

PRAYER REQUESTS:

OUR CONCERNS:

Wisdom & safety for all government officials and their staff- from the US & other nations
President Joe Biden and VP Kamala Harris
Veterans and Service Members
Civilians, leaders, and soldiers in war torn regions
For peace & wisdom in areas of conflict
Police officers and their families
Folks harmed in interactions with police
All first responders & 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 the environment
Eradication of deadly diseases—incl. COVID-19
Refugees & huddled masses yearning to be free
Security and immigration reform
People who are hungry and unhoused
Prisoners, Prison Leadership & Judges
Schools, education and foster care reform
Members of AA, NA, & AlAnon and their families
All struggling with addictions, finances, etc.
Those suffering from mental health illnesses
All those caring for sick loved ones
Those grieving the loss of loved ones
Bishop Schol & EPAUMC Staff
Jenny Freymoyer and Hun Ju Lee as incoming DSs
BK Chung & Steve Morton as outgoing DSs
The UMC and General Conference Delegates as we seek God's will regarding human sexuality & our global mission to make disciples of Jesus
Coleman Memorial Chapel & their new pastor
Rev. Dorcas, her eyes & ministries in Sierra Leone
Udobo School in Durban, South Africa
Campus Ministries
Norm Whiteley (Ella's brother) – health
Family of Libby Miller (Ella's extended family)
Charlotte Garfield
Dottie Sheaffer – healing for back & eyes
Eileen Williams – muscles
Shelda's granddaughter Bella's health
Bradley McGowan – ALS
Linda Philbin – motor neuropathy
Carl Jones – strength & healing
Rosemary (Marilyn Jones' sister) – healing

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, Barb Royer, and others
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 transitions & health
Ray – recovering from strokes
Margie & Terry Urban's granddaughter Analise
Annette McClarigan – health & son Kyle's family
Dennis Pounds (Brooke's Uncle) - healing
Erek Perkowski & son Shaughn – custody & moving
Angela, Maria and their mom – to be healthy & thrive
Izabel, Oaklee, Carson, Matthew & their parents
Gene Onest – health issues
Terry Kofroth – continued healing
Lydia Erk - pregnancy
Abbe – protection and healthy future
Aaron Goddard - traumatic brain injury
Shannon Edwards & family
Sarah Kuzmenko – healing from migraines
Bob Miller – healing after hip replacement
Phyllis Milller – infection & healing after new pacemaker
Casi Margerum – college & healing from pain
Don Campbell – health
Bernice Wilkison – health
Ukrainian people and their nation—incl. the Kuzmenko and Littrell family members
Bryan Nelson

OUR PRAISES:

God's presence through illness, struggle & loss
Vaccinations & healings from COVID-19
Shannon Edwards returned home

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



Welcome

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Faith United Methodist Church



March 20, 2022 at 10:30 AM – 3rd Sunday in Lent

WELCOME: We gather together to worship God: The Father, The Son, & the Holy Spirit. We gather together to see again the ways in which God is revealed in the world. You are welcome in this space no matter who you are; from where you have come; what experiences, struggles or gifts you bring; or the questions, doubts & beliefs you carry. 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

A great teacher once said, "When Jesus Christ calls us, he bids us come and die" (*Dietrich Bonhoeffer, The Cost of Discipleship*). We are the people who have responded to this call.

Through Christ, we want to die to the fears that keep us from loving.

Through Christ, we want to die to the stubbornness that keeps us from sharing our gifts.

Through Christ, we want to die to seeking our own success and salvation in disregard for the good of all God's children.

This is God's promise, that if we die with Christ, we will also rise with Christ.

God be praised for the glorious promise of new life in Christ. Alleluia.

Ruth C. Duck, in Bread for the Journey, edited by Ruth C. Duck (Pilgrim Press, 1981), 35-36

*HYMN

Above All

MSFPW2 #77

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 55:1-9

Steph Edwards

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Terry Kofroth

*HYMN

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

UMH #121

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 63:1-8

Steph Edwards

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

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

UMH #895

*HYMN

Hymn of St Patrick: "Christ Be Beside Me"

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Steph Edwards

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

RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP

UMH #33-39

*HYMN

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

UMH #557

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 13:1-9

Steph Edwards

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

SERMON

If It Bears Fruit

Pastor Jason

*HYMN

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

UMH #381

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

** You are invited to stand*

Director of Worship: Shannon Edwards, **Piano:** Dolly Bankert, **The Faith Singers & AV Tech:** Dennis Meck, Sr.
Pastor: The Rev. Jason Perkowski **Ministers:** The People of God

Join us after Worship in the Fellowship Hall for a celebration of Shannon's return and a reception of our new members.

PRE-REGISTRATIONS are appreciated: <https://forms.gle/EezjoRzcX1uC5NGn7>.

WORSHIP SERVICES ARE ALSO BROADCAST on Facebook & our website.

COVID PROTOCOLS: With the COVID numbers in Lancaster County declining to 21 new cases and 2 deaths per day, Church Council has approved Faith UMC being "mask optional" for worship services. We will still be sitting every other row to allow for social distancing. **The back section on the window side of the sanctuary is reserved for people who want to sit with other people who are masked.** Leaders of meetings and individual groups will have the authority to decide their own mask policy.

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 from Monday through Friday. In case of an emergency contact Pastor Jason at 717-333-9238 or jbperkowski@gmail.com and leave a *detailed message*. Pastor Jason is spending time with family from Friday Noon through Saturday. Please be patient if he doesn't respond to non-emergency calls during those times.

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.*

YOUTH GROUP, SUNDAYS, 5-7 PM at Faith UMC. 5th-12th graders are invited. *Sign up in the hall or by contacting the office to volunteer to be the 2nd adult for the evening and/or provide a snack or light dinner.* Youth go to Gretna Glen Camp today from 2:30-6pm. *Permission slips required.*

CHATting CLUB: MONDAYS AT 7 PM BY ZOOM – We will be participating in The Power of Faith training. *See the article on the next page and use this registration link to sign up:* <https://secure.everyaction.com/wDF-AY4B3kOnPu1zj0hvQ2>. You will be sent a link to the training.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN BIBLE STUDIES at Long Memorial UMC at 7:30 PM in person or online via <https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=long%20memorial%20um%20church>

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

MORNING BIBLE STUDY – FRIDAYS AT 10AM: You can join in person, by a phone call to Pastor Jason or by Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83172825482?pwd=VzBkd2p0ci9KZ1BqMUZqN1NOamh4dz09>

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY AND EGG HUNT on Sat., April 9th from 8:00 to 10:30 AM. Enjoy sausage and pancakes with various toppings in our dining room or take-out. Gluten free option available! The Easter Bunny will be joining us for photos and egg hunts at 8:30, 9:30 and 10:30. This is a “pay what you want” event. *See the signup sheet in the hall or contact Lisa Baker to volunteer. Please donate candy for the egg hunt. Help needed April 7th at 5:00 PM to prep.*

FAITH DAY will be held on Sat., May 7. We will have a **Craft & Yard Sale** area (spaces can be rented to sell crafts or yard sale items yourself or items can be donated for the youth to sell), a **Book Sale** (books can be donated beginning AFTER EASTER), a **Chicken BBQ Sale** with ala carte **deserts and baked goods**, etc. **Volunteers Are Needed!** If interested in helping out, please contact Michelle Bame or Diana Valentine who are co-chairing the event. **A sign up sheet is in the hallway.** This is a great outreach to the community!

POWER Interfaith Lancaster County is part of a **statewide group of people of faith working on making our commonwealth more just.** We are working on fair funding for public schools, positive interactions between police & communities, a healthier environment & climate, economic justice, etc. Pastor Jason invites anyone interested in learning more to contact him. **Monday Night Bible Study will focus on these topics.**

POWER of Faith Training Sessions: Doing Justice - Getting Beyond Good Intentions

- Monday, March 21, 7 to 8:30 pm -- **The Power of Faith**
- Monday, April 4, 7 to 8:30 pm -- **The Power of Community**
- Monday, April 25, 7 to 8:30 pm -- **The Power of Relationships**

Register for THE POWER OF FAITH: <https://secure.everyaction.com/wDF-AY4B3kOnPu1zjJ0hvQ2>

OFFERING TITHES TO THE LORD: You can direct gifts to **General Ministry, Debt Reduction/Building Fund**, etc. Mark preferences in the memo. You can mail a check or **donate digitally through the website.**

IN NEED OF 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

UMC SUMMER CAMPS: You can attend or volunteer as a counselor or support staff. Visit: <https://www.epaumc.org/ministry/camp-retreat/> for more info or visit each camp’s website. There is a poster and camp schedule for Gretna Glen in the hallway. *For financial aid, contact the church office.*

SERVANT SATURDAY ON APRIL 2: 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 FOR OUR DOWNTOWN MINISTRY: individually packaged salty snacks (chips, pretzels, popcorn, Doritos, nuts, etc.) funsize candy, hard candies & bottled water. **The AMAZON WISH LIST has been updated.** **Click here to donate:** https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/18YV4WP0G933L?ref_=wl_share

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.**

IMPACT! MISSIONS restores 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.

YWCA 67th GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST ON FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2022 This year’s event will be held at the Farm & Home Center, located at 1383 Arcadia Rd, Lancaster. The doors will open at 7:00 am. The buffet breakfast and program will be at 7:30 am. Pastor Gerald Simmons, Faith Tabernacle Church of God in Christ will be this year’s speaker and there will be live music from local artists. Tickets are \$20 per person and may be purchased online at www.friday.rosesymca.org. Tickets are not available at the door.

EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN CONFERENCE 2022: PURSUING AN UNFAILING GOD is coming to Calvary Church on Oct 14-15, 2022. Cost is \$59.00 per person, but if we register a group of 10 or more before March 31st there is a \$5.00 discount. See the flyers in the hall or www.ewomen.net for more information. Please let the office know if you are interested in attending.

ONGOING EVENTS:

Sundays Junior Church *via Zoom* (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 (*Gretna Glen Camp on March 20, 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
Lenten Bible Study at Long Memorial UMC, 7:30 PM
Wing and a Prayer AA Meeting in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM
Bible Study at Oregon Community UMC, 6:30-7:30 PM
Bible Study led by Pastor Jason, 10:00 AM (*via Zoom or in person*)
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:

Sunday, Mar 27 UMCOR Sunday – bring an offering to support the work of the Committee on Relief
Sunday Mar 27 SMO (Shepherding, Missions, Outreach) meeting, 11:45 AM
Thursday, Mar 31 Finance Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM (*in person or via Zoom*)
Saturday, Apr 2 Servant Saturday/Deliver food & personal items to unhoused folks downtown, 2 PM
Saturday, Apr 9 Breakfast with the Easter Bunny & Egg Hunt, 8:00 – 10:30 AM (Prep April 7 at 5PM)
Monday, Apr 11 Faith UMC provides Bag-n-Go Lunch at Zion Lutheran Church, 11:00 AM
Saturday, Apr 30 Servant Saturday/Deliver food & personal items to unhoused folks downtown, 2 PM
Saturday, May 7 Faith Community Day with Chicken BBQ & Yard Sale

HOLY WEEK: In addition to regularly scheduled Sunday services a few combined services include:

- **Maundy Thursday, April 14 at 7pm at Salem UMC: Rothsville**
- **Good Friday, April 15 at Noon at Faith UMC: Manheim Township**
- **Good Friday, April 15 at 7:30pm at Long Memorial UMC**
- **Easter Sunrise Service, April 17 at 6:30am at Oregon Community UMC**
- **Easter Service, April 17 at 10:30am at Faith UMC**

Our worship participants for next Sunday, March 27 are:

WORSHIP MUSIC: Shannon Edwards, Worship Director; Dolly Bankert on Piano and the Faith Singers

AUDIO/VISUAL TECH: Dennis Meck, Sr.

GREETER/USHERS: Jim & Buni Harbison

LITURGIST: Drew Hassara

CHILDREN’S TIME: Lisa Baker

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