

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)
Angela, Maria and Becky – 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

Those with cancer: Cyndi Campbell, Dean Grove,
Mark Reitzel, Kerry Link, Duane Lehman, Lori,
Ruthie, Martin Campbell, Ben Neideigh,
Harmony Chiccarine, Grandma Edwards, Nat,
Tina Miller, Carl Derr, Dorcas Kamanda,
Cynthia (from NJ), Jim Royer, Adam Malik,
Carol Bryner (Allen K's sister), Joan (Nancy's
sister-in-law), Benedicta Fair (Romanita's Aunt),
Richard Stauffer (Tina's brother)

Shirley Gehr – healing
The Jackson Family
Robyn Meckley – healing
Linda Weber - healing
Terry & Margie Urban & family – housing & health
Michael Herr (Steph Edward's dad) – medical tests
Terry Kofroth – healing
Rev. Dorcas – eyes, cancer surgery, & Sierra Leone
Gail's cancer–friend of Sandy
Ruthie & Gary with Dementia – friends of Amy
Brenda, Dave and Mike Loechner – health
Bob Perkowski – shoulder & neurosurgery on back
Renia Perkowski – healing after pain stim. surgery
Tracy and Eddie Dean (Pastor Jason's cousins) for
healing from foot surgery and broken leg
George (Ella Buchanan's brother) – health
Jason & Julie Perkowski & their 3 foster boys
Tracey – follow up reports on a tumor
Deb Stauffer – healing from pneumonia
Diana Valentine – bone infection in foot
Kevin Bodder – healing from work accident
Carol Dronke – upcoming surgery
The Hackman Family after fire and death
Vickie - neurological issues & GI issues
Rev. Sally Ott - upcoming spinal surgery
Janice (Buni's sister) healing from infection
Steve Valente – healing of broken hand

OUR PRAISES:

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
The Promise of Heaven
God is in control & walks with us through everything
*Please submit prayer needs, praises, & updates by
note or email to the office: faithumc@hotmail.com*



Welcome

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February 18, 2024 at 10:30 AM – 1st Sunday in Lent

WELCOME: For forty days, Jesus wandered the wilderness in prayer and fasting in preparation for his ministry. We gather this morning as part of our journey to follow Jesus more closely and to prepare ourselves for remembering his death and resurrection at Easter. We are so glad that you have joined us on the path. 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. Together, we listen to hear God speak to us anew as individuals and as community.

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

Lenten travelers, when you feel the security of God's love, affirmation of God's call, and covered in God's grace... **God comes near.**

When you feel deserted and alone, starving and parched for a caring hand or an encouraging word, troubled and uncertain as the ground under you shifts like sand... **God comes near.**

When you feel emboldened to act, inspired to speak, energized to live as bearers of the good news that the Kingdom of God is here... **God comes near.**

In all seasons of our lives, God comes near to us and does not forsake us. **We gather to come near to God whose ever-present love remains near no matter where our journey takes us. Amen.**

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

*HYMN

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

UMH #269

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 9:8-17

Michelle Bame

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Jason

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 25:1-10

Michelle Bame

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OUR OFFERINGS OF PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS

Pastor Jason

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

*Offertory Prayer

*HYMN

O Jesus, I Have Promised

UMH #396

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Peter 3:18-22

Michelle Bame

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

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

UMH #895

*HYMN

When Jesus Came to Jordan

UMH #252

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 1:9-15

Michelle Bame

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

SERMON

Has Come Near

Pastor Jason

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Pastor Jason

*HYMN

Take Time to Be Holy

UMH #395

* 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 are dinner, games & a lesson. Sign up to be the 2nd adult and/or to provide a meal. For more info or to help, please contact Pastor Jason. **The next Gretna Glen trip is TODAY (3:30-7 PM).**

GRIEFSHARE GROUP to help people find support and process the loss of loved ones meets every other Monday from 5-6 PM at Faith UMC. **Next Meetings: February 19 & March 3.**

CHATTING on Mondays at 6:30 PM: This member-led, discussion group meets online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518?pwd=cEVDeDljeThaaWVlYjIjQWmZjTm5oUT09>.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY at Oregon Community UMC, 6:30 PM. *No meeting on February 21.*

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: March 21 at 5:30 PM (3rd Thursdays).** **These sessions are by Zoom only at:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82735304374?pwd=eDBSZHRZCVphSnh2TENDZ0xrdG0vQT09>. To learn more, contact Renee Norman. **Roadmap For Justice: POWER Interfaith Convention** in Harrisburg on **Monday, Feb 19 from 11:30AM-4PM.** *The link takes you to online registration.* To be a part of the team working on **Criminal Justice & Bail Reform**, join the us online at Noon every Wednesday: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVlXQwUk5LR2VFOT09>

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 and address labels in the hall. 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. There are also complete sets of labels in small bags pinned to the bulletin board.

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.

MERCY CHEFS' JOHN CAULEY + PRAISE & WORSHIP NIGHT at Mt Zion: Narvon on Fri, March 1, 6:30pm. Mercy Chefs is a faith based non-profit disaster and humanitarian relief organization providing professionally prepared, restaurant quality meals to victims, volunteers and first responders in natural disasters and emergencies. We will be having a goodwill offering which will benefit Mercy Chefs to further their worldwide humanitarian effort. Worship Music will be provided by John 3:16 (the Mt. Zion Worship Team) and Ava Hartman who is a young guitar player and vocalist. Mt Zion UMC is located at 753 Mt Zion Road, Narvon, PA 17555.

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORMS are in mailboxes & hallway. To beautify the sanctuary and have bulbs to plant in your own yard after Easter, return the order form and payment to the office mailbox **by February 25th.**

TOOLS FOR MINISTRY: Feb. 24 from 8AM-Noon at Salem UMC, 140 N Penn St, Manheim, PA 17545. Registration and workshop descriptions are at: <https://member.gnjumc.org/default.aspx?page=3354&event=1345>
Mark your calendar now! There are workshops for leaders who serve as Trustees, on Finance, Church Council, SPRC, etc. There is also training on ministry for Seniors and Youth, how to get grants and low-cost technology, creative outreach, etc. **Register ASAP! It is only \$5 and you get two workshops and light refreshments.**

SPAGHETTI DINNER TONIGHT, 5-7 PM: Dinner will be spaghetti (gluten-free available) with meat sauce, a salad, bread, & a sweet treat. There is also a meatless sauce option available. **Pay what you want.** Donations may be made on our website, www.FaithUMC.us under “Online Giving,” or you can make a donation when you pick up your meal. All donations support the ministries of the church.

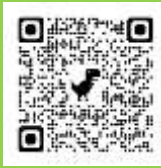
BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY AND EGG HUNT! We are celebrating Spring and the good news that Christ has risen! Come and join in the celebrations on **Saturday, March 16th from 8:00 to 10:30 AM with Egg Hunts at 8:30, 9:30 & 10:30 AM.** We will be serving a hot breakfast to enjoy in our dining room or for take-out. Breakfast will include pancakes and sausage with various toppings. Gluten free option available! **Cost is by donation.** The Easter Bunny will be available for photos. **Please donate plastic eggs and stickers or candy to fill them. NO small toys.**

LITITZ DAY OF PRAYER: Fri., March 1, 2024 at 7PM with music at 6:30 pm. St. Paul Lutheran Church, 200 W Orange St, Lititz. Featured Speaker: William Zee, attorney. A free-will offering will be taken in support of Warwick Release Time Program. Special Music by: Lititz Moravian Trombone Choir & St James Folk Group.

THANK YOU for your faithful giving toward our ministries through your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness! Our church is growing in attendance for worship, Bible Studies and ministries. New people are exploring how they can connect with us. Thank you for being such a welcoming and loving congregation!

While we ended 2023 in strong financial shape, **we do need to be faithful in giving each week in order to meet our obligations and have the resources to maintain and expand our ministries.** We need gifts toward the General Ministry and Debt Reduction for the mortgage. Please prayerfully consider how you can help.

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.



MEDICINE BOTTLE COLLECTION PROJECT: We are sending empty prescription pill bottles to clinics in underprivileged countries that use them to provide medication. **Please remove all labels and sticky residue.** There is a collection basket 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.*

COMMUNITY MEAL: People in need may pick up a **Grab ‘n Go Meal at Zion Lutheran Church in East Petersburg every Monday.** Several churches in the area support this ministry. **Faith UMC provides fifty Grab ‘n Go Meals quarterly.** *Contact Carol Kennedy if you are interested in participating in this ministry.*

FAITH UMC WORSHIP TEAM: Do you sing, play an instrument, and make a joyful noise to the Lord? If so, then we have an opportunity for you! **Join the Faith Singers every Sunday at 9:00 AM** to learn and rehearse the worship music. We will welcome you with open arms, open hearts, and open voices.

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 – 6 pm. **Tell staff to credit Non-profit partner #10221 - Faith UMC.** Write or tape partner number on bags/boxes.

PASTOR JASON ON HALF-TIME PATERNITY LEAVE UNTIL EASTER: He will continue to preach, lead the Youth Ministry & Grief Share, teach Bible2School & Friday Bible Study, and provide pastoral care. **If committees want Pastor Jason to attend meetings, contact him in advance. For pastoral needs, call, email or text with a detailed message. He will primarily be available when the boys are in school.** Sundays are focused on worship service and youth ministry. **9am-3pm Monday-Thursdays are the best time to reach him.**

ONGOING EVENTS:

Sundays

Adult Sunday School, 9:00 AM
Worship Team Practice, 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 (Gretna Glen on Feb 18)
Communion offered during worship service, followed by refreshments
GriefShare Group - Every other Monday, 5:00-6:00 PM at Faith UMC.
Chatting Club *via Zoom*, 6:30 PM

1st Sundays

Mondays

Tuesdays

Wednesdays

Thursdays

Fridays

1st & 3rd Saturdays

1st Saturdays

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, Feb 18

Monday, Feb 19

Spaghetti Dinner, 5:00 -7:00 PM

Roadmap For Justice: POWER Interfaith Convention in Harrisburg
GriefShare Group - Every other Monday from 5:00 to 6:00 PM
Chatting Club *via Zoom*, 6:30 PM

Thursday, Feb 22

Saturday, Feb 24

Friday, March 1

Monday, Mar 4

Trustees meeting, 6:00 PM

TOOLS FOR MINISTRY at Salem UMC, Manheim, 8AM-Noon

Mercy Chefs & Worship Night at Mt. Zion & Lititz Day of Prayer at St. Paul

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

Chatting Club *via Zoom*, 6:30 PM

Ladies' Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30 AM – RSVP to Sandy Patschke

Finance Team meeting, 6:00 PM

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny 8:00 to 10:30 AM

with Egg Hunts at 8:30, 9:30 & 10:30

Senior Men's Lunch, 11:30 AM

Church & Society meeting *via Zoom*, 5:30 PM

Maundy Thursday Service at Salem UMC: Rothsville, 7:00 PM

Good Friday Service at Long Memorial UMC: Neffsville, Noon

Good Friday Service at Faith UMC, 7:00 PM

Easter Sunrise Service at Oregon Community, 6:30 AM + Easter Services

WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, Feb 25 are:

GREETERS: Lisa Baker & Marilyn Jones

USHERS: Lisa Baker & Jake Ruhl

LITURGIST: Terry Urban

CHILDREN'S TIME: Michelle Bame

JUNIOR CHURCH: Gwen Newell & Brenden Edwards

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