

PRAYER REQUESTS:

OUR CONCERNS:

Bishop Moore-KoiKoi, DS Freymoyer & EPA Staff
Laity and Clergy of the UMC
Unity & love in the church universal & the UMC
Healing & peace for divisions over race, class, gender, sexuality, politics & fears
Wisdom & safety for government officials globally
President Donald Trump and VP JD Vance
Peace in Israel, Palestine, Ukraine & Russia
For peace & wisdom in areas of conflict
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
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 & Attorneys
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
Jean & Ben Neideigh – healing
Noah Boughter, Sophie and family
Heather Lindsey
Denny Armstrong – kidney failure
Carol Dronke – healing
Paul (Jake's nephew) – healing for heart & kidneys
Dottie Sheaffer – healing
Andrea (friend of Lisa) – neck & back pain
Linda Philbin – motor neuropathy & cancer

Those with cancer: Cyndi Campbell, Dean Grove, Mark Reitzel, Duane Lehman, Ruthie, Martin Campbell, Ben Neideigh, Tina Miller, Dorcas Kamanda (in remission), Adam Malik, Joan (Nancy's sister-in-law), Isaias Maldonado (Ramonita's Uncle), Missy Landis; Gail (friend of Sandy), Marc Barley (Diane's cousin), Heather Williams

Pat Oglesby (Laura Gehman's sister) –health
Pat Drebot (Jake's sister) – declining health
Rosemary (Marilyn Jones' sister) – health
Dolly Bankert – healing after knee surgery
Terry Kofroth – healing for back & cataract surgery
Melanie Jusino – for peace and guidance
Ralph & BobbiAnn Stone and their family
Mary Shenk – Alzheimer's
Alfredo Vega, Jr – safety while on active duty
Kaylee Colón – depression & anxiety
Kayla (Tyler's sister)
Craig Hathaway – health
Shirley Gehr – healing
Holly (Julie H's sister) – healing after stroke
Nat (friend of Wikers) – healing
Twins & Sister settling back with parents
Amanda Ortiz's Dad Eliseo – health
Stormy – Stage 4 Bone Cancer
Mike Seiders – upcoming brain surgery
Buni Harbison – healing after shoulder surgery
Phyllis Miller – healing after falls
Diana Valentine
Tim – healing from severe workplace injury
All impacted by California wildfires
Tom & Sheila struggles with new home

OUR PRAISES:

Geneva (sister of Larry Landis) cancer in remission
Lexi Compton cancer in remission
Harmony Chiccarine cancer in remission
Couples preparing for marriage
Guests worshipping with us each week
God's loving presence in the midst of struggles
Those who have seen healings from prayer

Please submit prayer needs, praises, & updates by note or email to the office: faithumc@hotmail.com



In Your Hometown

WHERE YOU ARE: EMBRACING THE FAMILIAR

Welcome

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February 2, 2025 at 10:30 AM – 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

WELCOME: We gather together to worship God the Father, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit! May the Spirit of God unite us and the church universal to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God (*Micah 6:8*). 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 worshiping 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

Children of God, we come to worship today with expectations: how we expect to feel, what we expect to experience, songs we expect to sing, or prayers we expect to pray. We find comfort in the familiar.

We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.

Sometimes what feels familiar grows stale. We stop noticing the power of our prayers. We hear but don't listen to the Word. We sing without letting the music seep into our hearts. Yet, God is still here, moving and working among us. **We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.**

We may meet God in a familiar voice speaking a hard word, in a song we love that pierces our hearts, in a prayer that we receive in a new way. Because God is here, moving and working among us.

We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.

Children of God, come! Let us worship, ready to embrace God's Word already at work among us, even when we are challenged to recognize God in the familiar and unfamiliar alike.

We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here. Thank be to God! Amen.

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

*HYMN

Lord, Speak to Me

UMH #463

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Tim Patschke

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Amy Boughter

*HYMN

O Jesus, I Have Promised

UMH #396

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 71:1-6

Tim Patschke

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

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Pastor Jason

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Tim Patschke

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

*HYMN

In Christ There Is No East or West

UMH #548

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 4:21-30

Tim Patschke

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

SERMON

In Your Hometown

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

UMH #15

*HYMN

Let Us Break Bread Together

UMH #618

*HYMN

One Bread, One Body

UMH #620

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Pastor Jason

*HYMN

We'll Understand It Better By and By

UMH #525

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

Guest Musicians: Jody & Anthony Wiker **AV Tech:** Dennis Meck, Sr

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.

FAITH UMC JOB OPPORTUNITIES: Seeking maturing Christian candidates. Details visit www.FaithUMC.US

OFFICE MANAGER / ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT for approx. 20 hours per week in-office to provide administrative support for Pastor, Finance Committee, and church ministries. This includes managing communications, developing weekly worship materials and digital newsletters, and supporting financial accounting with the Treasurer. Strong tech and communication skills necessary.

PIANIST to help lead worship on Sunday Morning at 10:30AM as well as a one-hour midweek rehearsal. Stipend is \$100/week. Able to play at a blended service with contemporary and traditional elements.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL at 9 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. All students are invited to join us. To be the 2nd adult and/or provide a meal, sign up in the hall or contact Pastor Jason. ***We will go to Gretna Glen Camp on Sun, Feb 16 (3:30-7pm). Volunteers are needed to carpool to the camp. Please see Pastor Jason if you are willing to help drive the youth and/or chaperone. Youth group will not meet on the evening of Feb 9.***

WINTER BLAST YOUTH RETREAT on Feb. 7-9 at Gretna Glen Camp. We will meet at 5:30PM at Faith UMC on Friday and be back here by 11:45AM on Sunday. Please contact Pastor Jason if you would like to attend. A Faith UMC Permission Slip is needed. **You will also need to register at: <https://gretnaglen.org/event/23777954-2025-02-07-youth-winter-blast/> and complete all of the camp's forms.** Cost for the weekend is \$130, but \$65 will be covered from Youth Fundraisers. **When registering, pay \$65 (half) online or by check directly to the camp. Faith UMC will cover the remaining \$65 by check to the camp.**

BIBLE2SCHOOL is meeting at Faith UMC on Tues. for 3rd Grade & Weds. for 4th and 2nd Grade students from Reidenbaugh Elem. **Volunteers needed as Small Group Leaders.**

GRIEFSHARE helps people process the loss of loved ones and to find support from peers. This is open to the church and community. ***We will be starting a new round of classes. Let Pastor Jason know if you are interested.***

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: Feb 20 at 5:00 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. (Feb 5 & 19): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOeIVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQ09>. Reimagine Justice Lancaster meets online at Noon on Tuesdays of the opposite weeks (Feb 11 & 25) at: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/82819147194?pwd=BF8E8JopVvfExanCW0QPjJ7p9DcbDq.1>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. We are looking for someone to take minutes for the following committees: Church Council (meets the 4th Thursday of every other month at 6 pm) and Finance Team (meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6 pm). Please let the office know if you are available. **You can volunteer for one or both of these roles.**

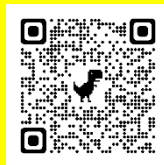
LEARN MORE ABOUT JUNIOR CHURCH & VBS: On Sunday, February 23rd, after the service, we will be holding a joint meeting for anyone interested in volunteering for Junior Church or VBS. Please attend if you would like to hear more information about becoming a Junior Church leader, second adult or teen volunteer. Our leaders are on a rotation and there are many lessons to choose from. We will go over what a lesson looks like, how to prepare a lesson and answer your questions. We will also answer questions about what the responsibilities are for our second adults and teen volunteers. **Attendance does not mean a commitment! We would love to have you! We will also be discussing this year's annual VBS, held in July.** We would love to hear your ideas about VBS and discuss what types of volunteers are needed. Light refreshments will be served.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY is Feb 9th. Wear your favorite football jersey to church and **bring some canned soup to share with LUMINA** and our local food bank. We are also having a **CHILI SALE that day** after church until 2pm. Vegan or meat quarts are available to go for \$10 each. You may choose from toppings that make it just right for your family's taste buds. No eat-in service so that we may all enjoy eating chili while watching the Super Bowl. Preorder to guarantee availability, walk-ins cheerfully welcomed. Order online by going to our website and clicking on Online Giving, sign up in the hall, or call 717-560-0321.

DIRECTORY UPDATE: Carol will be updating the directory this month. If you would like your picture updated or do not currently have a picture in the directory, please see her to get your picture taken, submit a picture to the office, or email it to faithumc@hotmail.com. If you haven't already done so, please let her know of any changes to your address, phone number, or email.

THANK YOU for your faithfulness through your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness for our ministries. **In 2025 we will need about \$4,200 per week in giving toward the general ministry and our mortgage debt reduction in order to continue all of the meaningful ministries of our church to the 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 bank 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.



THREADS OF FAITH: If you like to knit, sew, crochet or quilt, you are invited to Threads of Faith from 10AM - Noon the first Saturday of each month for a time of fellowship and crafting! Bring your sewing machines and supplies and work on your projects or start a new one! **Next meeting March 1.**

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.

IMPACT! MISSIONS is a Christian Housing Ministry that helps create warm, safe, and dry homes to be sold to lower-income families and does repairs on homes for existing homeowners in financial distress. They need volunteers to restore these homes. **Contact Leon Bame for more info at 717-344-9924 or leonschel37@gmail.com.**

TOOLS FOR MINISTRY on Sat., Feb. 22, 2025 from 8AM-Noon at Salem UMC: 140 N. Penn St., Manheim. **Registration Fee: \$8.** Doors open at 8AM. At 8:30AM DS Freymoyer will lead us in opening worship and a Keynote address. Session 1 is 9:15-10:30AM and Session #2 is 10:45AM-Noon. There will be 10 workshops to choose from in each session, including Alzheimers Care, Church Finances, Dealing with Church Crisis, Exploring a Call to Ministry, Partnering with Community Organizations, etc. **Registration and full list of workshops is available at: <https://member.gnjumc.org/default.aspx?page=3352&occurrenceId=716&profileId=1523>**

SUB SALE: We have \$7 certificates from S. Clyde Weaver for delicious made-to-order subs w/over 7+ varieties on sub rolls, bread or wraps. Support our ministries & get a discount! See Carol.

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 (3rd Sundays to Gretna Glen Camp instead – Feb 16)

Communion offered during worship service, followed by refreshments

Nar-Anon, 7:15-8:45 PM at Faith UMC

Bible2School in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Bible2School in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Worship Team Practice, 6:45 PM

Wing and a Prayer AA Meeting in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM

Bible Study led by Pastor Jason, 10:00 AM

Servant Saturday & Threads of Faith

1st Sundays

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

Tuesdays

Wednesdays

Wednesdays

Thursdays

Fridays

1st Saturdays

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, Feb 2

Monday, Feb 3

Wednesday, Feb 5

Thursday, Feb 6

Fri – Sun, Feb 7-9

Saturday, Feb 8

Sunday, Feb 9

Monday, Feb 10

Thursday, Feb 13

Sunday, Feb 16

Thursday, Feb 20

Saturday, Feb 22

Sunday, Feb 23

Thursday, Feb 27

WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, February 9

GUEST PREACHER: Mike Shifflet

GREETERS: Janet & Beverly Charles

USHERS: Janet Charles & Allen Kennedy

LITURGIST: Lisa Baker

CHILDREN'S TIME: Michelle Bame

JUNIOR CHURCH: Gwen Newell & Carol Kennedy

YOUTH GROUP: No Youth Group this evening (returning from weekend Winter Retreat)

Prep for Grab & Go Meal, noon

Faith UMC provides Grab & Go Meal at Zion Lutheran Church

assemble meals at Faith 9:30 AM

Ladies' Lunch at Oregon Dairy - RSVP to Sandy Patschke

SPRC meeting, 6:00 PM

Youth Group at Winter Retreat at Gretna Glen, no youth group Sunday evening

~~Scrapbook Crop, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM – POSTPONED INDEFINITELY~~

SOUPER Bowl Sunday – Wear your favorite sports gear and donate cans of soup

Take Out Chili Fundraiser, 12:00 – 2:00 PM

District Resource Team meeting via Zoom, 6:30 to 8:00 PM

Finance meeting, 6:00 PM

Youth Group Night at Gretna Glen, 3:30 – 7:00 PM

Men's Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30 AM

Church & Society Team meeting via Zoom, 5:00 PM

Tools for Ministry at Salem UMC in Manheim, 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Junior Church & VBS meeting, 11:45 AM

Trustees meeting, 6:00 PM