

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 16, 2025 at 10:30 AM – 6th 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

Pastor Jason & God's People

Jesus declared, "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God."

May we learn to depend on God's abundant provision instead of the world's grasping for wealth as we worship today.

Jesus declared, "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled."

May we learn to follow Christ's call to provide for the hungry as co-creators of God's kingdom as we worship today.

Jesus declared, "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh."

May we learn to pay attention to those who suffer and mourn and to extend God's comfort and hope to those who need it as we worship today.

Jesus declared, "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man."

May our worship teach us to rejoice in that day and every day as we live out the good news in our families, neighborhoods, community, and world!

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

*HYMN

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

UMH #133

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Buni Harbison

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Jason

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 1

Buni Harbison

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

*HYMN

How Long Has It Been?

By Mosie Lister

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Merciful Lord, we pause to confess that sometimes we listen to the advice of the ungodly. We know better, but for some reason, we listen anyway. Forgive us. The lure of a quick fix, easy money, or pleasure turned our heads away from you, Lord. Forgive us. We knew it was wrong as soon as we did it, but pride kept us from backing out of our decision. Forgive us. Teach us the joy of being righteous. Show us how to delight in being holy. Remind us that new life in Christ means new thoughts, new ways, new decisions. Forgive us for failing to trust you in all things. Amen.

Written by Kwasi Kena in The Africana Worship Book, Year C (Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 2008), 144.

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

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Buni Harbison

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

*HYMN

Only Trust Him

UMH #337

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 6:17-26

Buni Harbison

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

SERMON

Rejoice in that Day

Pastor Jason

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

*HYMN

Because He Lives

UMH #364

* 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

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 & March 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.***

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: February 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 19 & March 5): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVXQwUk5LR2VFOT09>. Reimagine Justice Lancaster meets online at Noon on Tuesdays of the opposite weeks (Feb 25) at: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/82819147194?pwd=BF8E8JopVvfExanCW0QpJ7p9DcbDq.1>

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.

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.

SOUP SALE: It's still cold out there, so why not pick up a quart of Oregon Dairy soup to get us through the rest of the winter! Faith United Methodist Church will be taking orders for Oregon Dairy Soups by the quart. Orders will be ready for pick up on Saturday March 15th from 10a-12p. **Orders with payment due by Sunday February 23rd.** Walk in purchases for quarts on day of pick up 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. Pick up an order form in the hall or visit www.faithumc.us and click on Online Giving to order & pay online.

BRIDGE OF HOPE LANCASTER: Caleb Simmers will be coming after church on Sun., March 2 to speak about their ministries and how we may be able to partner with a family in our neighborhood who is receiving support from their programs. Learn more at <https://lancaster.bridgeofhopeinc.org/> and joining us after church.

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.

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: 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

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

1st Sundays

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

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

Wednesdays

Worship Team Practice, 6:45 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 Saturdays

Servant Saturday & Threads of Faith

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

Deadline for Oregon Dairy Soup Orders

Thursday, Feb 27

Trustees meeting, 6:00 PM

Saturday, Mar 1

The Elf Shelf meeting, 9:00 AM

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

WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, February 23

GREETERS: Tim & Sandy Patschke

USHERS: Tim & Jake Ruhl

LITURGIST: Daryl Hawthorne

CHILDREN'S TIME: Michelle Bame

JUNIOR CHURCH: Lisa Baker & Allen Kennedy

YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason & Ian Solodky, Bryan Nelson, & Carol Kennedy