

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

### OUR CONCERNS:

Wisdom & safety for government officials globally  
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  
Stewardship of our environment & climate  
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  
Cash Bail and Prison Reform  
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, DS Freymoyer & EPAUMC Staff  
The UMC and General Conference Delegates, new  
Bishops, God's will regarding human sexuality  
& evangelism to new disciples of Jesus  
Rev. Dorcas, her eyes & ministries in Sierra Leone  
Udobo School in Durban, South Africa  
Campus Ministries  
Charlotte Garfield  
Dottie Sheaffer – healing for back & eyes  
Eileen Williams – muscles  
Bradley McGowan – ALS  
Linda Philbin – bronchitis & motor neuropathy  
Rosemary (Marilyn Jones' sister) – healing  
Michelle Rathvon Mitterer – healing from strokes  
Chuck Flory – ALS  
Alan Price – Buni's father's health  
Annette McClarigan – health, sons & family  
Dennis Pounds (Brooke's Uncle) - healing

Those with cancer: Cyndi Campbell, Dean Grove,  
Mark Reitzel, Kerry Link and her father-in-law,  
Joe, John Rathvon, Duane Lehman, Lori, Barb  
Royer, Linda Mutzel, John Serio, Ruthie, Martin  
Campbell, Ben Neideigh, and others  
Jean Neideigh – healing (MS)  
Angela, Maria and Becky – to be healthy & thrive  
Izabel, Oaklee, Carson, Matthew & their parents  
Gene Onest – health issues  
Terry Kofroth – healing  
Daryl Hawthorne – healing and upcoming surgery  
Kuzmenko family – health and transitions  
Ukrainian people and their nation  
Don Campbell – health  
Bernice Wilkison – health  
Margie Urban – health  
Noah Boughter and family  
Bryan Nelson  
Heather Lindsey  
Theo Wenger – healing for kidneys  
Jake Ruhl – hip pain  
Jo Ann Steinmetz – healing  
Megan and Josh—Jackie Black's grandkids  
Mark Norman –surgery and recovery  
Josh Zimmerman – healing from car accident  
Shirley Gehr – healing after a fall  
Roberta Stone – healing after a fall  
Donald Stone – healing  
Nicole Wise  
Denise Herr (Steph Edward's mom) - healing  
Victoria Fritsch – healing after surgery  
Carl Jones – healing  
Holly Lee – healing  
The Jackson Family  
Jay Byerly – healing  
Newly elected political leaders  
Family of Charlotte Garfield on her passing  
Mary Ann Unangst – healing  
Kay Newcomer – healing & peace

### OUR PRAISES:

Bible2School Program for 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> graders  
God's presence through illness, struggle & loss  
Pastoral Ministry of Ian Solodky & Shannon Weaver  
Healthy birth of Freya Grace Muth

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

# Up to Restoration

AN ADVENT SONG OF ASCENTS WORSHIP SERIES



*Welcome*

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# Faith United Methodist Church



November 27, 2022 at 10:30 AM – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

**W**ELCOME: We gather in this Advent Season to remember the Alpha & Omega—God who has always been and always will be. The Creator, Son and Holy Spirit have worked together throughout time to create, bless, and redeem the universe. We prepare ourselves for the second coming of Jesus to gather His people home. You are welcome in this sacred 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 – and pray you find what you came looking for!

Please sign the guest book in the hallway if you are new. **There are red pads in each row for everyone to sign in—and includes Prayer Request Cards.** If worshipping online, please ‘sign in’ by commenting on the video. Prayer Requests can be placed in the basket on the altar or submitted in the Facebook Feed.

**GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS** Michelle Bame & Pastor Jason  
**A TIME FOR CENTERING & PRAYER** Pastor Jason  
**CALL TO WORSHIP** Pastor Jason & God’s People

Heavenly Father, we rejoice that we can come into Your house today and worship You with those who love You, too. Thank you for inspiring and leading Your people to establish Your house here in this place. **We pray that all who worship here might experience Your love, grace, mercy, and forgiveness.** We pray for Your people all the world over, and we pray that they might prosper along with us as we serve you and others. **May everyone who trusts in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior find and experience peace with God, others, and themselves.** Through your only begotten Son, we pray, “Our Father. . .”

Written by L.G. Parkhurst, Jr. (© 2007), and posted on A Psalm and a Prayer.  
<https://www.ouosu.com/APsalmandAPrayer/psalm122.htm>

**LIGHTING THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE: HOPE** Norman Family  
**\*HYMN** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel UMH #211 v. 1-4  
**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Isaiah 2:1-5 Drew Hassara  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

**CHILDREN’S TIME**  
**\*HYMN** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus UMH #196  
**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Psalm 122 Drew Hassara  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

**OUR OFFERINGS OF PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS**  
**\*Doxology** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH #95  
**\*Offertory Prayer**  
**\*HYMN** There's Something About That Name UMH #171

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Romans 13:11-14 Drew Hassara  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

**THE PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER & BLESSING OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS** If worshipping online, you may post your prayer requests UMH #895

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Matthew 24:36-44 Drew Hassara  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

**SERMON** Up to Restoration Pastor Jason

**BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH**  
**\*HYMN** Shine, Jesus, Shine Songs of Praise and Worship #142  
**\* You are invited to stand**

**Director of Worship:** Shannon Edwards **AV Tech:** Dennis Meck, Sr.  
**Pastor:** The Rev. Jason Perkowski **Ministers:** The People of God

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

**OFFICE COMMUNICATION:** Hours vary. Contact the Office via 717-560-0321 or [faithumc@hotmail.com](mailto:faithumc@hotmail.com), (messages checked weekdays). Contact Pastor Jason via 717-333-9238 or [jbperkowski@gmail.com](mailto:jbperkowski@gmail.com). He is with family from Friday at Noon thru Saturday and may not respond to non-emergencies then.

**ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE FAITH UMC WORSHIP TEAM for practices on Wednesdays at 6:30PM.** We still need singers and instrumentalists to be a part of leading worship each week.

**CHRISTMAS CANTATA:** This is a joint effort between Long Memorial, Faith, and OCUMC. This musical worship service will be **shared on Sunday, December 18** at Faith UMC (9AM) and Long Memorial UMC (11AM).

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL at 9:00 AM:** Everyone is welcome to join this Bible Study led by Michelle Bame on Sunday mornings. *We will meet in the 1<sup>st</sup> classroom in the Education Wing.* Advent Study thru Dec. 11

**JUNIOR CHURCH** for children age 3 years through 4th grade **during the 10:30AM Worship Service. Please sign your child in before the Worship Service. Each child and parent will be assigned a badge** with a matching number. Children will begin the service in the sanctuary and be dismissed to Junior Church after the Children’s Time Message. **After worship, parents must sign children out at their classroom in the Education Wing. No Junior Church on November 27, 2022.**

**YOUTH GROUP, SUNDAYS, 5-7 PM at Faith UMC** for 5th-12th graders. Sign up in the hall to be the 2nd adult and/or to provide a meal. Each week there are dinner, games and a lesson. **Youth will go to Gretna Glen Camp from 3:30-7:00 PM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month..** Church van will leave from / return to Faith UMC. For more info contact Pastor Jason (717-333-9238). **NO meeting today. Volunteer needed as the 2<sup>nd</sup> adult on Dec 4.**

**CONFIRMATION CLASS** will meet at Faith UMC from 7:30-9:00 PM every other Monday for students in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. We will have classes, retreats, field trips, etc. led by Pastor Andrea from Long Memorial and Pastor Jason. (Next meetings: Dec. 5 & 19)

**GRIEFSHARE GROUP:** Pastor Jason and Tina Miller lead a GriefShare Group to help people find support and process the loss of loved ones. To learn more, please contact Pastor Jason ASAP. This group meets every other Monday from 5-6 PM in the Fellowship Hall at Faith UMC (Dec 5 & 19).

**CHATting VIA ZOOM MONDAYS AT 6:30 PM:** Everyone is invited to join us. at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518?pwd=cEVDeDljeThaaWVlYjJlQWmZjTm5oUT09>. **No Meeting on Nov. 28 due to Church Council Meeting.**

**BIBLE STUDY on WEDNESDAYS at 6:30 PM** with Mike Shifflet at Oregon Community UMC. **Will resume meeting on Jan 11, 2023.**

**MORNING BIBLE STUDY – FRIDAYS AT 10AM:** Each week we explore a small group study based on the scriptures for this week's sermon. You can prepare at: <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning>. Join us in the Faith UMC Fellowship Hall.

**MEMBERSHIP:** We will be receiving 5 new members into the community of Faith UMC next Sunday. 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 to join in a new membership class to begin soon.

#### ADVENT STUDIES:

- **[THE HEART THAT GREW THREE SIZES](#) with Michelle Bame.** 9:00 AM on Sunday mornings (Nov. 27, Dec 4 & 11). In this new Advent study, Matt Rawle explores the faith themes in the Christmas classic, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* Look at a familiar classic through the lens of faith and see how Christ speaks to us through our culture.
- **CHILDREN'S ADVENT STUDY: [The Heart That Grew Three Sizes](#) with Carol Kennedy.** 9:00 AM on Sunday mornings (Nov. 27, Dec 4 & 11). Children ages 3 to 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to explore the faith themes in the Christmas classic, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* There will be discussion, music, crafts, and a snack.
- **LIGHT OF THE WORLD** with Rev. Jim Garner. This book study written by Amy-Jill Levine will help participants prepare their hearts for Christmas. She is a New Testament Professor who is Jewish, and writes from this particular historical and Biblical context. **Please order the book in advance** at Cokesbury.com or Amazon in paperback or a digital copy. You must order the book yourself. This will be a Zoom Study on Thursday evenings at 7 PM (Dec. 1, 8, 15 & 22). <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85939667466?pwd=bHkreUNyNTZGVWNicmUwUnNzazhXQT09>

**POWER INTERFAITH LANCASTER COUNTY** is working on justice issues in our community—including fair funding for public schools, prison and bail reform, positive police & community interactions, a healthier environment, economic justice, etc. **Pastor Jason has been working with POWER Interfaith for over 6 years and would like to see our church officially engage in this work as well as considering starting a local UMC Church and Society Team.** Contact Pastor Jason to learn more or visit <https://powerinterfaith.org>

**SECRET SISTER REVEAL:** Saturday, December 3 from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. Solve the mystery! Find out who has been your Secret Sister in 2022! RSVP to Judy Hurst or Amy Boughter. If unable to attend, please drop your Christmas Surprise at the church before December 3<sup>rd</sup>. New forms for Secret Sister 2023 will be out shortly.

**ANNUAL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA AND COOKIE EXTRAVAGANZA on Saturday December 10th from 8:00 to 10:30 AM.** Breakfast will include pancakes and sausages with various toppings. Gluten free option available! Santa will be there to greet all the kids and pose for photos before his busiest night of the year! Breakfast is by donation. While you're here, choose your own cookies from our huge selection of holiday favorites and maybe try something new! Cost per container is \$16.50. *Volunteers needed –contact Lisa Baker.*

**THE LANCASTER AARP CHORUS PRESENTS A CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT FAITH UMC on Friday, December 16th at 2:00 PM.** They will be performing both sacred and secular holiday music. This concert is open to the public with admissions being a free-will offering. Please call ahead to reserve a seat (717-560-0321). Light refreshments will be served after the concert.

**BIBLE2SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS:** If you are interested in working with Pastor Jason and other volunteers to teach the Bible2School students from Reidenbaugh Elementary School please let Pastor know. We are hosting this religious education program for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students every Tuesday and Wednesday morning for 45 students.

**FREE LENDING LIBRARY** of books, puzzles, & DVDs for all ages to borrow is in the 2<sup>nd</sup> classroom in the Education Wing. There is no sign-in/out procedure. See Buni or Marilyn for info. Donations welcome.

**PRAYER SHAWLS AVAILABLE:** Perhaps you or someone you know would appreciate the comfort of a prayer shawl or quilt. **Please help yourself to a prayer shawl** from the rack in the hall and sign the attached sheet.

**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, donate through the website, or give in the plate.

**IN NEED OF HELP:** Contact Pastor Jason, 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 or dial 9-8-8.**

#### ONGOING EVENTS:

##### Sundays

Adult Sunday School, 9:00 AM (**Advent Study Nov 20 & 27, Dec 4 & 11**)

**Children's Advent Study, 9:00 AM (Nov 20 & 27, Dec 4 & 11)**

Worship, 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary and Facebook Live

Junior Church during 10:30 AM worship – *but not on Nov. 27*

Youth Group at Faith, 5-7 PM

##### 1st Sundays Mondays

Communion is offered during worship service, 10:30AM

GriefShare Group - Every other Monday from 5:00-6:00 PM at Faith UMC

Chatting Club via Zoom, 6:30 PM

Confirmation Class - Every other Monday from 7:30-9:00 PM at Faith UMC

Bible2School, 9:45 to 11:30 AM for Reidenbaugh students in Fellowship Hall

Bible2School, 11:20 AM-1:20 PM for Reidenbaugh students in Fellowship Hall

Worship Team Practice, 6:30 PM

Cantata Rehearsal, 7:45-8:45 PM alternating between Long Memorial & Faith UMC

Bible Study at Oregon Community UMC, 6:30-7:30 PM

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

**Advent Bible Study with Pastor Jim via Zoom, 7:00 PM (Dec 1-22)**

##### Tuesdays

Bible Study led by Pastor Jason, 10:00 AM

##### Wednesdays

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

##### Thursdays

Servant Saturday & Downtown Food Ministry, 2PM (Sat. before Communion)

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

##### Sunday, Nov 27

Hanging of the Greens, 11:45 AM – Christmas Decorating & Christmas Carols

##### Monday, Nov 28

Joint Church Council/Finance Meeting, 6:00 PM — *Chatting Cancelled for the night*

##### Saturday, Dec 3

Secret Sister Reveal Brunch, 9:00 to 11:00 AM

##### Sunday, Dec 4

Reception of new members

##### Monday, Dec 5

GriefShare Group - Every other Monday from 5:00 to 6:00 PM

##### Monday, Dec 5

Confirmation Class - Every other Monday from 7:30-9:00 PM at Faith UMC

##### Wednesday, Dec 7

Ladies' Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30 AM

##### Saturday, Dec 10

**Breakfast with Santa & Christmas Cookie Sale at Faith UMC, 8:00 to 11:00 AM**

##### Thursday, Dec 15

Senior Men's Lunch, 11:30 AM – RSVP to Mike Bitner

##### Friday, Dec 16

Concert at Faith UMC, 2:00 PM

##### Sunday, Dec 18

**Christmas Cantata at Faith (9:00 AM) and Long Memorial (11:00 AM)**

##### Saturday, Dec 24

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at Oregon Community (5 PM) and at Faith (7 PM)**

##### Sunday, Dec 25

**Christmas Service at Oregon Community (9:00 AM) and at Faith (10:30 AM)**

#### WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, December 4 are:

WORSHIP MUSIC: Shannon Edwards, Worship Director and the Faith Singers

AUDIO/VISUAL TECH: Dennis Meck, Sr.

GREETERS/USHERS: Donna Arnold & Allen Kennedy

LITURGIST: Drew Hassara

CHILDREN'S TIME: Amy Boughter

JUNIOR CHURCH: Carol Kennedy & Julie Perkowski

YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason & **volunteer needed**