

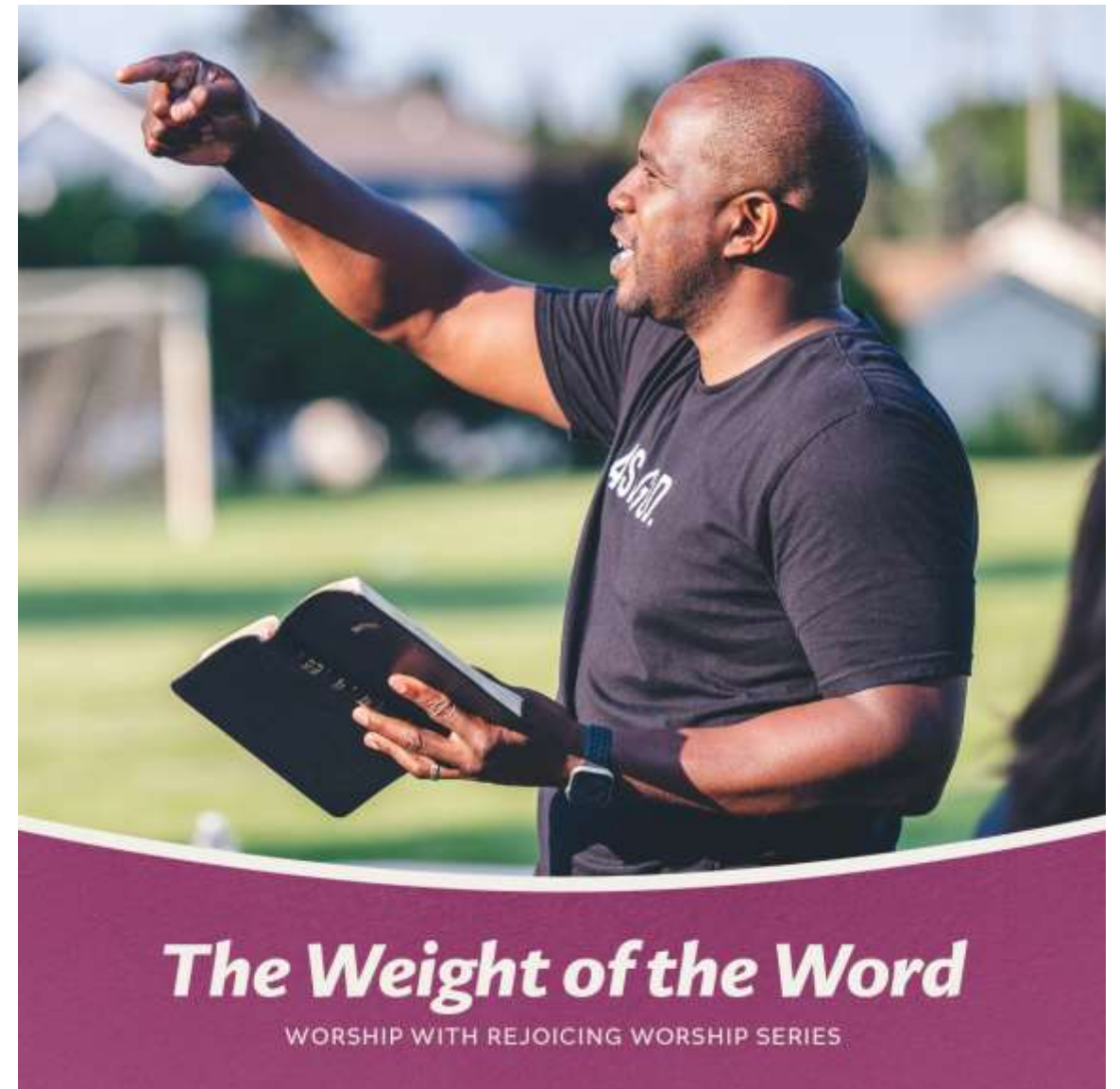
PRAYER REQUESTS:

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
For gentle and honest campaigns & election
Safety for Trump and Harris as they campaign
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
Reform for Education Funding, Criminal Justice,
and Foster Care Systems
Teachers, Students, Families & Campus ministries
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
Annette McClarigan – health, sons & family
Jean Neideigh – healing (MS)
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, Tim (Marilyn J's
nephew)
Terry & Margie Urban & family – housing & health
Ruthie & Gary with Dementia – friends of Amy
Brenda, Dave and Mike Loechner – health
Denny Armstrong – kidney failure
Deb Stauffer – healing from pneumonia
Carol Dronke – healing
Daryl Hawthorne – healing after shoulder surgery
Terry Kofroth – healing
Bob Miller – pain and heart problems
Bishop Schol, DS Freymoyer & EPAUMC Staff
Laity and Clergy of the UMC
For unity & love in the church universal & the UMC
Paul (Jake's nephew) – healing for heart & kidneys
Lexi Compton – treatment for tumor on spine (which
has shrunk 50% in size)
Boughter family
Brian – healing
Dolly Bankert – severely bruised knee
Ron Lunn – health issues and move to NJ
Joshua Bitner – Crohn's Disease
People who are unhoused in extreme heat
Rev. Dorcas's ministry in Sierra Leone and the death
of her husband Daniel
Bishop Cynthia Moore-KoiKoi who is appointed to
Eastern PA and Greater New Jersey Conferences
People whose properties were affected by the storms
Lorraine Smith – Bursitis
MaryAnn Unangst – healing
Dottie Sheaffer - healing

OUR PRAISES:
Pastor Hedwige Mutwale Mukalay's ministry
God's loving presence in the midst of struggles
Phyllis Miller - no Congestive Heart Failure
Donald Campbell – recovering well from kidney and
heart concerns
*Please submit prayer needs, praises, & updates by
note or email to the office: faithumc@hotmail.com*



The Weight of the Word

WORSHIP WITH REJOICING WORSHIP SERIES

Welcome

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Faith United Methodist Church



August 4, 2024 at 10:30 AM – 11th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME: Each Sunday we gather together to worship as a communal activity where individuals become one in the Christ. We learn of God together through Scripture and discernment. We support and pray for one another in the journey. We submit together to obey God's call on our lives. 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

Family of God, what is our story?

We are part of God's good creation, created and sustained by the Triune God.

Family of God, what is our story?

Though created by our loving God, we have sinned and harmed ourselves, one another, and creation.

Family of God, what is our story?

While we were yet sinners, God sent Jesus to show us how to turn away from sin & toward the love of God.

Family of God, what is our story?

We carry the weight of the Word in our hearts, our hands, and our voices, proclaiming with our lives the good news of God's love and the mercy of God's grace.

Family of God, this is our story and our song! **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

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

*HYMN

Take Time to Be Holy

UMH #395

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 14

Drew Hassara

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Amy Boughter

*HYMN

What Does the Lord Require

UMH #441

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Samuel 11:1-15, 25-27

Drew Hassara

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

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Pastor Jason

*HYMN

I Need Thee Every Hour

UMH #397

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Samuel 12:1-21

Drew Hassara

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

SERMON

The Weight of the Word

Pastor Jason

COMMUNION: CONFESSION, PARDON & PASSING THE PEACE

UMH #12-13

All are invited to the Lord's Table to receive God's forgiveness and grace through Communion

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

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH #13-14 & #895

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*HYMN

One Bread, One Body

UMH #15

*HYMN

Fill My Cup Lord

UMH #620

*HYMN

There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood

UMH #641

UMH #622

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. 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. **THOSE ENTERING 5TH GRADE 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 August 12 & 26.** This is open to the church and community. Contact Pastor Jason for more info or to register.

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: August 15 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 other Wed. (Aug 7 & 21): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQOLzBOelVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>. Reimagine Justice Lancaster meets online on opposite weeks at: <https://verainstitute.zoom.us/j/92512144651>

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.

PET PANTRY MISSION PROJECT: We are supporting the Pet Pantry of Lancaster Co. They are there for animals and their humans during their times of greatest need, providing lifesaving resources through caring community-driven programs. *See the Faith-a-Gram or the poster in the hall for their wish list and consider donating needed items.*

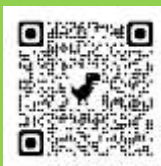
FAITH FRIENDSHIP MINISTRIES is a Faith based group home in Mountville, PA that houses adults with disabilities, especially severe mental illnesses. They need craft supplies for their activity department. As we are such a generous congregation, the missions committee said we would help! They are looking for the following supplies: t-shirts of all sizes, white baseball hats, tie dye supplies, stickers, holiday stickers, holiday craft supplies for all holidays, poster board, tissue paper, glitter, sequins, yarn, and any other craft supplies anyone wants to donate.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS are due August 30. The link and information are available at: <https://www.epaumc.org/charge-conferences/>. There are forms for SPRC, Church Council, Trustees, Finance Team, Auditors, and Lay Leaders to complete. Please contact Pastor Jason to get help accessing the reports that your committees are required to complete online in the Arena Software.

THANK YOU for your faithfulness to our ministries—through your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. As of July 9, giving and fundraisers for our **general ministries has raised \$89,146, with \$95,080 in expenses.** That **\$6,000 deficit is smaller than it was in May** when it was over \$9,000. So, we are making progress. Thankfully, due to generous end of year giving, we carried a surplus into 2024, which has enabled us to pay our expenses and still have funds in our general ministry account (\$17,697). We have also been able to raise **\$18,328** toward debt reduction to be used for our mortgage payments on the Fellowship Hall and Education Wing, and **that debt reduction account now has \$13,860** to be used for those bills after making our monthly payments throughout the year.

We need to maintain a regular weekly income of \$4,100 per week toward the regular budget and the debt reduction combined in order to meet our expenses without depleting the accounts. *We are currently averaging only \$3938 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](https://www.faihtumc.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.



THREADS OF FAITH: If you like to knit, sew, crochet or quilt, we would like to invite you to Threads of Faith! Whether experienced or just learning, you are welcome to join us from **10am - Noon the first Saturday of each month** for fun, fellowship and crafting! 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 next gathering will be Sat., Sept 7.** Signups appreciated but walk-ins welcome! We look forward to meeting you all!

SCRAPBOOKING EVENT at Faith UMC on Sat., Aug. 10, 2024 from 9AM-5PM: For \$25 you will have a 4 foot by 30 inch table space per person. We will provide assistance with transporting your scrapbook supplies from the car to the table when you arrive and back to the car at the end of the day. Food will be available for purchase. You can [REGISTER ONLINE](#) or by downloading [a copy of the form](#) to print and mail. **Register now!** *There is a signup sheet in the hall for volunteers to help with this event—or contact Michelle Bame (717)537-5064 or Jackie Black (717)572-1521.*

TAKE-OUT SPAGHETTI DINNER AUGUST 18, 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. *To pre-order sign up in the hall, call the church office at 717-560-0321 or email FaihtUMC@hotmail.com.* Pay what you want. Donations may be made on our website, www.FaihtUMC.us under “Online Giving,” or when you pick up your meal. All donations support the ministries of the church. ***There are signup sheets in the hall to order dinners, help on Saturday or Sunday, and donate fresh vegetables or dessert.***

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.

REVERBERATE 2024 will take place on Sunday, September 15th, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm (with food trucks from 4:00 to 6:00 pm) in Long's Park, and Water Street Mission would love for us to join them. This free, one-night event will feature powerful testimonies from members of our community, joyful fellowship, and worship from various denominations. It's an opportunity to unite Lancaster County believers in worship to lift one another up.

MEDICINE BOTTLE COLLECTION: We send *small* 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.

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.*

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.**

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 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 & Threads of Faith (beginning Aug 3)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, Aug 7 Ladies' Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30 AM

Thursday, Aug 8 Finance Meeting, 6:00 PM

Friday, Aug 9 Set up for Scrapbook Crop, 6:00 to 7:00 PM

Saturday, Aug 10 Scrapbook Crop, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM – See our website to **register now.**

Sunday, Aug 11 Reception welcoming Pastor Hedwige, following worship

Monday, Aug 12 GriefShare Group - Every other Monday from 5:00 to 6:30 PM

Thursday, Aug 15 Senior Men's Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30 AM
Church & Society meeting vis Zoom, 5:30 PM

Saturday, Aug 17 Spaghetti Dinner Prep, 8:00 AM

Sunday, Aug 18 Take-out Spaghetti Dinner, 5:00 to 7:00 PM (prep volunteers begin at 3:00 PM)

Thursday, Aug 22 Trustees meeting, 6:00 PM

Monday, Aug 26 GriefShare Group - Every other Monday from 5:00 to 6:30 PM

Thursday, Aug 29 Church Council meeting, 6:00 PM

WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, August 11 are:

GUEST PREACHER: Pastor Hedwige Mutwale Mukalay
GREETERS/USHERS: John & Priscilla Rice
LITURGIST: Tim Patschke
CHILDREN'S TIME: Michelle Bame
JUNIOR CHURCH: Lisa Baker & Marilyn Jones
YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason & Sara Solodky