us across space & time into a loving God's presence now & for eternity. You are welcome in this sacred space of seeking the Savior, no matter your past relationship with God. This is a Holy Season to experience God's love anew. We are glad you are here & hope you find what you need, today.

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

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

Michelle Bame

A TIME FOR CENTERING & PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jason & God's People

A path to our God, winding through the ordinary,
weaving through the busyness, overcoming roadblocks and detours.
A way to go home, leaving the past in the past,
moving from darkness and exile, coming into the light.
Advent is a path to our God, a way to come home,
a discovery of God's voice: rejoice, rejoice. God is with us!

Dr. Derek C. Weber, Director of Preaching Ministries, *Discipleship Ministries of the UMC*

LIGHTING THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE: JOY

Gwen Newell & Lisa Baker

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 12:2-6 & Philippians 4:4-7

Terry Kofroth

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

*PRAISE MEDLEY

*Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord
Come, Now is the Time to Worship*

MSFPW2 # 57

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CHILDREN'S TIME

Michelle Bame

SPECIAL MUSIC

I'll Be Home for Christmas

Shannon Edwards

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Terry Kofroth

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

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

UMH #895

*HYMN

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

UMH #348

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 3:7-18

Terry Kofroth

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

SERMON

The Joy of Home

Pastor Jason

*HYMN

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

UMH #160 v. 1, 2, 4 & 5

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

** 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.

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

COVID PROTOCOLS: Confirmed COVID cases in Lancaster Co. are averaging over **230 new cases/day and 3 deaths/day**. Only 52% 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.

MEMBERSHIP: If you are interested in learning more about the UMC and our local churches, and are considering becoming a member, we invite you to contact Pastor Jason for info.

JUNIOR CHURCH BY ZOOM VIDEO CHAT – SUNDAYS AT 9 AM for 3 year old-4th grade kids. Feel free to invite friends! We send families the Zoom link and other resources—contact the office if interested. *No Junior Church on Dec 19 or Dec 26.*

YOUTH GROUP, SUNDAYS, 5-7 PM at Faith UMC. 5th-12th graders are invited. *No Youth Group on Dec 26 or Jan 2. Youth go to Gretna Glen Camp on Jan. 16, Feb 20 and March 20 from 2:30-6pm.*

CHATTING CLUB: MONDAYS AT 7 PM BY ZOOM – Theme for 12/13: "Murder Trials Result in Acquittals, Convictions and a Release From Prison." We will explore justice and righteousness, the American judicial system, and the justice of God. **Link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518?pwd=cEVDeDljeThaaWVIYjlQWmZjTm5oUT09>

IMPACT! MISSIONS restore homes to be sold to low-income families & does repairs for homeowners in need. To volunteer on 1st & 3rd Saturdays contact **Leon Bame** at 717-344-9924 /

leonshe137@gmail.com.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES DURING ADVENT: We are asking you to prayerfully consider if you would like to help with any of these projects. *We are not expecting you to donate to each one.* Please participate as your heart and capacity leads you.

MARY'S DIAPER BAG: Please donate the following items for the children at Clare House: size 5 and 6 diapers, 3T and 4T pullups, baby wipes, bottles, 24-month pajamas for boys and girls, sizes 10-12 and 14-16 boys pajamas, twin sheet sets. Personal care items for the moms are also needed.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR: Put aside one food item each day in December. Items will be donated to a local food bank. There is a list of suggested food items in the hall & faith-a-gram.

UDOBO PRE-SCHOOL: We traditionally supports this school in Durban, South Africa at Christmas. Visit <http://UdoboSchool.com> for more information. Your gift will help provide food, educational supplies and the staff to teach at the school. If you are interested in helping you can send a check made out to *Faith UMC* with "*Udobo School*" in the memo to Faith UMC or donate online to that fund at www.faithumc.us. All gifts in the special Christmas offering envelopes or marked with Udobo School will go directly to the school.

FOR CHRIST HOME FOR KIDS & BLACKFEET UMC PARISH: Oregon Community UMC will be sending a contribution to these two ministries. Send a check made out to *Oregon Community UMC* (1214 Creek Rd., Lititz, PA 17543) with the specific ministry marked in the memo line.

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. ***Update on Ministry Budget:*** As of 11/30/21 we had **\$28,000 in our checking account**. We have **expenses of about \$23,000** due before Dec. 31. So, if we paid all of our remaining bills with no additional income, **we would start 2022 with \$5,000 in our account**. Thank you for your generous gifts that have enabled us to end the year in the positive. However, we **started 2021 with \$20,000** due to the PPP Loan for COVID Relief. Our goal would be to start 2022 with **\$20,000—having brought in the same amount as we spent**. **So, we are asking our members to prayerfully consider if they are able to make an end of year gift from their income, investments, etc.** **Any additional gifts in 2021** will determine how much **funding we have to start the new year**. This is vital to provide for ministry expenses in early 2022—especially as 2022 is looking to be a difficult financial year based on pledged and projected giving. Please see the finance letter that came out this week for additional details on expenses, giving and the debt reduction fund from the 2017 addition.

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 to reach the **United Way Call Center** for social services. The **Crisis Intervention Lifeline is (717) 394-2631**

SERVANT SATURDAY ON JAN 1: 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 provide 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

ONE-BEDROOM APARTMENT NEEDED for a non-smoker with no pets at about \$800/month. Location is flexible. Please call Dennis Meck at 717-413-1504 and leave a message. Thank you. There is also a need for a 2-bedroom apartment for another family of 3. Please contact Pastor Jason with any ideas.

SIMPLY CHRISTMAS at Lititz UMC, 201 Market Street Lititz, Sunday December 12th from 4:00 to 7:30 PM. Free drive-thru live nativity with gift bags for children and adults, crafts to take home, hotdogs, cookie decorating bags, and more. People planning to attend are asked to enter at the lower Market Street entrance, closest to Dean Saylor/Linear Park.

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 January 16, 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 in Fellowship Hall
Worship Team Practice, 6:30PM (Tuesday this week only)
Joint Christmas Cantata Rehearsals at Long Memorial UMC, 7:30 PM
Bible Study w/ Mike Shifflet, at Oregon Community UMC, 6:30-7:30 PM

Thursdays Wing and a Prayer AA Meeting in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM

Fridays Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM (***NOT Dec 24 or 31***)

1st & 3rd Saturdays Faith UMC works with IMPACT! Missions – Contact Leon Bame to help.

1st (or Last) Saturdays Servant Saturday & Downtown Food Ministry, 2PM (Sat. before Communion)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, Dec 14 Worship Team Practice, 6:30PM

Wednesday, Dec 15 ~~Finance Team Meeting, 6:00PM~~ ←Cancelled
Joint Christmas Cantata Rehearsals at Long Memorial UMC, 7:30 PM

Thursday, Dec 16 Senior Men's Lunch at Knight and Day Diner, 11:30 AM
Joint Christmas Cantata Rehearsals at Faith UMC, 7:30 PM

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

Friday, Dec 24 **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** at Oregon Community (5:00 PM) and at Faith (7:00 PM) - **pre-registration encouraged**

Saturday, Jan 1 **Servant Saturday/Deliver food & personal items to unhoused folks downtown, 2 PM**

Our worship participants for next Sunday, December 19 are as follows:

DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP & MUSIC MINISTRY: Shannon Edwards

AUDIO/VISUAL TECH: Dennis Meck, Sr.

GREETER/USHERS: Tim & Sandy Patschke

LITURGIST: Pastor Jason

ADVENT WREATH: Sydney Dohring & Alan Strait

CHILDREN'S TIME: **NO** children's message - Enjoy the Cantata

JUNIOR CHURCH VIA ZOOM: **NO** Junior Church – Enjoy the Cantata