

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, Nat (friend of Wikers)
Pat Oglesby (Laura Gehman's sister) –health
Pat Drebot (Jake's sister) – declining health
Rosemary (Marilyn Jones' sister) – health
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
Twins & Sister settling back with parents
Stormy – Stage 4 Bone Cancer
Mike Seiders – upcoming brain surgery
Buni Harbison – healing after shoulder surgery
Diana Valentine
Tim – healing from severe workplace injury
All impacted by California wildfires
Tom & Sheila struggles with new home
Ortiz Family – various health issues
Office Admin and Piano hiring process
Darryl, Shelda's son – healing from surgery
All those dealing with flu, COVID, infections, etc.
Plane crashes

OUR PRAISES:

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
Warmer weather

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



Welcome

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Faith United Methodist Church



February 9, 2025 at 10:30 AM – 5th 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 worshipping online, please 'sign in' and add prayer requests by commenting on the video.

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michelle Bame

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Michelle Bame & God's People

Beloved, the Savior calls to you. Will you follow? **God, help us leave everything and follow.**

Christ's call persists through the clouds of doubt, fear, and worry that descend on our path. Will you follow?

God, help us leave everything and follow.

Jesus calls us to shift our priorities, to leave behind the baggage of prejudice and the grasping for position so we can truly love God and our neighbors well. Will you follow? **God, help us leave everything and follow.**

Beloved, receive this good news: you are not alone! Today we answer Christ's call together!

God, help us leave everything and follow your path of Love everywhere we go! Amen.

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

*HYMN

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

UMH #430

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 6:1-13

Lisa Baker

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Michelle Bame

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 138

Lisa Baker

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

*HYMN

There Is a Balm in Gilead

UMH #375

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

O Lord, forgive us when we fail to respond to your call with faith. **Through your Spirit, we rest in the assurance of your acceptance.**

Forgive us when we are shackled by our narrow understandings of discipleship and our clouded sense of purpose. **Through your Spirit, we are drawn into the illumination of your empowering love.**

Forgive us when we are frightened of the future or pull back from the demand of your calling. Forgive us when we fail to sense your presence in our past, to acknowledge your grace in the present moment, and to trust you for our future. **Through your Spirit, we offer ourselves in discipleship. We come together as your disciples.**

We seek renewed & renewing faith. Touch us now with your Spirit, Lord. Touch us now with your Spirit.

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

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Lisa Baker

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

*HYMN

Jesus Calls Us

UMH #398

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 5:1-11

Lisa Baker

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

SERMON

Left Everything and Followed

Mike Shifflet

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

*HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

UMH #593

** 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

GUEST PREACHER: Mike Shifflet and his wife Paula are faithful leaders at Oregon Community UMC teaching Sunday School and serving in a variety of ways. We are grateful to have Mike bring the message this morning while Pastor Jason is with the youth group at Gretna Glen Camp. Please greet the Shifflets and make them feel welcome!

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.

CHILI SALE TODAY 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.

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.**

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.

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.**

THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. **Next meeting: February 20 at 5:00 PM (3rd Thursdays). Join us by Zoom only at:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82735304374?pwd=eDBSZHRRCZVphSnh2TENDZ0xrdG0vQT09>. 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=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOeIViVXQwUk5LR2VFQ09>. 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>

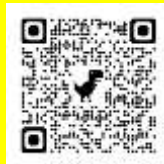
TOOLS FOR MINISTRY on Sat., Feb. 22, 2025 from 8AM-Noon at Salem UMC: 140 N. Penn St., Manheim. **Registration Fee: \$8.** Doors open at 8AM. At 8:30AM DS Freymoyer will lead us in opening worship and a Keynote address. Session 1 is 9:15-10:30AM and Session #2 is 10:45AM-Noon. There will be 10 workshops 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. There are paper copies of the workshops descriptions in the hall. **Registration and full list of workshops is available at:** <https://member.gnjumc.org/default.aspx?page=3352&occurrenceId=716&profileId=1523>

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.

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.



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.

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.**

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.

NATURE'S HEALING with Kathy Oberholtzer. Sharing natural proven health home remedies. Come join her and bring the remedies that have proven successful for you! Mondays at 6PM starting Feb. 17.

COMMUNITY MEAL: People in need may pick up a **Grab 'n Go Meal at Zion Lutheran Church** in East Petersburg every Monday. **Faith UMC provides sixty Grab 'n Go Meals quarterly.** Our dates for 2025 are: Feb. 3, Apr. 7, Jul 7, and Oct 27. *Contact Carol Kennedy if you are interested in participating in this ministry.*

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 leonshe137@gmail.com.**

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

1st Sundays

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

Tuesdays

Wednesdays

Wednesdays

Thursdays

Fridays

1st Saturdays

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, Feb 9

SOUPER Bowl Sunday – Wear your favorite sports gear and donate cans of soup
Take Out Chili Fundraiser, 12:00 – 2:00 PM

NO YOUTH GROUP as we are returning from the retreat at Noon today

Monday, Feb 10

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

Thursday, Feb 13

Finance meeting, 6:00 PM

Sunday, Feb 16

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

Monday, Feb 17

Nature's Healing Class with Kathy Oberholtzer, 6:00 PM

Thursday, Feb 20

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

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

Saturday, Feb 22

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

Sunday, Feb 23

Junior Church & VBS meeting, 11:45 AM

Thursday, Feb 27

Trustees meeting, 6:00 PM

WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, February 16

GREETERS/USHERS: Donna Arnold & Leon Bame

LITURGIST: Buni Harbison

CHILDREN'S TIME: Michelle Bame

JUNIOR CHURCH: Gwen Newell & Marilyn Jones

YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason & **volunteers needed to transport to Gretna Glen**