

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
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, Lori, Georgia Greiner, Jonathan
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
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
Doris Bronson
Terry Kofroth – continued healing
Lydia Erk - pregnancy
Abbe – protection and healthy future
Aaron Goddard - traumatic brain injury
Jake Ruhl – problems with swallowing
Healing for the Gehman/McGovern/Sollenberger families
Shannon Edwards & family
Family of Brian Unangst on his passing (Julie Perkowski's brother)

OUR PRAISES:

Jesus revealed as God & King to the Wisemen
God's presence through illness and struggle
Vaccinations & healings from COVID-19

Please submit prayer requests (& updates) by note or email to the office: faithumc@hotmail.com

The Light of Home

COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERIES



Welcome

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Faith United Methodist Church



January 2, 2022 at 10:30 AM – 2nd Sunday after Christmas – Celebrating Epiphany

WELCOME: We gather together to worship God: The Father, The Son, & the Holy Spirit. We celebrate that The Holy Spirit came upon the Virgin Mary, the Word of God became flesh within her, & on Christmas night some 2021 years ago she brought the only begotten Son, Jesus, into the world. You are welcome in this space to celebrate this miracle no matter who you are; from where you have come; what experiences, struggles or gifts you bring; or the questions, doubts & beliefs you carry. Together, we seek to honor & understand the gift of the Christ Child! We are so glad you are here!

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 & Pastor Jason

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

Pastor Jason & God's People

Sing aloud with gladness: **God is gathering the people!**

From the farthest parts of the earth we come: **All who struggle; all who labor with new life!**

Those who are weeping, God will console; **Those who get lost find a clear path home.**

Let us worship the God who gathers us!

Rev. Bonnie Tarwater, *UCC's Worship Ways*, <http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways>

*HYMN

What Child Is This

UMH #219

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Lisa Baker

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

*HYMN

The First Noel

UMH #245

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 1:1-18

Lisa Baker

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

*HYMN

Angels from the Realms of Glory

UMH #220 v. 3 & 4

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

UMH #895

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 3:1-12

Lisa Baker

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

*HYMN

We Three Kings

UMH #254

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

Lisa Baker

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

SERMON

Epiphany: The Light of Home

Pastor Jason

*HYMN

Love Came Down at Christmas

UMH #242

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

** You are invited to stand*

Worship Music: Dolly Bankert on Piano and the Worship Choir
Audio / Visual Technology: Dennis Meck, Sr.
Pastor: The Rev. Jason Perkowski **Ministers:** The People of God

PRE-REGISTRATIONS are appreciated when attending in person. Walk-ins may register at door.

Register at: <https://forms.gle/EezjoRzcX1uC5NGn7>.

WORSHIP SERVICES ARE ALSO BROADCAST on Facebook & our website.

OFFICE COMMUNICATION: Hours vary, so please contact us directly to see when we are available. Messages left on the office phone, 717-560-0321 or email: faithumc@hotmail.com, will be checked throughout the week. In case of an emergency contact Pastor Jason at 717-333-9238 or jbperkowski@gmail.com.

COVID PROTOCOLS: The 7-day daily average in Lancaster County of COVID is **418 new cases and 3 new deaths**. Only **54%** of our county is **vaccinated**. **So, please distance and wear a mask** inside the building & throughout the Worship Service (esp. as you enter, exit & sing). We are *NOT* currently turning anyone away for not wearing a mask, but **ask you to consider the needs of those who are at high risk**.

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 about membership classes.

JUNIOR CHURCH BY ZOOM VIDEO CHAT – SUNDAYS AT 9 AM for 3 year old-4th grade kids. We send families the Zoom link and other resources—contact the office if interested. *Jan. 2 was our first session after Christmas. We would like to resume in-person Junior Church during the 10:30AM worship service beginning mid-January 2022. Please contact Julie Hassara or Carol Kennedy if you can help as a teacher or aide or if you have any questions. PARENTS: We would also like to hear feedback about whether you would have your children participate in Junior Church in person or if you prefer the online option.*

YOUTH GROUP, SUNDAYS, 5-7 PM at Faith UMC. 5th-12th graders are invited. *No Youth Group on 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 – We will meet on Jan. 3. Topic: "Anne Rice, Who Felt 'Called to Be an Outsider for Christ,' Dies at 80." This gives us the opportunity to discuss what is necessary to consider oneself committed to Christ. Anne Rice was a novelist and was an atheist much of her life. She converted and returned to the church, only to later leave the institutional church, saying she was still a follower of Christ. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518?pwd=cEVDeDljeThaaWVlYjIjQWmZjTm5oUT09>

BIBLE STUDY led by Mike Shifflet on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM at Oregon Community UMC. All are invited! *The group will meet again on January 5.*

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 / leonshel37@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING: As has been our tradition, we will be donating our entire Christmas Eve offering to the **UDOBO PRE-SCHOOL** in Durban, South Africa to benefit the children in honor of the birth of Christ. God has been so good to us and we can afford to be generous to the littlest and least in the world. Your gift will help provide food, educational supplies and teaching staff. Visit <http://UdoboSchool.com/> for more information. *All gifts in the special Christmas envelopes or marked for Udobo in memo will go to the Udobo School. If would still like to donate, please clearly mark your gift and put it in the offering plate or submit it online or to the church office. Make out checks to "Faith UMC."*

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. *Thank you for your generous gifts in 2021 that have enabled us to have a balanced budget of income/expenses and to begin 2022 in a strong position to support all of our ministries.*

SECRET SISTER 2022: Questionnaires are available in the hall. If you would like to be part of this group for 2022, please return the form by Jan 9th. The 2021 Reveal will take place Jan15, 2022 at 9:00 am.

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 FEB 5: 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:** packs of crackers, granola bars, fun sized candy-not hard candy, cough drops, tissues, and individually wrapped maxi pads. **WISH LIST:** https://smile.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/5zDLQnj?ref_=wl_share

APARTMENTS NEEDED: 1-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. There is also a need for a 2-bedroom apartment for another family of 3. Please contact Pastor Jason with any ideas.

ONGOING EVENTS:

Sundays	Junior Church <i>via Zoom</i> (for ages 3 years through 4th grade), 9:00 AM Worship, 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary and Facebook Live Youth Group at Faith, 5-7 PM (<i>Gretna Glen on January 16, 2:30-6PM</i>) (<i>NOT Jan 2</i>)
1st Sundays	Communion is offered during worship service, 10:30AM
Mondays	Chatting Club <i>via Zoom</i> , 7:00 PM (Restart on Jan. 3 after holidays)
Wednesdays	Bible2School, 11 AM-1 PM for students from Reidenbaugh in Fellowship Hall Worship Team Practice, 6:30PM Bible Study 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
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:

Wednesday, Jan 5	Ladies' Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30AM
Sunday, Jan 9	Missions, Community Outreach & Shepherding Team meeting, 11:45 AM
Monday Jan 10	Faith UMC serves Bag and Go Lunch at Zion Lutheran Church, 11:30 AM
Thursday, Jan 13	Church Council meeting, 6:00 PM
Saturday, Jan 15	Secret Sister Reveal, 9:00 AM
Thursday, Jan 20	Senior Men's Lunch, 11:30AM Location TBD
Saturday, Feb 5	Servant Saturday: Deliver food & personal items to unhoused folks downtown, 2 PM

Our worship participants for next Sunday, January 9 are:

WORSHIP & MUSIC MINISTRY: Dolly Bankert on piano and the Worship Choir

AUDIO/VISUAL TECH: Dennis Meck, Sr.

GREETER/USHERS: Lisa Baker & Mike Bitner

LITURGIST: Alex Drolet

CHILDREN'S TIME: Michelle Bame