# **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

#### **OUR CONCERNS:**

Chuck Flory – ALS

Alan Price - Buni's father's health

Wisdom & safety for government officials globally President Joe Biden and VP Kamala Harris Veterans and Service Members Civilians, leaders, and soldiers in war torn regions For peace & wisdom in areas of conflict 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 Wisdom around the environment Eradication of deadly diseases-incl. COVID-19 Refugees & huddled masses yearning to be free Security and immigration reform People who are hungry and unhoused Prisoners, Prison Leadership & Judges Cash Bail and Prison Reform Schools, education and foster care reform 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 **Bishop Schol & EPAUMC Staff** Jenny Freymoyer as new District Superintendent The UMC and General Conference Delegates as we seek God's will regarding human sexuality & our mission to make disciples of Jesus Rev. Dorcas, her eyes & ministries in Sierra Leone Udobo School in Durban. South Africa **Campus Ministries** Charlotte Garfield Dottie Sheaffer – healing for back & eyes Eileen Williams – muscles Bradley McGowan - ALS Linda Philbin – motor neuropathy Rosemary (Marilyn Jones' sister) – healing Michelle Rathvon Mitterer – healing from strokes

Those with cancer: Cyndi Campbell, Dean Grove, Mark Reitzel, Kerry Link and her father-in-law, Joe, John Rathvon, Duane Lehman, Lori, Barb Royer, Mary Kohler, Linda Mutzel, John Serio, Ruthie and others Ray – recovering from strokes Annette McClarigan – health, sons & family Dennis Pounds (Brooke's Uncle) - healing Angela, Maria and Becky – to be healthy & thrive Izabel, Oaklee, Carson, Matthew & their parents Gene Onest – health issues Terry Kofroth – upcoming surgery & healing Daryl Hawthorne - recovering from surgery Kuzmenko family – health, settling extended family into USA from Ukraine, etc. Ukrainian people and their nation Don Campbell – health Bernice Wilkison – health Margie Urban health Noah Boughter – Expecting a daughter Brvan Nelson Ron Lunn – healing Heather Lindsey Mike Loechner - concussion Bob Miller (Di's father) – broken femur Diana Valentine – healing after back surgery Bob Perkowski – healing after Rotator Cuff surgery Theo Wenger – healing for kidneys Tina Miller – healing & test results Jake Ruhl – hip pain Gun violence and wise reforms The Edwards family Sandy Patschke – healing after eye surgery Jo Ann Steinmetz – healing

#### **OUR PRAISES:**

God's presence through illness, struggle & loss
Babies born into our extended church family
Ian Solodky and Shannon Weaver as they begin their first appointments as pastors
Katya and Tom Littrel – her successful immigration from Ukraine
Kuzmenkos – successful immigration of family members from Ukraine

Jackie Black- test results on her heart

Please submit prayer requests (& updates) by note or email to the office: faithumc@hotmail.com



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# Welcome

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# Faith United Methodist Church



# August 7, 2022 at 10:30 AM – 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**ELCOME:** We come together to worship the loving God who has chosen to be revealed as the Father Creator, the Son who lived among us, and the Holy Spirit who ministers powerfully within us. 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 – and pray you find what you came looking for!

**THANKS FOR COMING:** If you are joining us for the first time, please sign the guest book in the hallway. There are also red pads in each row for everyone to sign in during the service. We would love to stay in touch with you. If you're worshiping online, please 'sign in' by commenting on the video.

# **GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Michelle Bame** 

Michelle Bame & God's People

# **A TIME FOR CENTERING & PRAYER**

# **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

God calls us here today.

We bring our full selves to God: our strengths and our weaknesses.

God calls YOU here today.

We offer all we are to God: our talents and our inadequacies.

God calls every part of us to bring divine love and light into the world!

We respond to that call, trusting that God is at work within us. Amen.

*HYMN	Just as I Am, Without One Plea	UMH #357 v. 1-3, 5	
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!	Linda Lunn	
OUR OFFERINGS OF 1 *Doxology *Offertory Prayer	<b>PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE &amp; WIT</b> <i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	NESS UMH #95	
*HYMN	The Heart of Worship	<b>MSFPW2 #71</b>	
SCRIPTURE LESSON	<b>Revelation 7:9-10</b> This is the Word of the Lord — <b>Thanks be to God!</b>	Linda Lunn	
CHILDREN'S TIME		Amy Boughter	
*HYMN	How Firm A Foundation	UMH #529	
THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYERIf worshiping online, you may post your prayer requests UMH #895			
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Matthew 28:16-20 This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!	Linda Lunn	

SERMON	Do You Understand the Assignment?	Dr. Brenda Ingram-Wallace
*HYMN	Take Time to Be Holy	UMH #395
<b>BENEDICTION &amp; SENDING FORTH</b>		Dr. Brenda Ingram-Wallace

# **BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH**

\* You are invited to stand

**Director of Worship:** Shannon Edwards **AV Tech:** Dennis Meck, Sr. Pastor: The Rev. Jason Perkowski Ministers: The People of God

# WORSHIP SERVICES ARE ALSO BROADCAST on Facebook & our website.

COVID PROTOCOLS: Masks are optional. We still sit every other row for social distancing.

**OFFICE COMMUNICATION:** Hours vary. Contact us directly for availability. Messages left on the office phone, 717-560-0321 or email: faithumc@hotmail.com, will be checked on weekdays. Contact Pastor Jason at 717-333-9238 or jbperkowski@gmail.com and leave a detailed message. He is spending time with family from Friday at Noon thru Saturday and may not respond to non-emergencies then.

WE WELCOME DR. BRENDA INGRAM-WALLACE AS OUR GUEST PREACHER THIS SUNDAY. She is a professor and Associate Vice President for Advocacy and Full Participation at Albright College and a dynamic preacher/teacher. She and her husband, The Rev. Quentin Wallace, are the parents of four wonderful children. Pastor Quentin serves at Covenant UMC in Lancaster City.

MINI-JUNIOR CHURCH: We will be holding a Mini-Junior Church via Zoom on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM in August. The format will start with conversation allowing attendees to share what has been going on in their lives that week. This will be followed by a song, a Bible Story, a short video reinforcing the story, and a closing prayer. If you are interested in attending, please let the church office know and we will send you an email with the link.

JUNIOR CHURCH: We are planning to hold Junior Church in person during worship in the fall using the Deep Blue curriculum. September 11 will be "Rally Day" with a special family-oriented worship service. Following the service, there will be refreshments and a chance for families to get to know the teachers and see the classroom. If you are interested in being a teacher or  $2^{nd}$  adult in the classroom, please let the office know ASAP.

YOUTH GROUP, SUNDAYS, 5-7 PM at Faith UMC. 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited—and those just finishing 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Sign up in the hall or by contacting Pastor Jason to be the 2<sup>nd</sup> adult and/or to provide a meal. Bring friends to join in the fun. Each week are dinner, games and a lesson.

CHATTING CLUB: MONDAYS AT 7 PM BY ZOOM Everyone is invited to join us. No meeting August 8<sup>th</sup> due to vacation. Join us again on August 15<sup>th</sup> at: https://us02web.zoom.us/i/86190453518?pwd=cEVDeDljeThaaWVIYilOWmZjTm5oUT09

BIBLE STUDY on WEDNESDAYS at 6:30 PM with Mike Shifflet at Oregon Community UMC.

MORNING BIBLE STUDY - FRIDAYS AT 10AM: Each week we explore a small group study based on the scriptures for this week's sermon. You can prepare at: https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning. Join us in person in the Faith UMC Fellowship Hall or by Zoom:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83172825482?pwd=VzBkd2p0ci9KZ1BqMUZqN1NOamh4dz09

\*NEW\* GRIEF GROUP: Pastor Jason and Tina Miller will be starting a new Grief Share Group to help people process the loss of loved ones and to find support from peers. There are materials that we will work through together in addition to mutual support. To learn more or sign up, please contact Pastor Jason ASAP.

**PASTOR JASON** will be on vacation from August 1 - 9. Please contact Pastor Andrea Haldeman for pastoral emergencies via Michelle Bame (717) 537-5064 or the Church Office.

**THE CHURCH PARKING LOT WILL BE INACCESSIBLE on August 8 & 9** due to the paving of Koser Rd. Carol will be working from home on those dates.

**USHERS NEEDED:** We are happy to be able to start passing the offering plates and communion elements again. Please let us know if you would like to be part of the team of ushers to help with that.

**POWER Interfaith Lancaster County** is part of a statewide group of people of faith working on making our commonwealth more just. They are working on fair funding for public schools, prison and bail reform, positive interactions between police & communities, a healthier environment & climate, economic justice, etc. We would like to see our church officially engage in this work with POWER Interfaith as well as considering starting a Church and Society Team. Pastor Jason invites anyone interested in learning more to contact him.

**OFFERING TITHES TO THE LORD:** You can direct gifts to **General Ministry, Debt Reduction** / **Building Fund**, etc. Mark preferences in the memo. You can mail a check, donate through the website, or give in the plate.

**OTHER WAYS TO GIVE:** Have you ever considered leaving a gift to the church **in your will** or as part of your **life insurance policy**? A bequest could leave a legacy to support ministries for decades. Also, annual **Required Minimum Distribution from Retirement Plans** may be given directly to non-profits including churches. We are able to work with you to receive **gifts of stocks, bonds, life insurance policies and other investments** so that you receive both a tax deduction and avoid paying additional taxes on those funds. See Pastor Jason for info.

**IN NEED OF HELP:** Contact Pastor Jason. You can also dial **2-1-1 or visit** <u>www.211.org</u> to reach the United Way Call Center for social services. The Crisis Intervention Lifeline is (717) 394-2631 or *Dial 9-8-8* 

**PRAYER REQUEST CARDS:** In order to make sure that everyone's prayer / praise requests are heard during the service we are providing you with prayer request cards at the entrance to the sanctuary and in each of the red attendance pads. Please fill out a card and place it on the altar prior to the service or during a hymn. We will include them during prayer time--and in our printed bulletin if you wish. Please mark how you want those prayer requests shared. Be sure that you respect the privacy of those for whom we are praying, too.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS to the Udobo Pre-School** in Durban, South Africa. Our VBS families also contributed to our "Christmas in July" gift to the pre-school. We raised almost \$500. In addition, the VBS families donated shoes, clothing and soccer balls for the Mamaland Village orphanage in Sierra Leone. All your gifts are truly appreciated.

**FAITH UMC IS OFFERING A LENDING LIBRARY,** consisting of books, puzzles, and DVDs for all ages to borrow and enjoy. There is no sign-in, sign-out procedure. The library is located in the second classroom on the right as you enter the education wing with crates labeled for donations & returns. See Buni or Marilyn for more info.

**CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATIONAL MEETING REGARDING DISAFFILIATION: August 14 at Noon.** Pastor Jason and Church Council will provide a presentation regarding the potential disaffiliation of congregations from the UMC denomination around differing opinions on homosexual marriages and ordination. This will be followed by a time to share questions, concerns, or comments. *You are encouraged to attend this meeting.* Ballots were mailed to full professing members. **Please return them by Sept 7.** 

**THE SENIOR MEN'S LUNCH** on August 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. will be held at Park City Diner, 884 Plaza Blvd, Lancaster.. Those planning to attend must let Mike Bitner (717-330-8201 or bitnerm2001 @outlook.com) know by August 16<sup>th</sup> so we can give an accurate count for our reservations.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS** begins in Fall 2022 for students who are in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Please let Pastor Jason know if you are interested in having your student participate or if you would like to be a mentor. We will have bi-weekly classes, retreats, field trips, etc. with the class being led by Pastor Andrea from Long Memorial and Pastor Jason.

**HOUSING NEEDS: There are at least three families/individuals in need of housing.** If you know of anyone looking to rent a room, apartment or home at a reasonable cost, please contact Pastor Jason.

**SERVANT SATURDAY ON September 3:** On the Saturday before Communion Sunday each month, we are asking everyone to show God's love to the world through your time, talents and treasures. **DOWNTOWN MINISTRY:** At 2pm on Servant Saturdays, we provide meals & personal items for people who are homeless. To help, call Diana at 717-283-6099. We need people to cook, prepare donations, deliver food, etc. **Wish list:** men's white crew socks, pocket packs of tissues, and individually wrapped feminine hygiene wipes.

**IMPACT! MISSIONS** restores homes to be sold to low-income families & does repairs for homeowners in need. To volunteer on 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays contact Leon Bame at 717-344-9924 / <u>leonshel37@gmail.com</u>.

**NO COST TO YOU FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES:** Several businesses will donate a percentage of your sale to Faith UMC. Please see the Faith-a-Gram for specific instructions for Amazon Smile, Community Aid, Park City & Knight and Day Diners.

**POSITION AVAILABLE:** Neffsville Christian Preschool is looking for an aide to help in their classroom for 4- & 5-year-olds on Monday, Wednesday, & Friday from 9:00 AM to noon. Please contact their director, Carol Zartman, at 717-314-9405 or email <u>carolzartman.ncns@gmail.com</u> for more information about the position.

## **ONGOING EVENTS:**

Sundays	Worship, 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary and Facebook Live	
-	Youth Group at Faith, 5-7 PM	
1st Sundays	Communion is offered during worship service, 10:30AM ( <i>Moved to August 14<sup>th</sup></i> )	
Mondays	Chatting Club via Zoom, 7:00 PM (Will resume August 15 <sup>th</sup> )	
Wednesdays	Worship Team Practice, 6:30 PM	
-	Bible Study at Oregon Community UMC, 6:30-7:30 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 (via Zoom or in person)	
1st & 3rd Saturdays	Faith UMC works with IMPACT! Missions – Contact Leon Bame to help.	
1st (or Last) Saturdays	Servant Saturday & Downtown Food Ministry, 2PM (Sat. before Communion)	

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Sunday, August 14	Congregational Informational Meeting, Noon
Thursday, August 18	Senior Men's Lunch at Park City Dinner, 11:30 AM - RSVP to Mike Bitner by Sept 16
Sunday, August 21	Spaghetti Dinner, 5:00 to 7:00 PM
Saturday, September 3	Servant Saturday/Deliver food & personal items to unhoused folks downtown, 2 PM
Vednesday, September 7	Ladies' Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30 AM – RSVP to Sandy Patschke
Sunday, September 11	"Rally Day"

## WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, August 14 are:

WORSHIP MUSIC: Shannon Edwards, Worship Director and the Faith Singers AUDIO/VISUAL TECH: Dennis Meck, Sr. GREETER/USHERS: Donna Arnold & Allen Kennedy LITURGIST: Rhonda Leese CHILDREN'S TIME: Michelle Bame YOUTH GROUP (5pm): Pastor Jason & volunteer needed (*Sign-up sheet is in the hallway*)