

PRAYER REQUESTS:

OUR CONCERNS:

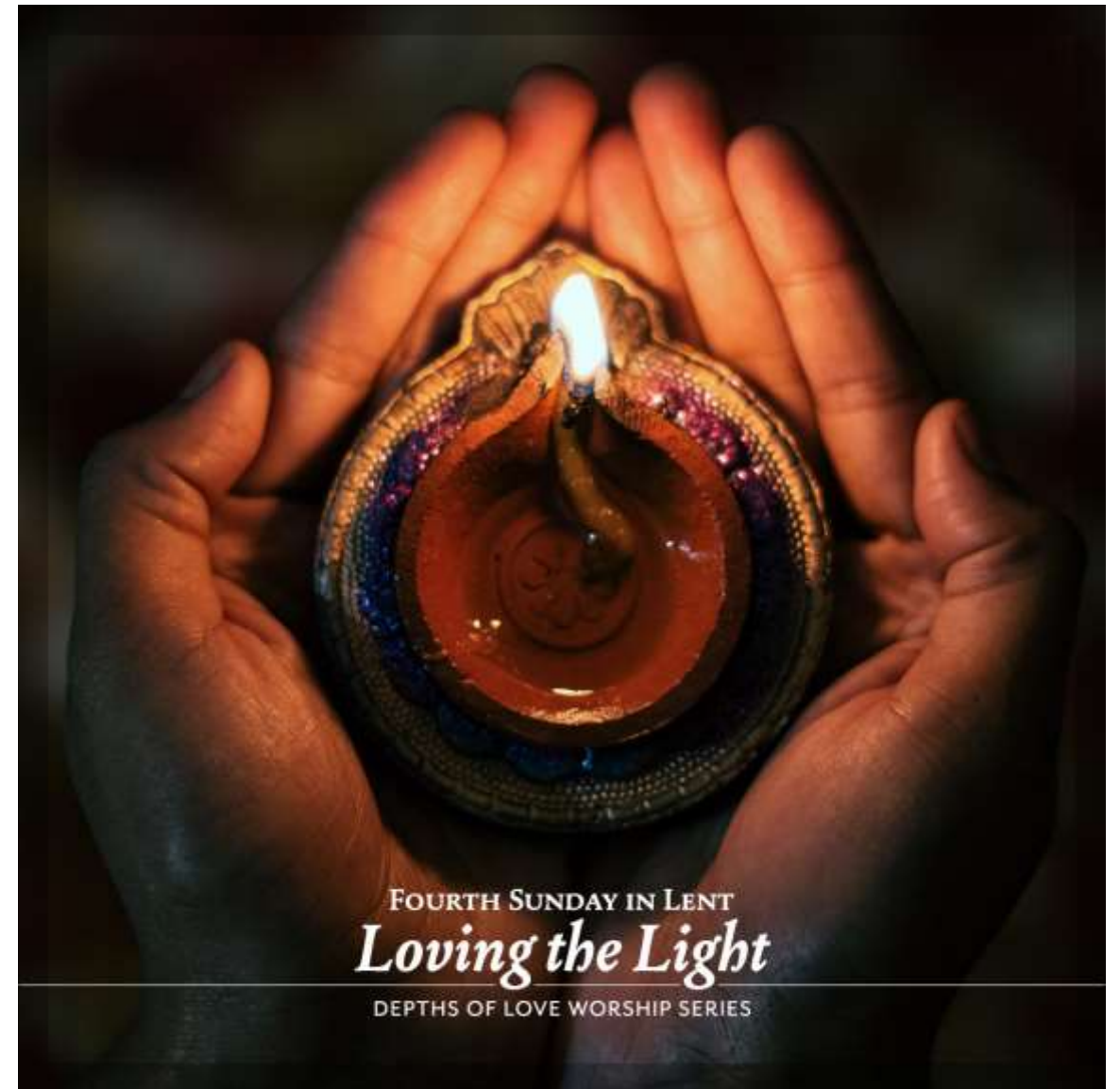
Peace in Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine
For peace & wisdom in areas of conflict
Wisdom & safety for government officials globally
President Joe Biden and VP Kamala Harris
Healthy and gentle campaigns and election process
Veterans and Service Members
Civilians, leaders, and soldiers in war torn regions
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
Shirley Gehr – healing

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)

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 – healing from neurosurgery on neck
Renia Perkowski – healing after pain stim. surgery
Tracy & Eddie Dean – from foot & leg surgeries
Denny Armstrong – kidney failure
Brent Rollins – series of strokes
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
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 - spinal surgery
Janice (Buni's sister) healing from infection
Steve Valente – healing of broken hand
TJ (Buni's granddaughter) relief from stress
Daryl Hawthorne – healing after foot surgery
Bob Rodgers on the passing of his father, Richard
Jakob Perkowski – healing from concussion

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
Diana Valentine – gratitude for healing
*Please submit prayer needs, praises, & updates by
note or email to the office: faithumc@hotmail.com*



FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
Loving the Light

DEPTHS OF LOVE WORSHIP SERIES

Welcome

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Faith United Methodist Church



March 10, 2024 at 10:30 AM – 4th Sunday in Lent & UMCOR Sunday

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, the journey is long. Let us take a moment to rest and breathe. **Only in God do we find our rest.**

Sometimes the road is easy, and we bask in the warmth of the Light who guides us.

Other times the road is hard, and we hide from the Light, afraid for our actions to be made known in public.

Somedays we delight in the joy of journeying together on this road.

Other days we struggle with the temptation to judge and condemn one another as we travel this path.

Today, let us come into the Light together as we learn to love God and one another through the twists and turns of our Lenten journey. **Come, let us worship God together! Amen.**

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

*HYMN

God Is Here

UMH #660

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Numbers 21:4-9

Buni Harbison

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Michelle Bame

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22

Buni Harbison

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

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

Pastor Jason

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

*Offertory Prayer

*HYMN

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

UMH #206

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 2:1-10

Buni Harbison

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

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

UMH #895

*HYMN

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

UMH #297

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 3:14-21

Buni Harbison

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

SERMON

Loving the Light

Pastor Jason

*HYMN

Grace Greater than Our Sin

UMH #365 v. 1-3

RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP

UMH #35-39

Jared Howry, Ramonita Maldonado, Kathy & Mike Oberholtzer

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Pastor Jason

*HYMN

Grace Greater than Our Sin

UMH #365 v. 4

Join us after the service today for refreshments and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall

** 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 to provide a meal. For more info or to help, please contact Pastor Jason. **The next Gretna Glen trip is March 17 (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: March 18 & April 1. April 1 will be the beginning of a new series of 13 classes (spread across 26 weeks) using new materials. If you or someone you know is interested in joining as we start the new series, please contact Pastor Jason.**

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.

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).** We will discuss the Feb 7, LNP article, "Immigrants Make US a Stronger, Richer Nation." There are printed copies in the hall. **These sessions are by Zoom only at:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82735304374?pwd=eDBSZHRCZVphSnh2TENDZ0xrdG0vQT09>. To learn more, contact Renee Norman. To be a part of the team working on **Criminal Justice & Bail Reform**, join us online at Noon every Wednesday: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVXQWUk5LR2VFQT09>

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.

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.

UMCOR SUNDAY is March 10. Gifts given on UM Committee on Relief Sunday strengthen The United Methodist Church's global humanitarian response to urgent needs and disasters by underwriting UMCOR's administrative costs so the agency can use 100% of Advance funds where they are needed most in the world.

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 **Sat., March 16th from 8-10:30 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 includes pancakes & sausage with various toppings. Gluten free option available! **Cost is by donation.** The Easter Bunny will be available for photos. **Volunteer signup sheets are in the hall or contact the office.**

DRAMATIC READINGS FOR GOOD FRIDAY @ 7PM: If you are interested in doing a dramatic performance on Good Friday portraying one of the people who experienced Jesus in his last days, contact Pastor Jason, ASAP. You will be given a script to prepare for the evening service on March 29.

CHURCH WORLD SERVICES has asked us to help sponsor a family of nine arriving from the Republic of the Congo on March 12th. They need help transporting people and luggage from the Lancaster Airport to the Rodeway Inn on the Lititz Pike. They will also need groceries to get them started. There is a signup sheet in the hall to provide food items. Please contact Diana if you are willing to provide transportation or have other questions.

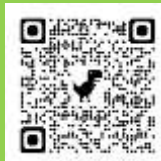
THE LANCASTER FAMILY YMCA 69th ANNUAL GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST will be held Friday, March 29 at The Farm and Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, PA @ 7:30 AM. Doors open at 7 AM. The speaker will be The Rev. Jennifer Mattson from Saint Thomas Episcopal Church in Lancaster, PA, along with live music and a buffet-style breakfast. Tickets are \$20 per person and are required. They may be purchased online at [Registration Options \(donorperfect.net\)](https://donorperfect.net). *Tickets are NOT available at the door.*

COLLECTING ITEMS FOR YARD SALE: We can always use donations for the Youth Group tables at the yard sale held here at Faith on May 26. 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 room. Thank you.

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!

We need each person in the congregation to prayerfully consider how you can contribute to our ministries. *Giving in the first two months has NOT met the average giving needed for the year.* While this sometimes happens—with larger gifts coming later in the year, **we need to maintain a regular offering of about \$4,000 per week toward the regular budget and the debt reduction combined.**

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-Z370/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: 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.

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.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE 2024 EPA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, May 21-23, at Wildwoods Convention Center. To see the agenda, hotel options and other information, visit the [AC2024 webpage](#), which will be updated as more information becomes available. Also, volunteers are needed for the 2024 Annual Conference. Please complete and submit the form provided to serve as an usher, minute taker or tellers. See descriptions on the [Volunteers Needed](#) webpage. Church delegates and equalizing lay delegates should sign up ASAP. If you are interested in being an equalizing lay delegate please contact Pastor Jason or District Superintendent Freymoyer.

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, 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 Mar 17)

1st Sundays Communion offered during worship service, followed by refreshments

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

Tuesdays Bible2School in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Nar-Anon - Every other Tuesday, 7:00-9:00 PM at Faith UMC

Wednesdays Bible2School in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Bible Study at Oregon Community UMC, 6:30PM
Worship Team Practice, 6:00 PM - **NEW TIME**

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:

Wednesday, Mar 6 Ladies' Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30 AM – RSVP to Sandy Patschke
Thursday, Mar 14 Finance Team meeting, 6:00 PM
Saturday, Mar 16 **Breakfast with the Easter Bunny 8:00 to 10:30 AM**
with Egg Hunts at 8:30, 9:30 & 10:30 AM

Monday, Mar 18 GriefShare Group - Every other Monday from 5:00 to 6:00 PM
Chatting Club *via Zoom*, 6:30 PM

Thursday, Mar 21 Senior Men's Lunch, at Oregon Dairy 11:30 AM – RSVP to Mike Bitner
Church & Society meeting *via Zoom*, 5:30 PM

Thursday, Mar 28 **Maundy Thursday Service at Salem UMC: Rothsville, 6:30 PM NEW TIME**

Friday, Mar 29 **Good Friday Service at Long Memorial UMC: Neffsville, Noon**
Good Friday Service at Faith UMC, 7:00 PM

Sunday, Mar 31 **Easter Sunrise Service at Oregon Community, 6:30 AM**
Easter Services at Oregon Community at 9:00 AM & Faith at 10:30 AM

WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, March 17 are:

GREETERS/ USHERS: **volunteers needed**

LITURGIST: Buni Harbison

CHILDREN'S TIME: Pastor Jason

JUNIOR CHURCH: Lisa Baker & Julie Perkowski

YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason & Allyson Hayes