

## **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

### **OUR CONCERNS:**

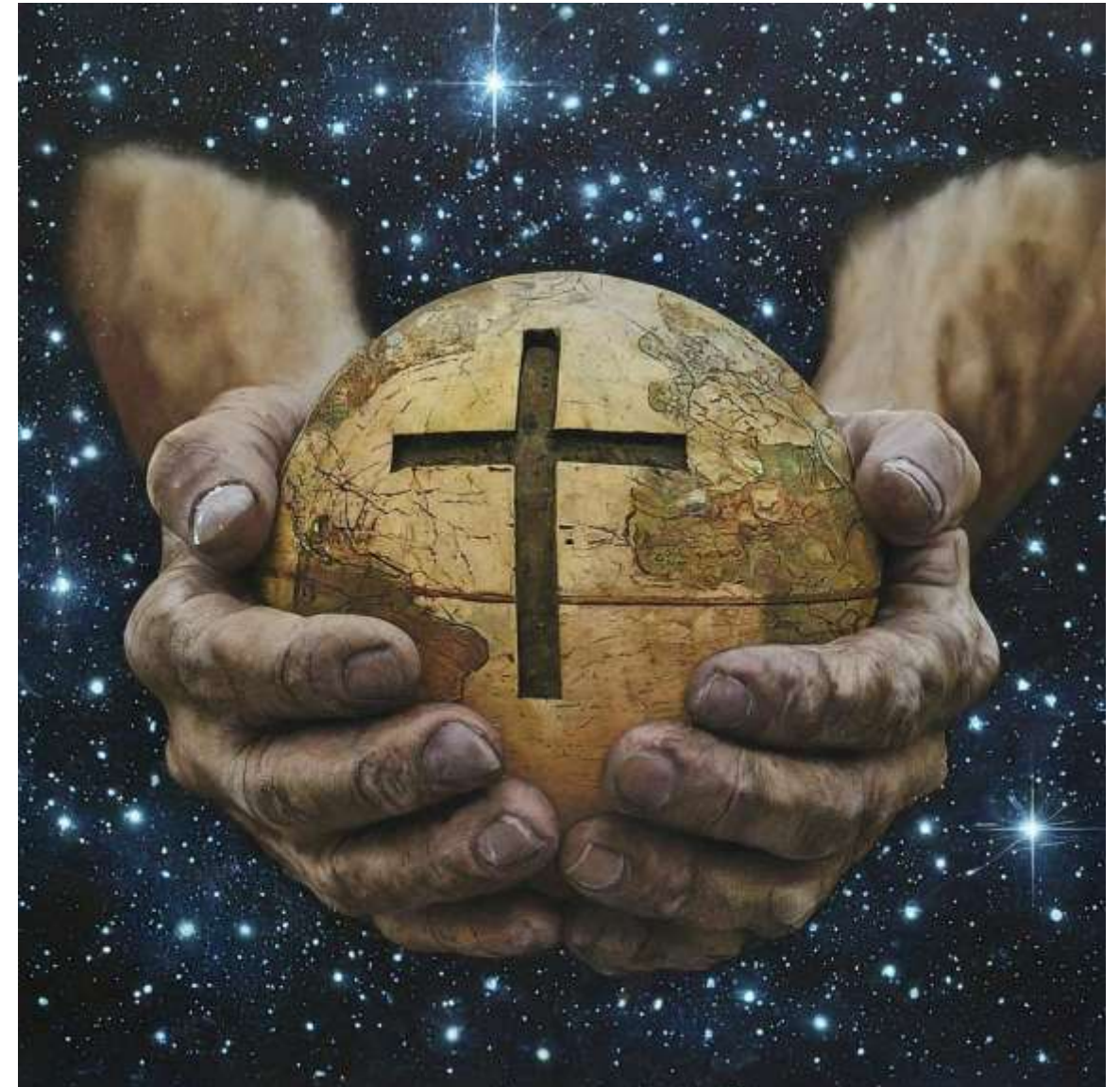
Peace in Israel, Palestine, Ukraine & Russia  
For peace & wisdom in areas of conflict  
Wisdom & safety for government officials globally  
President Joe Biden and VP Kamala Harris  
For gentle and honest campaigns & election  
Safety for Trump and Harris as they campaign  
Veterans and Service Members  
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  
NarSarah Village and Clinic, Sierra Leone  
Eileen Williams – muscles  
Bradley McGowan – ALS  
Linda Philbin – motor neuropathy & healing  
Jean Neideigh – healing (MS)  
Ben Neideigh – healing after a fall  
Noah Boughter, Sophie and family  
Heather Lindsey  
Jake Ruhl – hip and shoulder pain  
Terry & Margie Urban & family – housing &  
health  
Ruthie & Gary with Dementia – friends of Amy  
Denny Armstrong – kidney failure  
Carol Dronke – healing  
Daryl Hawthorne – healing after shoulder surgery  
Terry Kofroth – healing from back surgery

Those with cancer: Cyndi Campbell, Dean Grove,  
Mark Reitzel, Duane Lehman, Ruthie, Martin  
Campbell, Ben Neideigh, Harmony Chiccarine,  
Grandma Edwards, Nat, Tina Miller, Dorcas  
Kamanda (in remission), Jim Royer, Adam  
Malik, Joan (Nancy's sister-in-law), Isaias  
Maldonado (Ramonita's Uncle), Missy Landis;  
Gail (friend of Sandy), Hector Rosado, Tim  
(Marilyn Jones' nephew), Meleny Fisher (friend  
of Daryl)  
Bishop Moore-KoiKoi, 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  
Pat Prebot (Jake's sister) – healing for broken hip  
Lexi Compton – treatment for tumor on spine (which  
has shrunken 50% in size)  
Dolly Bankert – severely bruised knee  
Ron Lunn – new start in NJ  
**Dottie Sheaffer – healing after a fall**  
Diana Valentine – healing after surgery  
Andrea – neck & back pain  
Family and friends of Barb Royer on her passing  
(relatives of Diana Valentine)  
Sarah McMullin (Michelle's mom) – healing  
Nancy – healing  
Derr & Charles Family on death of Carl and his son  
Gideon  
Family of Don Campbell on his passing  
MaryAnn Unangst – healing after a fall  
Bob & Phyllis Miller – healing (inc. back surgery for  
Bob)  
Those who have lost pets recently  
Children, families and teachers in Apalachee High  
School, Winder, Georgia after school shooting

### **OUR PRAISES:**

God's loving presence in the midst of struggles  
Those who have seen healings from prayer  
Opportunities for education and dedicated teachers  
and professors

*Please submit prayer needs, praises, & updates by  
note or email to the office: [faithumc@hotmail.com](mailto:faithumc@hotmail.com)*



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# Faith United Methodist Church



September 8, 2024 at 10:30 AM – 16<sup>th</sup> 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

Pastor Jason

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jason & God's People

Welcome, Beloved! Why have you gathered today?

**We have come to worship God, who is the maker of us all!**

What do you seek from God, our Creator?

**We seek God's wisdom to guide us and show us how to live.**

Are you ready to follow when God's wisdom leads down unexpected paths?

**We will trust, and we will follow wherever God's wisdom leads us.**

Well then, Beloved of God, what are you waiting for?

**Come! Let us worship and seek God's uncommon wisdom together! Amen.**

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, June 2024*

### \*HYMN

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

UMH #381

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**John 17:1-26**

Terry Kofroth

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

### CHILDREN'S TIME

### \*HYMN

*My Redeemer Lives*

MSFPW 2 #73

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

UMH #895

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

### \*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH #95

### \*HYMN

*Have Thine Own Way Lord*

UMH #382

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Romans 12:1-21**

Terry Kofroth

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

### SERMON

*Faithful Responses: In the World & Not of It*

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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. ***We need a second adult to chaperone and provide a meal Sundays in September.***

**YOUTH AT GRETNA GLEN: Fall Fun Day is October 20th from 12:00-4:00 with Youth Group Night immediately following from 4:00-5:30 PM.** Families are invited to come and be a part of the Fall Fun Day. November 17th is Youth Group Night from 3:30-7:00pm. *Please sign up in the church hallway or by contacting Pastor Jason if you will be attending.* ***We need adults who are willing to drive and chaperone for these monthly events for 2024. We will not be using the van from another church, so help is needed.***

**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 meet every other Monday from 5-6:30 PM in the first classroom in the Education Wing at Faith UMC.** ***Our next meetings are September 9 & 23.*** 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: September 19 at 5:00 PM (3<sup>rd</sup> 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. (*Sept 18, Oct. 2*): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZG00LzBOelVlVXQwUk5LR2VFOT09>. Reimagine Justice Lancaster meets online at Noon on Tuesdays of the opposite weeks (*Sept 10 & 24*) 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 \$7 certificates from S. Clyde Weaver for a delicious made-to-order sub at any of their locations with over 7+ varieties on sub rolls, bread or wraps. Support our ministries & get a discount! See Carol.

**BIBLE2SCHOOL** will be meeting at Faith UMC **beginning on September 17 for 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and September 18 for 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade** students from Reidenbaugh Elementary. **Volunteers are needed** to assist on Tuesdays or Wednesdays for 60 – 90 minutes. Please contact Pastor Jason if you would like to help.

**FAITH FRIENDSHIP MINISTRIES** is a Faith based group home in Mountville, PA that houses adults with disabilities and mental illnesses. They need craft supplies for their activity department: t-shirts, 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.

**A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DON CAMPBELL** will be held on Saturday, September 14 at Faith UMC at 11:00AM. The family will receive friends prior to the service beginning at 9:30 AM. Luncheon will follow.

**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE WELCOME SERVICES FOR OUR NEW BISHOP CYNTHIA MOORE-KOIKOI.** Eastern Pennsylvania will gather on Sat., Sept 21, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. at West Lawn UMC, 15 Woodside Ave. West Lawn, PA. The service will also be livestreamed from [www.EPAUMC.org](http://www.EPAUMC.org)



**RALLY DAY on Sunday Sept 15<sup>th</sup>:** Join us for Worship Services as we celebrate Rally Day and our return to school. Children ages 3 to 4th grade will be dismissed to Junior Church after the children's message. We will hold a special lesson outdoors (weather permitting) with games and activities to get excited about our new year. We are so excited to have you all back and hope to meet some new friends too!

We hope Junior Church is a fun time for kids to learn about Jesus and how we are all children of God! We focus our lessons around a verse and a story and a practical lesson for kids to relate to. And of course, a craft or activity also!

**RALLY DAY LUNCHEON:** After the worship service, everyone is welcome to join us in the fellowship hall for a special luncheon for everyone to catch up after our summer breaks and enjoy some fellowship together.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL at 9:00 AM** led by Michelle Bame meets in the 1<sup>st</sup> classroom in the Education Wing. John Rice will be teaching the next few weeks. **Rally Day is a great day to plan to start attending these classes as you seek to deepen your faith and knowledge of the Bible.**

**SERMON SERIES BEGINS SEPTEMBER 8: Faithful Responses in the Real World** is our new sermon series. We will address various topics and how we address them in a way that is faithful to the Scriptures and our walk with God, realizing that we are *called to be in the world but not of the world* (John 17:4-7). So, we will explore how to respond to illness and grief, parenting, challenging issues in our communities, career opportunities, finances, etc. If there are topics that you would like to see addressed in this series, please contact Pastor Jason by email, phone, text message or a note in the prayer basket (which can be anonymous). This would be a great series to invite your friends and family to hear as they seek Godly advice on the real life situations and struggles.

**SOUP SALE:** Fall is approaching, which means it's time for our Fall SOUP-er Fundraiser! Faith United Methodist Church is holding our Oregon Dairy Soup Sale! We are taking orders for Oregon Dairy Soups by the quart. Orders will be ready for **pick up on Saturday October 12th from 10am-12pm** at Faith UMC. **Orders with payment due by Sunday September 22nd.** Walk in purchases for quarts on the 12th as available.

All varieties available! Vegetable Beef, Chicken Corn Soup, Tomato Bisque, Creamy Potato Soup, Chicken Corn Noodle and Ham and Bean Soup. \$10/quart. Orders can be placed by calling Faith UMC at 717-560-0321, by email at faithumc@hotmail.com or by visiting us online at faithumc.us and clicking on Online Giving.

If you would like to volunteer to **help fill quarts on Friday, October 11th at 5:30 or help during the pickup time on the 12th, please sign up** in the hall or contact Lisa Baker at 717-615-6707.

**YARD SALE: Saturday September 28 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM.** *Volunteers and baked goods will be needed. There is a signup sheet in the hall.* You can rent a 20'x20' space for \$20. Proceeds benefit our ministries. To reserve a space click: <https://forms.gle/6NV7P67PrvrhEEeQ6>. Questions? Call/text Gwen @ 717-696-5321. Payments are due when you arrive. Cash or checks only. Checks may be made payable to *Faith UMC*. This outside event will be held rain or shine, and all monies are non-refundable. **Reservations will be taken through Sept 26, 2024.**

**COLLECTING ITEMS FOR YARD SALE:** We can use donations for the Youth Group tables at the yard sale. There is an area in the room across from the Youth Room for your yard sale donations. *We do not take clothing. Books can be donated in the 2nd classroom.* **You may start bringing items in now.** Thank you.

**PUZZLE PALOOZA! DO YOU LOVE JIGSAW PUZZLES?** Are you looking for screen-free fun with your family? Are you looking for a wholesome, slightly competitive activity to do with your friends on a Saturday? Join us at Faith UMC on Sat., Oct. 19 from 3-4:30pm (check-in at 2:30pm). Get your team of 2-4 together **and let's race to complete a 500-piece puzzle. The winning team gets a prize** along with bragging rights! ALL teams get to keep their puzzles after the event. Pre-registration is required. Only 20 teams will be able to participate. The cost is \$40 per team, due at time of registration. Go to [www.FaithUMC.us](http://www.FaithUMC.us) under "Events & Activities" to find a registration form or under "Online Giving" to register & pay online. No refunds available if a team cannot make the event. You will still receive your puzzle to keep. Individual team member substitutions are allowed.

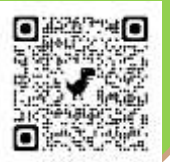
**TRUNK OR TREAT:** Come and join us **Saturday October 26th for our Annual Trunk or Treat event from 6-8pm!** Decorate your car trunks and hand out candy to the kids in our community. We will have pumpkin decorating, lawn games, free hot dogs, and more. **Volunteers are needed.** If you would like to join in by either being a part of the trunk brigade or volunteering with the kitchen, dining room, games or pumpkin decorating, please contact Lisa Baker at 717-615-6707 or sign up in the hall.

**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! Work on your projects while we chat and share talents in our brightly lit, spacious room with plenty of outlets! **Our next gathering will be Sat., October 5.**

**THANK YOU for your faithfulness to our ministries—through your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.** As of August 31, giving and fundraisers for our **general ministries has raised \$105,960, with \$120,145 in expenses.** That **\$14,000 deficit is significant and we need to work to make up that in fundraisers and giving as we move back into the fall and people return from summer vacations.** 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 (\$9,220).** We also need to continue to support our debt reduction fund which is used for mortgage payments on the Fellowship Hall and Education Wing. **That debt reduction account now has \$11,940.** We began repaying the principal and interest at \$3,336.09 per month as of September 1 (we had been required to only pay interest for the last few months).

**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 \$3,712 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-Z370/home>. There is a link at [FaithUMC.us](http://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.



**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.

**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 before they unload.** 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](http://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

### **1<sup>st</sup> Sundays**

Communion offered during worship service, followed by refreshments

### **Mondays**

GriefShare Group - Every other Monday, 5:00-6:30 PM at Faith UMC

### **1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays**

Nar-Anon, 7:15-8:45 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

### **1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays**

Faith UMC works with IMPACT! Missions – Contact Leon Bame to help

### **1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays**

Servant Saturday & Threads of Faith (**next meeting Oct 5**)

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### **Monday, Sept 9**

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

### **Thursday, Sept 12**

Finance meeting, 6:00 PM

### **Sunday, Sept 15**

***Rally Day – Everyone is encouraged to be here as we return from summer travels***

### **Thursday, Sept 19**

Men's Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30 AM  
Church & Society meeting via Zoom, 5:00 PM)

### **Sunday, Sept 22**

Soup orders and payments due

### **Thursday, Sept 26**

Church Council meeting, 6:00 PM

### **Saturday, Sept 28**

**Faith UMC Yard Sale, 8AM – 1 PM – space rentals available**

### **Saturday, Oct 5**

Threads of Faith, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

### **Saturday, Oct 11**

Soup Sale Prep, 5:30 PM

### **Saturday, Oct 12**

**Soup Sale pick up, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

### **Saturday, Oct 19**

**Puzzle Palooza, 3:00 – 4:30 PM (Check in at 2:30 PM)**

### **Saturday, Oct 26**

**Trunk or Treat, 6:00 -8:00 PM**

## WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, Sept 15 are:

GREETERS: Lisa Baker & Marilyn Jones

USHERS: Gwen Newell & Allen Kennedy

LITURGIST: **Volunteer Needed**

CHILDREN'S TIME: Pastor Jason

JUNIOR CHURCH: Lisa Baker & Marilyn Jones

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