

PRAYER REQUESTS:

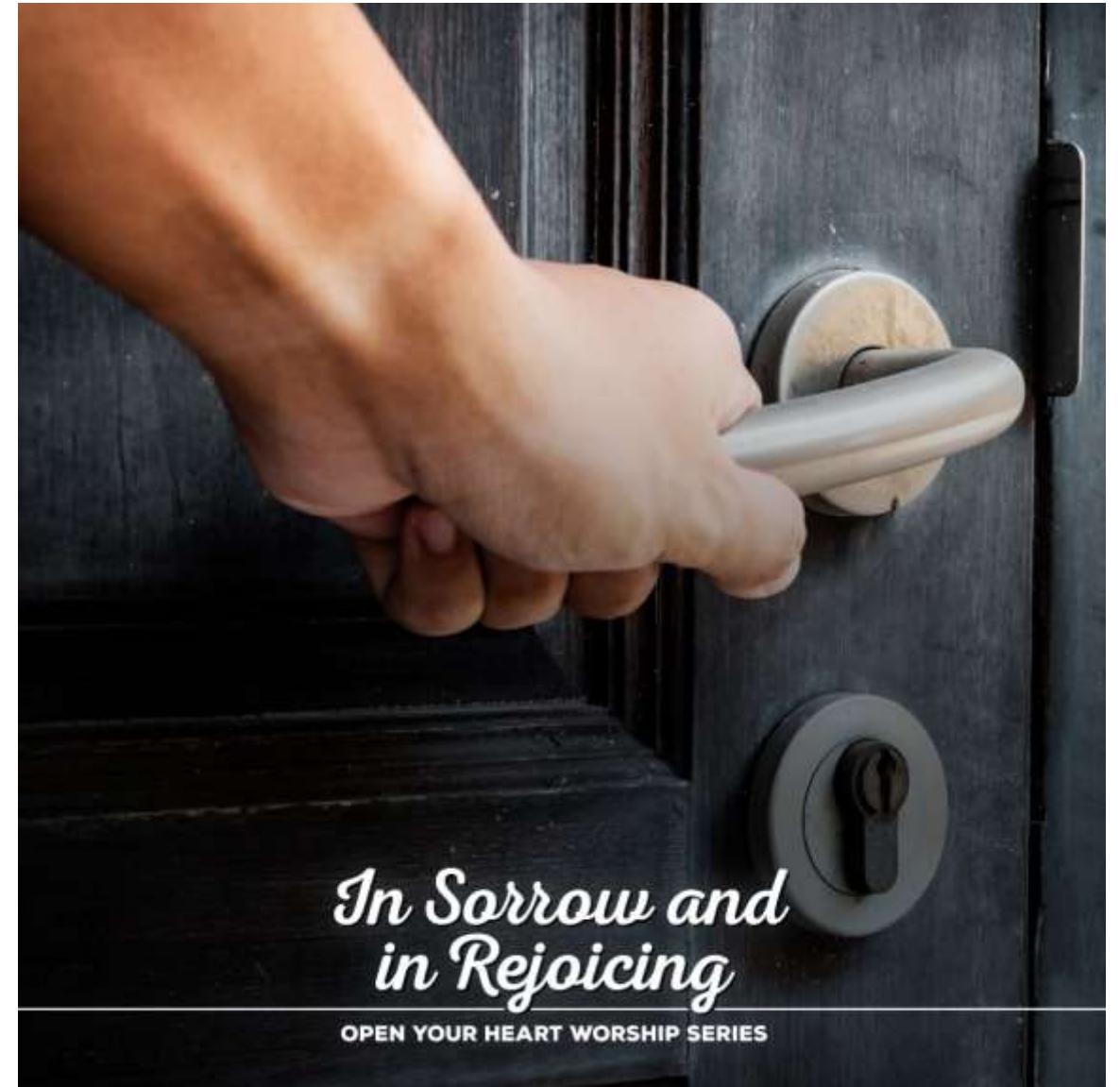
OUR CONCERNS:

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
Jake Ruhl – hip and shoulder pain
Shirley Gehr – healing
Tracey – follow up reports on a tumor
The Jackson Family
Robyn Meckley – healing
Linda Weber - 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), Isaias Maldonado
(Ramonita's Uncle), Missy Landis; Gail (friend
of Sandy), Hector Rosado
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
Deb Stauffer – healing from pneumonia
Carol Dronke – upcoming surgery
Daryl Hawthorne – healing after foot surgery
Terry Kofroth – healing
Phyllis Miller – Congestive Heart Failure
Bob Miller – pain and heart problems
Pastoral transitions for Long Memorial, Emmanuel
and Salem: Rothsville UMC
Bishop Schol, DS Freymoyer & EPAUMC Staff
Laity and Clergy of the UMC
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
Lexi Compton – treatment for tumor on spine
Owen Charles – Infant of Sami & Brian heart
condition
Boughter family on the passing of Theron's mother &
father
Brayden Link – medical tests
Brian – healing
Donald Campbell – infection and heart concerns
Lorraine Smith – Surgery for thyroid cancer
Dolly Bankert – severely bruised knee

OUR PRAISES:

Pastor Hedwige Mutwale Mukalay coming to serve
New friends joining us for worship each week
Love and support of Faith UMC Family
Grace and forgiveness
Beautiful flowers in bloom
The Promise of Heaven
God's loving presence in the midst of struggles
*Please submit prayer needs, praises, & updates by
note or email to the office: faithumc@hotmail.com*



*In Sorrow and
in Rejoicing*

OPEN YOUR HEART WORSHIP SERIES

Welcome

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June 23, 2024 at 10:30 AM – 5th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME: God is beyond our understanding but comes to us in many different ways to be revealed so that we may know the love of God more. May the Spirit of God inspire & fill us as we worship together today! 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!

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

Beloved, when sorrow and hardship abound and events across an ocean and down the block shake our resolve and make us question what good the good news is evening doing, God calls to us... **Open your heart.** When fear and misinformation infiltrate our relationships, and we don't know who to trust or how to do the next right thing, God calls to us... **Open your heart.**

When joy overflows, and we witness the fruit of grace all around us, transforming our lives and our communities into places of connection and flourishing, God calls to us... **Open your heart.**

May this time of worship be for each of us a time to listen to God's call to open our hearts and accept the divine invitation to say yes to the work of grace in us, among us, and all around us.

God, we open our hearts to receive your gift of grace, knowing you hold us securely in the palm of your hands that we might have the courage to live in vulnerable community with you and one another. Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, April 2024

*HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

UMH #577

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Samuel 17: 4, 8-9, 32-49

John Rice

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Michelle Bame

*HYMN

It Is Well with My Soul

UMH #377

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 9:9-20

John Rice

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

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

UMH #895

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 4:35-41

John Rice

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

*HYMN

Be Still My Soul

UMH #534

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

John Rice

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

SERMON

In Sorrow and in Rejoicing

Pastor Jason

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Pastor Jason

*HYMN

Through It All

UMH #507

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

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

Guest Musicians: Jody & Anthony Wiker

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. Any students are invited to join us—you don't have to be a member of one of our churches. Sign up to be the 2nd adult and/or provide a meal in the hall or by contacting Pastor Jason. **June 30 we have a 2nd adult, but need a volunteer to bring a meal. NOW THAT IT IS SUMMER, THOSE ENTERING 5TH GRADE IN THE FALL ARE INVITED TO START ATTENDING YOUTH GROUP!! WELCOME!**

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 July 1 & 15.** This is open to the church and community. Contact Pastor Jason for more info or to register.

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: July 18 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=K2ZtZGQOLzBOelVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>

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.

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.**

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.

CALLING ALL KIDS AGES 4-10!!! Vacation Bible School is July 22-26 from 6-8 PM. This year we are going on a deep-sea adventure – **Operation Overboard!** Come and join us for a fun-filled week of skits, games, music, crafts, and snacks. We will meet people of deep faith from both the Old & New Testaments as we invite you into a deeper relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Sign up now: <https://forms.gle/aqZ6Hi75EUUo7ofN8> or visit our website and click the link in the events section. We can't wait to see you here!

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Adults & youth are invited to volunteer for **Operation Overboard VBS!** There is a sign-up sheet in the hall or contact Carol Kennedy for opportunities to serve, lead & have fun with children from our church and the community!

MANDATED REPORTER/SAFE SANCTUARIES TRAINING: You are required to attend this training *annually if you have any interaction with children, youth or vulnerable adults*. Please provide us with a certificate proving that you have done this training or plan to join us on **Monday, July 15 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm for training led by Pastor Jason —for youth & adults**. If you are not able to attend that day training sessions are available online.

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.



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**. The next time we provide a meal is July 8, *Contact Carol Kennedy if you are interested in participating in this ministry.*

THREADS OF FAITH: If you like to knit, sew, crochet or quilt, Faith UMC would like to invite you to Threads of Faith! Whether you are experienced or just learning, you are welcome to join us from 10am - Noon the first Saturday of each month for a time of fun and fellowship! Bring your sewing machines and supplies and work on your projects or start a new one while we chat and share talents in our brightly lit, spacious room with plenty of outlets! Our first gathering will be Saturday, August 3rd. Signups appreciated but walk-ins welcome! We look forward to meeting you all!

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.



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.**

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. *Please note: we are only able to use the smaller bottles that measure approximately 1.25 inches in diameter by 3 inches tall.*

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.

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.*

GENERAL CONFERENCE INFO: Here are some links that may be helpful for you to learn more about what happened at General Conference 2020 that was finally held in 2024. Discover Key Outcomes of the Historic 2024 General Conference: <https://www.resourceumc.org/en/content/general-conference-legislative-recap>. Talk to your congregation about the mission and ministry of The UMC: <https://www.resourceumc.org/en/content/talking-to-your-congregation-about-general-conference-2020>. Video overview: Experience General Conference and share it with others: <https://www.resourceumc.org/en/content/wrap-up-video-general-conference-2020>. If you have any other questions, feel free to contact Pastor Jason at jbperkowski@gmail.com or 717-333-9238. **Also note that Church Council is beginning the conversation about how we best inform the congregation about the details of these changes and if there is anything that we feel called to do in response here in our local context. Stay tuned for more information and opportunities for discussion.**

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
1st Sundays	Communion offered during worship service, followed by refreshments
Mondays	GriefShare Group - Every other Monday, 5:00-6:30 PM at Faith UMC
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, June 27	Trustees meeting, 6:00 PM
Monday, July 1	GriefShare Group - Every other Monday from 5:00 to 6:30 PM
Wednesday, July 3	Ladies’ Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30 AM
Monday July 8	Faith UMC provides Grab ‘N Go Meal at Zion Church, 9:15 AM prep Scrapbook Crop meeting, 6:30 pm
Thursday, July 11	Finance meeting, 6:00 PM
Saturday, July 13	VBS Prep, 9:00 AM
Monday, July 15	Mandated Reporter/Safe Sanctuaries Training, 6:30 PM
Thursday, July 18	Men’s Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30 AM Church & Society meeting via Zoom, 5:30 PM SPRC meeting, 6:00 PM
Saturday, July 20	VBS Prep, 9:00 AM
Sunday, July 21	VBS decorating, noon (lunch included)
M-F, July 22-26	Operation Overboard VBS, 6:00 to 8:00 PM
Sunday, July 28	Family Picnic, noon

WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, June 30 are:

GREETERS/USHERS: Janet & Beverly Charles

LITURGIST: Michelle Bame

CHILDREN’S TIME: Pastor Jason

JUNIOR CHURCH: Lisa Baker & Allen Kennedy

YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason & Ian Solodky – **Still need volunteer to provide a meal**