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 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

Daryl Hawthorne – healing after foot surgery

Terry Kofroth – healing

Janet Charles – healing after back surgery

Phyllis Miller – Congestive Heart Failure

Ron Lunn – healing after a fall

Pastoral transitions for Long Memorial, Emmanuel and Salem: Rothsville UMC

Bishop Schol, DS Freymoyer & EPAUMC Staff Laity and Clergy of the UMC

The UMC, Conference Delegates & Bishops as they return from General Conference & provide leadership & communication on decisions

For unity & love in the church universal & the UMC Twin baby boys in foster care with Jason & Julie Paul (Jake's nephew) – healing for heart & kidneys Charles Parmer & family on the passing of Donna

OUR PRAISES:

Pastor Hedwige Mutwale coming to serve 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



Welcome

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Faith United Methodist Church



May 12, 2024 at 10:30 AM – 7th Sunday of Easter, Ascension Sunday & Mother's Day

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 worshiping 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

Easter people, raise your voices, for you belong to the Risen Christ!

We belong to Christ, and so we share in Christ together.

Just as we share in Christ together, so we are called to share Christ with the world.

We share Christ by proclaiming the good news of God's love to the world.

How will you share God's love with the world?

By loving, respecting, and honoring our neighbors, especially those the world neglects, overlooks, and ignores.

Easter people, you belong to the Risen Christ!

Because we belong to Christ, we will share Christ's love and belonging everywhere we go.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, January 2023

*HYMN To God Be the Glory UMH #98

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 1
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

*HYMN All Heaven Declares Michelle Bame
*MSFPW2 #58

SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Bob Rodgers

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 1 John 5:9-13 Bob Rodgers

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

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

UMH #895

*HYMN What a Friend We Have in Jesus UMH #526

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 17:6-19 Bob Rodgers

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

SERMON We Share Christ Pastor Jason

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH Pastor Jason

*HYMN O Jesus, I Have Promised UMH #396

* 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 1st 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 in the hall or by contacting Pastor Jason. NO meeting May 12 due to Mother's Day. Enjoy time with family. Sign up to help at the yard sale on May 25.

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. 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 May 13 & June 3. 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=cEVDeDljeThaaWVlYjlQWmZjTm5oUT09.

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

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY at 10 AM in Faith UMC Fellowship Hall. No Bible Study May 24

THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. Next meeting: May 16 at 5:30 PM (3rd Thursdays). 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=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVIVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09

IN NEED OF HELP? Contact Pastor Jason, 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 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 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 for a link to sign up.

THANK YOU to every one of you who donated your time, money, and items to the Pendacheko Family. Of all the items on the list of things they needed to set up housekeeping, we collected EVERYTHING but alarm clocks! All the furniture, kitchen supplies, linens, cleaning products, everything! You are an amazing, generous, giving congregation, and SMO (Shepherding, Missions, & Outreach Committee) thanks you from the bottom of our hearts!

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

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 weekly income of \$4,000 per week toward the regular budget and the debt reduction combined. We are currently averaging only \$3312 in income, including fundraisers. 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 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.

2024 EPA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, May 21-23, at Wildwoods Convention Center. To see the agenda, hotel options and other information, visit the <u>AC2024 webpage</u>, 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 UMC 150th 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 OR VOLUNTEER AS A COUNSELOR / SUPPORT STAFF. Visit https://www.epaumc.org/ministry/camp-retreat for more info. 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

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

Junior Church during 10:30 AM worship

Youth Group at Faith, 5-7 PM – NO meeting May 12 due to Mother's Day

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:

Thursday, May 16

Monday, May 13 GriefShare Group - Every other Monday from 5:00 to 6:30 PM

Chatting Club via Zoom, 6:30 PM

Scrapbook Crop Planning meeting, 6:30 PM Senior Men's Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30 AM

Church & Society meeting via Zoom, 5:30 PM

Saturday, May 18 Visioning meeting, 8:00 to 11:00 AM

Sunday, May 19 Pentecost Sunday WEAR RED to worship as we remember the Holy Spirit

pouring out on the people

Tu-Th, May 21-23 Eastern PA Annual Conference in Wildwood, NJ

Friday, May 24 NO BIBLE STUDY on May 24

Saturday, May 25 Neighborhood Yard Sale, 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM – Reserve a space

Thursday, May 30 Church Council meeting, 6:00 PM

Saturday, June 1 Church-wide Work Day – help the Trustees, 8:00 AM to noon Monday, June 3 GriefShare Group - Every other Monday from 5:00 to 6:30 PM

Chatting Club via Zoom, 6:30 PM

Wednesday, June 5
Ladies' Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30 AM
SPRC meeting, 6:00 PM (also July 18)
Dog Wash, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

M-F, July 22-26 Operation Overboard VBS, 6:00 to 8:00 PM

WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, May 19 are:

GREETERS/USHERS: Sydney Dohring & Alan Strait

LITURGIST: Lisa Baker

CHILDREN'S TIME: Pastor Jason

JUNIOR CHURCH: Gwen Newell & Carol Kennedy YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason & volunteer needed