

## 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), Stormy – Stage 4 Bone Cancer, Pat Oglesby (Laura Gehman's sister)  
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  
Mike Seiders – upcoming brain surgery  
Diana Valentine  
Tim – healing from severe workplace injury  
All impacted by California wildfires  
Tom & Sheila struggles with new home  
Pianistur hiring process  
Darryl, Shelda's son – healing from surgery  
All those dealing with flu, COVID, infections, etc.  
Plane crashes  
Javier Robles – healing & guidance  
Dennis Meck – new car needed  
Tom Chapman – healing after heart surgery  
Annette McClarigan – healing after knee surgery  
Chante – healing after stroke

### **OUR PRAISES:**

Paula Fultz joining us as new Office Manager  
Pat Drebot (Jake's sister) – healing well  
Darryl, Shelda's son, Jake Ruhl and Buni Harbison healing well from surgeries  
Twins & Sister settling back with parents  
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](mailto:faithumc@hotmail.com)*



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# Faith United Methodist Church



February 23, 2025 at 10:30 AM – 7<sup>th</sup> 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

Jesus teaches us, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." But who are the others?

**Our enemies and friends, family and strangers.**

Jesus teaches us, "Be merciful as your Father is merciful." But what is mercy?

**To act with compassion, to help without expecting anything in return.**

Jesus teaches us, "Forgive, and you will be forgiven." But how do we forgive?

**By recognizing enemies, friends, family, strangers, and ourselves as people in need of compassion.**

Let us worship God, who loves us and empowers us to love one another with mercy and compassion.

**Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God! Amen**

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

### \*HYMN

Where Charity and Love Prevail

UMH #549

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Terry Kofroth

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

### CHILDREN'S TIME

Michelle Bame

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40

Terry Kofroth

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

### \*HYMN

For the Healing of the Nations

UMH #428

### 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

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Terry Kofroth

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

### \*HYMN

Freely, Freely

UMH #389

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 6:27-38

Terry Kofroth

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

### SERMON

Do to Others

Pastor Jason

### BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Pastor Jason

### \*HYMN

When the Poor Ones

UMH #434

\* 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. Paula Fultz, 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.

**WELCOME NEW OFFICE MANAGER PAULA FULTZ:** I am a native of Pittsburgh, but moved to Landisville over 25 years ago. My husband Tom and I share our home with Cricket and Koko (Rottweilers) and Molly (Dogue de Bordeaux). I have a son John who lives in Pittsburgh with his wife Tracy. I am an active member of Salem Lutheran in Lititz where I am a reader, counter, member of Prayer Shawl and on the committee for Salem's Little Free Pantry. I also am active in dog shows where I am an AKC Certified Steward and Chief Steward. In my free time I love reading, bike riding, gardening, cooking and crocheting.

**FAITH UMC JOB SEEKING PIANIST:** Seeking maturing Christian candidates to serve as **pianist to help lead worship on Sunday Morning** at 10:30AM as well as a one-hour midweek rehearsal. Stipend is \$100/week. Must be able to play at a blended service with contemporary and traditional elements.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL at 9 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. 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, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade & Weds. for 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade students from Reidenbaugh Elem. **Volunteers are needed as Small Group Leaders.** Contact Pastor Jason if interested.

**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 begin to meet again **every Monday from 5-6:30 PM at Faith UMC** in the Education Wing. Our next session will run from **March 3 through June 9, 2025** (except for April 21 and May 26). More information and registration forms are at: <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/261153> or see Pastor Jason.

**FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY at 10 AM in Faith UMC Fellowship Hall.**

**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.

**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! The next meeting is Feb 24 at 6:00 PM..

**THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM** engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. **Next meeting: March 20 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. (March 5 & 19): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVlXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>.

**DIRECTORY UPDATE:** Carol & Paula 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](mailto:faithumc@hotmail.com). If you haven't already done so, please let her know of any changes to your address, phone number, or email.

**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 the responsibilities are for our second adults and teen volunteers. We will also answer your questions. **Attendance does not mean a commitment! We would love to have you! We will also be discussing this year's annual VBS, held July 21-25.** 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 through the rest of the winter! Faith UMC will be taking orders for Oregon Dairy Soups by the quart. Orders will be ready for pick up on Sat., March 15th from 10AM-Noon. **Orders with payment are due TODAY (Sunday, February 23).** Walk in purchases will be available on March 15 while supplies last. Flavors: Vegetable Beef, Chicken Corn Soup, Tomato Bisque, Creamy Potato Soup, Chicken Corn Noodle, and Ham and Bean Soups. \$10/quart. Pick up an order form in the hall or visit [www.faithumc.us](http://www.faithumc.us) → Online Giving to order & pay online.

**THE ELF SHELF:** Are you crafty? Needlework? Woodwork? We need you! Even if you just superglue your fingers together, we can use you! We are adding The Elf Shelf to our Breakfast with Santa with a room where the children can “shop” for their loved ones. We will make craft items to be “for sale”. If you want to know more, or have items or ideas to share, **we are meeting Sat., March 1 at 9:00 am.** See Michelle or Buni for more info.

**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 budget and paying down the debt on our mortgage.** The financial contributions at the start of 2025 have been less than our expenses—no doubt due to winter weather preventing some from attending church. If you have gotten behind in your giving we encourage you to consider making a one time gift to catch up. Please consider setting up an automatic via Online Giving or through your bank—or mailing in your gifts on weeks when you miss worship.

Gifts can be directed to **General Ministry and/or the Debt Reduction / Building Fund** by marking your preference in the memo line & envelope. You can set up gifts through your own bank or at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z37Q/home>. There is a link at [FaithUMC.us](http://FaithUMC.us) or via the **QR Code**. 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 is for those who** like to knit, sew, crochet or quilt. Join us 10AM - Noon the first Saturday of each month for fellowship and crafting! Bring your sewing machines and supplies! **Next meeting is 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](mailto:leonshe137@gmail.com).**

**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.**

**EQUALIZING LAY DELEGATES:** If you want to represent the laity of the West District of the EPAUMC and help set policy and missional focus for our denomination, please see Pastor Jason. You would become a delegate to the 2025-2029 Annual Conference sessions will full voice and vote. We meet in Wildwood, NJ May 202-22, 2025.

**LENTEN SEASON:** Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 5 at 7PM at OCUMC. We will remember Jesus’ 40 days of prayer and fasting in the wilderness and receive communion and the imposition of ashes. This will begin a 40 day season in preparation for Easter. Holy Week will include a Maundy Thursday Service at 7PM at OCUMC, two Good Friday Services at Noon and 7PM, a Sunrise Service at 6:15AM at OCUMC’s Pavilion, two Easter Sunday Services at 9AM at OCUMC and 10:30AM at Faith UMC. We hope you will join us for these services.

#### 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 (*3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays to Gretna Glen Camp instead – March 16*)  
Communion offered during worship service, followed by refreshments

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

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

##### Tuesdays

##### Wednesdays

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##### Thursdays

##### Fridays

##### 1<sup>st</sup> 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 23

**Junior Church & VBS meeting, 11:45 AM**

**Deadline for Oregon Dairy Soup Orders**

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

Trustees meeting, 6:00 PM

**The Elf Shelf meeting, 9:00 AM**

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

**Bridges of Hope information session, noon**

**GriefShare meeting, 5:00 – 6:30 PM**

Ladies Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30 AM – RSVP to Sandy Patschke

**Ash Wednesday Service at Oregon Community UMC, 7:00 PM**

SPRC meeting, 6:00 PM

District 22 AFG meeting, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

**SMO (Shepherding, Missions, & Outreach) meeting, 11:45 AM**

Finance meeting, 6:00 PM

**Soup Sale Prep, 5:30 PM**

Oregon Dairy Soup Sale Pickup 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, walk-ins welcome

Holy Week (Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, & Good Friday at Noon & 7PM)

Easter Sunrise 6:15AM (OCUMC) & Easter Services 9AM (OCUMC) & 10:30AM

West District Conference at Cornwall UMC at 3 PM

Annual Conference at Wildwood Convention Center, NJ

#### WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, March 2

GREETERS: Lisa Baker & Marilyn Jones

USHERS: Lisa Baker & Allen Kennedy

LITURGIST: Michelle Bame

CHILDREN’S TIME: Amy Boughter

JUNIOR CHURCH: Gwen Newell & Julie Perkowski

YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason & volunteer needed, Bryan Nelson