

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

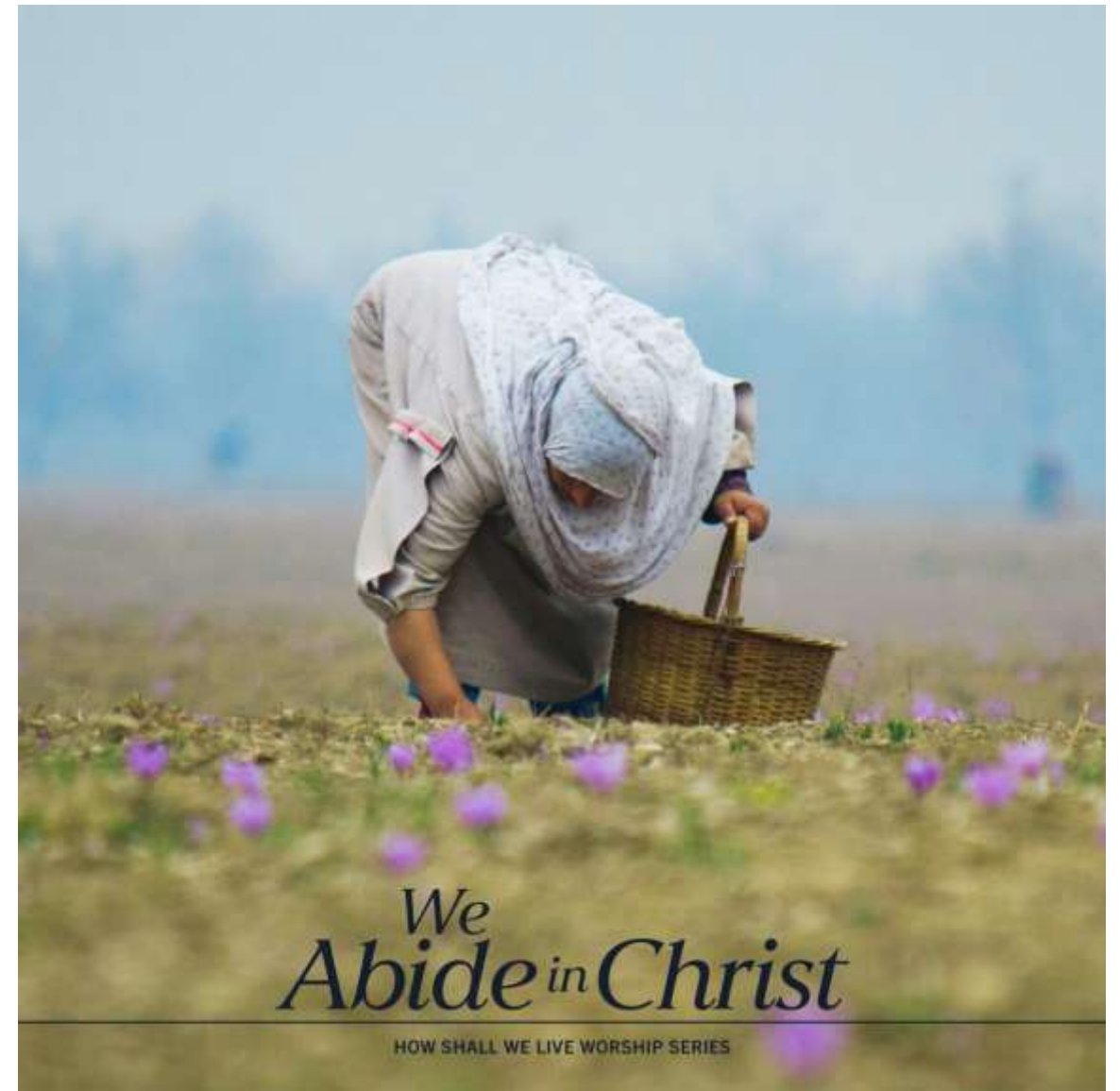
### OUR CONCERNS:

Peace in Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine  
For peace & wisdom in areas of conflict  
Wisdom & safety for government officials globally  
President Joe Biden and VP Kamala Harris  
Healthy and gentle campaigns and election process  
Veterans and Service Members  
Civilians, leaders, and soldiers in war torn regions  
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 & disease  
Stewardship of our environment & climate  
Refugees & huddled masses yearning to be free  
Security and immigration reform  
People who are hungry and unhoused  
Prisoners, Prison Leadership & Judges  
Education Funding, 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  
Laity and Clergy of the UMC  
The UMC, Conference Delegates and Bishops  
Udobo School in Durban, South Africa  
Campus Ministries  
Eileen Williams – muscles  
Bradley McGowan – ALS  
Linda Philbin – motor neuropathy & healing  
Rosemary (Marilyn Jones' sister) – healing  
Chuck Flory – ALS  
Annette McClarigan – health, sons & family  
Jean Neideigh – healing (MS)  
Foster children – to be healthy & thrive  
Children – to know they are not alone in struggles  
Noah Boughter, Sophie and family  
Heather Lindsey  
Theo Wenger – healing for kidneys  
Jake Ruhl – hip and shoulder pain  
Shirley Gehr – healing

Those with cancer: Cyndi Campbell, Dean Grove,  
Mark Reitzel, Duane Lehman, Ruthie, Martin  
Campbell, Ben Neideigh, Harmony Chiccarine,  
Grandma Edwards, Nat, Tina Miller, Carl Derr,  
Dorcas Kamanda (in remission), Jim Royer,  
Adam Malik, Carol Bryner (Allen K's sister),  
Joan (Nancy's sister-in-law), Benedicta Fair  
(Ramonita's Aunt), Isaias Maldonado  
(Ramonita's Uncle), Richard Stauffer (Tina's  
brother), Missy Landis; Gail (friend of Sandy)  
Tracey – follow up reports on a tumor  
The Jackson Family  
Robyn Meckley – healing  
Linda Weber - healing  
Terry & Margie Urban & family – housing & health  
Rev. Dorcas's ministry in Sierra Leone  
Ruthie & Gary with Dementia – friends of Amy  
Brenda, Dave and Mike Loechner – health  
Denny Armstrong – kidney failure  
Brent Rollins – series of strokes  
Deb Stauffer – healing from pneumonia  
Carol Dronke – upcoming surgery  
Vickie - neurological issues & GI issues  
Steve Valente – healing of broken hand  
TJ (Buni's granddaughter) relief from stress  
Daryl Hawthorne – healing after foot surgery  
Terry Kofroth – healing  
Janet Charles – back injury  
Phyllis Miller – Congestive Heart Failure  
Kay Newcomer – healing from Covid  
Ron Lunn – healing after a fall  
Jeff, brother-in-law of Michelle – pancreatitis  
Diana Valentine – health concerns & infections  
Birth of Odette Brown & Owen Charles and healing  
for both with prenatal health issues  
Pastoral transitions for Long Memorial, Emmanuel  
and Salem: Rothsville UMC

### OUR PRAISES:

Pastor Hedwige Mutwale coming to serve  
Rev. Sally Ott – healing well from spinal surgery  
Love and support of Faith UMC Family  
God's faithful love that is new every morning  
God's presence through illness, struggle & loss  
Beauty of nature & sunshine  
*Please submit prayer needs, praises, & updates by  
note or email to the office: [faithumc@hotmail.com](mailto:faithumc@hotmail.com)*



## Welcome

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April 21, 2024 at 10:30 AM – 4th Sunday of Easter & Earth Day

**W**ELCOME: Today we remember and testify to the resurrection of Jesus, God’s Son and our Messiah. He chose to come and live among us, willingly died on the cross for us, and then rose from the dead to redeem our souls. The Father has seated the Son at His Right Hand and sent the Holy Spirit to minister to us powerfully. 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 that you are here!

*Please sign in using the red Pew Pads. Prayer Request Cards from the pads can be placed in the basket on the altar. If worshipping online, please ‘sign in’ and add prayer requests by commenting on the video.*

## GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michelle Bame & Pastor Jason

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jason & God’s People

How shall we live when we have more than enough?

We have no greater praise to offer than caring for your creatures and Creation.

The earth is our teacher – nurturing and tender.

In this hour, O God, nourish us in the soil of your love.

Let us worship God, the Ground of all Being.

*Written by Rev. Paul Mitchell, Walla Walla, WA (ancestral homelands of the Cayuse, Umatilla, Palus, and Walla Walla), senior pastor of Pioneer United Methodist Church. He is an elder in full Connection in the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference and is involved in the United Methodist Creation Justice Movement.*

## \*HYMN

Fairest Lord Jesus

UMH #189

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 23

Terry Urban

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

## CHILDREN’S TIME

Pastor Jason

## \*HYMN

Hymn of Promise

UMH #707

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 4:5-12

Terry Urban

*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

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 10:11-18

Terry Urban

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

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*Goodness of God* by CeCe Winans

Dolly Bankert

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

UMH #895

## \*HYMN

*Where Charity and Love Prevail*

UMH #549

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 John 3:16-24

Terry Urban

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

## SERMON

*We Abide in Christ*

Pastor Jason

## BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Pastor Jason

## \*HYMN

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

UMH #381

\* You are invited to stand in body or in Spirit

**Pianist:** Dolly Bankert **AV Tech:** Dennis Meck, Sr & Keagan Meck

**Pastor:** The Rev. Jason Perkowski **Ministers:** The People of God

**OFFICE COMMUNICATION:** Hours vary. Carol Kennedy, Office Admin, checks messages in the office on weekdays. Pastor Jason is with family from Noon Friday until Sunday & may not respond to non-emergencies then.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL at 9:00 AM** meets in the 1<sup>st</sup> classroom in the Ed. Wing.

**JUNIOR CHURCH** for 3-year-olds - 4th grade during the 10:30AM Worship Service. Please sign your child in before the service & get a numbered badge. Children are dismissed to Jr. Church after the Children’s Message. After worship, pick up kids in the Education Wing, 3rd classroom on the right.

**YOUTH GROUP ON SUNDAYS, 5-7 PM at Faith UMC** for 5th-12th graders. Each week there is dinner, games & a lesson. Sign up to be the 2nd adult and/or provide a meal.

**GRIEFSHARE** helps people process the loss of loved ones and to find support from peers. There is a video curriculum, discussion and mutual support. **We started a new group in April** with a **series of 13 classes (spread across 26 weeks) using a brand-new curriculum.** People are also invited to go through the program a second time. **We meet every other Monday from 5-6:30 PM in the first classroom in the Education Wing at Faith UMC** **Our next meetings are April 29 & May 13.** This is open to the church and community. Contact Pastor Jason for more info or to register.

**CHATTING on Mondays at 6:30 PM:** This member-led, discussion group meets online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518?pwd=cEVDeDljeThaaWVlYjJlQWmZjTm5oUT09.>

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY at Oregon Community UMC, 6:30 PM.**

**FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY at 10 AM in Faith UMC Fellowship Hall.**

**THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM** engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. **Next meeting: April 18 at 5:30 PM (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays).** We will discuss “Building Power Together.” There are printed copies in the hall. **Join us by Zoom only at:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82735304374?pwd=eDBSZHRCZVphSnh2TENDZ0xrdG0vQT09.> To learn more, contact Renee Norman. The **Criminal Justice & Bail Reform Team**, meets online at Noon every Wednesday: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVlXQwUk5LR2VFQ09.>

**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.**

**SEND A CARD TO HOMEBOUND PEOPLE:** There are cards in a basket in the hall and complete sets of labels in small bags pinned to the bulletin board. Add a note and drop it in the mail to spread some joy to those who cannot get to church. If you know of someone to add to our list, see Buni.

**COLLECTING ITEMS FOR YARD SALE:** We can always use donations for the Youth Group tables at the yard sale held at Faith UMC on Saturday, May 25. You can place items in the room across from the Youth Room. We do not take clothing. You can donate books as well in the library classroom. Thank you.

**NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE:** Join us and our neighbors from Wetherburn North for a neighborhood yard sale on **May 25 from 7am – 1pm. Space rentals at Faith UMC are available for \$20.** You may make a reservation for a space by calling 717-696-5321 or visiting [www.FaithUMC.us](http://www.FaithUMC.us) for a link to sign up.

**FAITH IN ACTION:** In continued support of the Pendacheko family, who are refugees from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, we have a signup sheet in the hall. They are seeking donations to set up a permanent home. Please see the sheet requesting new or gently used items. Questions – see Diana Valentine.

**CARE PACKAGES FOR MILLERSVILLE STUDENTS:** We are continuing our tradition of providing boxes to support college students who are part of The HUB: Millersville University Campus Ministry while they prepare for final exams in May. We will be assembling the care packages on **TONIGHT at 5:00 PM. You are welcome help the youth fill and wrap the boxes.**

**DIRECTORY UPDATE:** I will be updating the directory soon. If you would like your picture updated or do not currently have a picture in the directory, please see Carol Kennedy to get your picture taken, submit a picture to the office, or email it to [faithumc@hotmail.com](mailto:faithumc@hotmail.com). If you haven't already done so, please let me know of changes to address or phone number.

**YOUR VOTE COUNTS:** Primary Election Day is Tuesday, April 23. For general voting information visit the following websites: <https://www.vote.pa.gov>, <https://www.vote.org>, <https://www.vote411.org> **Please Vote!**

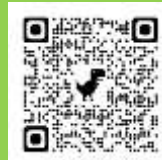
**SOUP & SANDWICH SALE: On Tuesday, April 23** (Primary Voting day), we are selling soup, sandwiches, drinks and more during the lunch and dinner. Volunteers are needed for serving food and as cashiers from **10:30am-1:30pm and 3:30-6:30pm**. Signup sheets are in the hall to donate items. Questions: please contact Buni.

**VOLUNTEER TEA RECEPTION:** Faith UMC could not survive without our Faith-ful volunteers, and we recognize that all of you in the congregation volunteer do something. Whether it's opening the door for someone with a smile on Sunday mornings or taking lap blankets to hospitals to helping with VBS, we are grateful for all that you do. As a thank you to you, SMO is hosting a tea reception after church on **Sunday, April 28th**.

**THANK YOU for your faithful service to the Lord in every aspect of your lives as individuals and as a church family.** May every part of your being be made holy as you dedicate it to God!

**This includes the ways that you use your financial resources. We need to maintain a regular offering of about \$4,000 per week toward the regular budget and the debt reduction combined. Giving in the first three months has NOT met the average needed for the year.** If you are able to give regularly toward our ministry—or to make a one-time donation—that goes a long way to sustaining the work that we do together to serve our community.

Gifts can be directed to **General Ministry and/or the Debt Reduction / Building Fund**. Mark preferences in the memo line & envelope. You can set up recurring gifts through your own financial institution or at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z37Q/home>. There is a link at [FaithUMC.us](https://FaithUMC.us) or via the **QR Code**. You can also **mail or place an offering in the plate**. Special gifts from IRAs, stocks, etc. can also be received.



**SUB SALE:** We have certificates from S. Clyde Weaver for \$7.00. Pick up a delicious made-to-order sub at any of their locations. You have 7+ varieties of sandwiches available on a sub roll, bread or wrap or you may pick a ready-made sandwich. You can support our ministries while getting a discount on your sandwich! See Carol.

**MEDICINE BOTTLE COLLECTION:** We send prescription pill bottles to clinics in poor countries. *Please remove all labels and sticky residue.* A basket is under the table as you enter the Sanctuary.

**LONG MEMORIAL FREE GROCERIES** for those in need every week through their Friday Night Food Ministry at 6pm. You can drive up and receive groceries to help support you through the week. *Volunteers needed.*

**FAITH UMC WORSHIP TEAM:** Do you sing, play an instrument, and make a joyful noise to the Lord? If so, please **join the Faith Singers every Wednesday at 6:00 PM** to learn and rehearse the worship music.

**WEST DISTRICT CONFERENCE: Sunday, May 5 at 2:00 PM at Ruhl's UMC.**

**PRE-ANNUAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION SESSION: Via Zoom Wednesday, May 8 at 2 p.m. or 7 p.m.** Check out the [AC2024 webpage](#) to see the agenda and more information .

**2024 EPA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, May 21-23**, at Wildwoods Convention Center. To see the agenda, hotel options and other information, visit the [AC2024 webpage](#). Volunteers are needed to serve as an usher, minute taker or tellers. If you are interested in being an equalizing lay delegate please contact Pastor Jason or DS Freymoyer.

**OREGON COMMUNITY YARD SALE & CHICKEN BBQ on May 11** from 8AM-1PM at OCUMC.

**OREGON COMMUNITY UMC 150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMUNITY CELEBRATION on June 22** from 2-6PM ending with a 6PM Worship Service and Dessert Reception. There will be games and activities for kids and adults, a bounce house, food, and a worship service to celebrate 150 years of service in the community.



**SUMMER CAMP: REGISTER TO ATTEND A UMC CAMP THIS SUMMER—OR VOLUNTEER AS A COUNSELOR / SUPPORT STAFF.** Visit <https://www.epaumc.org/ministry/camp-retreat> for more information or visit each camp's website. **Families with campers in need of financial support should contact the church office.**

**COMMUNITY AID will donate \$.13 to Faith UMC for every pound of clothing, shoes, electronic, toys, & household goods (excluding furniture) donated** at 31 Rohrerstown Road Mon-Sat, 9AM-6PM. **Tell staff to credit Non-profit partner #10221 - Faith UMC.** Write or tape partner number on bags/boxes.

#### ONGOING EVENTS:

##### **Sundays**

Adult Sunday School, 9:00 AM – **NO meeting April 28**  
Worship, 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary and Facebook Live  
Junior Church during 10:30 AM worship  
Youth Group at Faith, 5-7 PM

##### **1st Sundays**

Communion offered during worship service, followed by refreshments

##### **Mondays**

GriefShare Group - Every other Monday, 5:00-6:30 PM at Faith UMC  
Chatting Club *via Zoom*, 6:30 PM

##### **Tuesdays**

Nar-Anon - Every other Tuesday, 7:00-9:00 PM at Faith UMC

##### **Wednesdays**

Bible Study at Oregon Community UMC, 6:30PM

Worship Team Practice, 6:00 PM

##### **Thursdays**

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

##### **Fridays**

Bible Study led by Pastor Jason, 10:00 AM

##### **1st & 3rd Saturdays**

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

##### **1st Saturdays**

Servant Saturday

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

##### **Tuesday, Apr 23**

**Primary Election** – Faith UMC is a polling place, 7 AM to 8 PM

**Soup & Sandwich Sale, 11 AM to 1 PM & 4 PM to 6 PM**

Trustees meeting, 6:00 PM

**Faith-ful Volunteers Tea Reception, 11:45 AM**

GriefShare Group - Every other Monday from 5:00 to 6:30 PM

Chatting Club *via Zoom*, 6:30 PM

##### **Thursday, Apr 25**

Lancaster County National Day of Prayer, 6:15 PM at Calvary Church

##### **Sunday, April 28**

West District Conference at Ruhl's UMC, 2:00 PM

##### **Monday, Apr 29**

Pre-Annual Conference Information Session *via Zoom*, 2:00 or 7:00 PM

##### **Wednesday, May 8**

**Bingo Night at Faith UMC, 6:00 to 8:00 PM**

##### **Friday, May 10**

Eastern PA Annual Conference in Wildwood, NJ

##### **Tu-Th, May 21-23**

**Neighborhood Yard Sale, 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM – Reserve a space**

##### **Saturday, May 25**

**Dog Wash, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

##### **Saturday, June 8**

**Operation Overboard VBS, 6:00 to 8:00 PM**

##### **M-F, July 22-26**

**WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, April 28 are:**

GREETERS: John & Priscilla Rice

USHERS: John Rice & Jake Ruhl

LITURGIST: Drew Hassara

CHILDREN'S TIME: Amy Boughter

JUNIOR CHURCH: Lisa Baker & Colette Borden

YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason & David Ryan