

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

### OUR CONCERNS:

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  
Stewardship of our environment & climate  
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, DS Freymoyer & EPAUMC Staff  
Laity and Clergy of the UMC  
The UMC and General Conference Delegates, new  
Bishops, God's will regarding human sexuality  
& evangelism to new disciples of Jesus  
Rev. Dorcas, her eyes & ministries in Sierra Leone  
Udobo School in Durban, South Africa  
Campus Ministries  
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  
Chuck Flory – ALS  
Alan Price – Buni's father's health  
Annette McClarigan – health, sons & family  
Jean Neideigh – healing (MS)  
Gene Onest – health issues

Those with cancer: Cyndi Campbell, Dean Grove,  
Mark Reitzel, Kerry Link and her father-in-law,  
Joe, John Rathvon, Duane Lehman, Lori, Barb  
Royer, Linda Mutzel, John Serio, Sophia, Ruthie,  
Martin Campbell, Ben Neideigh, Harmony  
Chiccarine, et al

Angela, Maria and Becky – to be healthy & thrive  
Izabel, Oaklee, Carson, Matthew & their parents  
Terry Kofroth – healing  
Daryl Hawthorne – healing and upcoming surgery  
Kuzmenko family – health and transitions  
Ukrainian people and their nation  
Don Campbell – health  
Bernice Wilkison – health  
Margie Urban – health  
Noah Boughter and family  
Bryan Nelson  
Heather Lindsey  
Theo Wenger – healing for kidneys  
Jake Ruhl – hip pain  
Jo Ann Steinmetz – healing  
Megan and Josh—Jackie Black's grandkids  
Mark Norman –recovery from shoulder surgery  
Shirley Gehr – healing  
Roberta Stone – healing and balance  
Donald Stone – healing  
Nicole Wise  
Denise Herr (Steph Edward's mom) - healing  
Holly Lee – healing  
The Jackson Family  
Jay Byerly – healing  
Glessner Family on loss of infant son  
Jenita Beth Perkowski – testing and healing  
Kay Newcomer – healing & peace  
Robyn Meckley – healing  
Sandy Patschke – healing after eye surgery  
Fred Kohler – heart attack and bypass surgery  
Shelda Costello – Healing after a fall  
Deb Blanshine - Vertigo  
All those healing from COVID and other viruses

### OUR PRAISES:

Bible2School Program for 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> graders  
God's presence through illness, struggle & loss  
The birth of Jesus the Savior

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

# CHRISTMAS DAY

GOD OF THE DARK & THE LIGHT WORSHIP SERIES

ISAIAH 52:7-10  
PSALM 98  
HEBREWS 1:1-4 (5-12)  
JOHN 1:1-14



*Welcome*

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# Faith United Methodist Church



December 25, 2022 at 10:30 AM – Christmas Day

**W**ELCOME: We gather together to worship God: The Father, The Son, & the Holy Spirit. We celebrate that The Holy Spirit came upon the Virgin Mary, the Word of God became flesh within her, & on this night some 2022 years ago she brought the only begotten Son, Jesus, into the world. You are welcome in this space to celebrate this miracle no matter who you are; from where you have come; what experiences, struggles or gifts you bring; or the questions, doubts & beliefs you carry. Together, we seek to honor & understand the gift of the Christ Child! 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** Pastor Jason

**A TIME FOR CENTERING & PRAYER** Pastor Jason

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE: CHRIST CANDLE** The Rice Family  
*From the website of Grace Church in Ealing, London. <http://www.freshworship.org/>*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Pastor Jason & God's People

Come and see! **The light of God has come into our world to proclaim God's justice and love;**

**It has overcome the darkness and brought new life.**

Come and follow! **Christ our companion has redeemed our world. He draws us into a loving family from every tribe and family and culture.**

Go and tell! **The Spirit has equipped us for service to love our neighbours as we do ourselves to bring God's salvation to the ends of the earth.**

Come and see, come and follow, go and tell!

**In God's Love the nations of the earth will put their hope.**

*Adapted from a prayer by Christine Sine on Godspace. <http://godspace-msa.com/>. Posted by Irricana UC*

**\*HYMN** *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* UMH #240

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** **Isaiah 52:7-10** Linda Lunn  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

**HYMN SING** *Request Your Favorite Hymns* UMH #217-#255

**CHILDREN'S TIME** Amy Boughter

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** **Psalm 98** Linda Lunn  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

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

**Special Music** *The Little Drummer Boy (Davis, Onorati & Simeone)* Faith Singers

**\*Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #95

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**\*HYMN SING** *Request Your Favorite Hymns* UMH #217-#255

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** **Hebrews 1:1-12** Linda Lunn

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

**THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER** UMH #895

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *Grace from Christmas Snow (Sorenson)* The Faith Singers

**HYMN SING** *Request Your Favorite Hymns* UMH #217-#255

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** **John 1:1-14** Linda Lunn  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

**HOMILY** *Jesus: The Word, the Light, the Life* Pastor Jason

**BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH**

**\*HYMN** *Go Tell It on the Mountain* UMH #251

**\* 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.**

**OFFICE COMMUNICATION:** Hours vary. Contact the Office via 717-560-0321 or [faithumc@hotmail.com](mailto:faithumc@hotmail.com), (messages checked weekdays). Contact Pastor Jason via 717-333-9238 or [jbperkowsk@gmail.com](mailto:jbperkowsk@gmail.com). He is with family from Friday at Noon thru Saturday and may not respond to non-emergencies then.

**SCHEDULE CHANGE:** Please note that there will be no regular office hours December 25th through January 1st. Pastor Jason and Carol will be in the office as their schedules permit. Messages left on the office phone, 717-560-0321, will be checked periodically. In case of an emergency contact Pastor Jason at 717-333-9238.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CHRISTMAS GIFTS** for the staff at Faith UMC. We are overwhelmed at your generosity and blessed to serve with you in ministry to our community. Thank you for these gifts as well as your love and your prayers.

**CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING:** As has been our tradition, we will be donating our entire Christmas Eve offering to the **UDOBO PRE-SCHOOL** in Durban, South Africa to benefit the children in honor of the birth of Christ. God has been so good to us and we can afford to be generous to the littlest and least in the world. This is a chance to give these children the best start in life so that they can grow to be Godly, healthy and productive members of their community. Visit <http://UdoboSchool.com> for more information. Your gift will help provide food, educational supplies and teaching staff. **All gifts in the special Red Christmas envelopes or loose gifts on Christmas Eve will go to the Udobo School.** So, if you want gifts to go specifically to the General Budget or the Building Fund, please mark it clearly on your envelope or on the check's memo line. **There is a regular white Dec 25<sup>th</sup> envelope that you can use for your regular offering,** as well. **Make out checks to "Faith UMC."**

**END OF YEAR FINANCIAL UPDATE:** Faith UMC continues to do incredible ministry—with Bible Studies and small groups for all ages, GriefShare, Bible2School for students from Reidenbaugh Elementary, outreach events like Breakfast with Santa and Trunk-or-Treat, support for those struggling financially, pastoral care, shepherding and visitations, etc. Several new folks are becoming active members, too. This work does require financial support. Please prayerfully consider if you can make a special end of year gift toward these ministries. You can place a gift in the offering plate, mail a check, or donate online at FaithUMC.US under "Online Giving."

**REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS:** If you are over 72 and have tax deferred retirement accounts, you could have a portion of your required minimum distribution given as a charitable gift to the church (or other organizations) to avoid paying taxes on those funds. This may benefit you as you finish out 2022 and plan for your tax returns. If you have questions, about different sources of giving to the church, feel free to contact Pastor Jason.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL at 9:00 AM:** Everyone is welcome to join this Bible Study led by Michelle Bame on Sunday mornings. *We will meet in the 1<sup>st</sup> classroom in the Education Wing.* **Resumes Jan 8.**

**JUNIOR CHURCH** for kids age 3 years - 4th grade **during the 10:30AM Worship Service. Please sign your child in before the Worship Service. Each child and parent will be assigned a badge** with a matching number. Kids will begin the service in the sanctuary and be dismissed to Junior Church after the Children's Time Message. **After worship, parents must sign children out at their classroom in the Education Wing.** **Resumes Jan 8.**

**YOUTH GROUP, SUNDAYS, 5-7 PM at Faith UMC** for 5th-12th graders. Sign up in the hall to be the 2nd adult and/or to provide a meal. Each week there are dinner, games and a lesson. **Youth will go to Gretna Glen Camp from 3:30-7:00 PM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month—except December.** Church van will leave from / return to Faith UMC. For more info contact Pastor Jason (717-333-9238). **Resumes Jan 8.**

**CONFIRMATION CLASS will meet at Faith UMC from 7:30-9:00 PM every other Monday for students in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade.** We will have classes, retreats, field trips, etc. led by Pastor Andrea from Long Memorial and Pastor Jason. (Next meetings: **Jan. 2 & 16**)

**GRIEF SHARE GROUP:** Pastor Jason and Tina Miller lead a GriefShare Group to help people find support and process the loss of loved ones. To learn more, please contact Pastor Jason ASAP. This group meets every other Monday from 5-6 PM in the Fellowship Hall at Faith UMC (**Jan. 2 & 16**).

**CHATTING VIA ZOOM MONDAYS AT 6:30 PM:** *No meeting on Dec 26.* Everyone is invited to join us. at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518?pwd=cEVDeDljeThaaWVlYjIjQWmZjTm5oUT09>.

**BIBLE STUDY on WEDNESDAYS at 6:30 PM** with Mike at Oregon Community UMC. **Resumes Jan 11.**

**MORNING BIBLE STUDY – FRIDAYS AT 10AM in Fellowship Hall:** We explore the scriptures for this week's sermon. You can prepare at: <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning>. **Resumes Jan 6.**

**ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE FAITH UMC WORSHIP TEAM for practices on Wednesdays at 6:30PM.** We still need singers and instrumentalists to be a part of leading worship each week. **No practice Dec. 28.**

**MEMBERSHIP:** If you are interested in learning more about the UMC and our local churches, and are considering becoming a member, we invite you to contact Pastor Jason for info to join in a new membership class to begin soon.

**FREE LENDING LIBRARY** of books, puzzles, & DVDs for all ages to borrow is in the 2<sup>nd</sup> classroom in the Education Wing. There is no sign-in/out procedure. See Buni or Marilyn for info. Donations welcome.

**PRAYER SHAWLS AVAILABLE:** Perhaps you or someone you know would appreciate the comfort of a prayer shawl or quilt. **Please help yourself to a prayer shawl** from the rack in the hall and sign the attached sheet.

**SERVANT SATURDAY:** In coordination with our Downtown Ministry program, Faith UMC is encouraging a Servant Saturday for all our worshippers on the 1st Saturday of each month. Our next Servant Saturday is **January 7.** We are asking everyone to make an effort to show God's love to the world around you. We would like everyone to find a way to give of their time, talents and treasures locally or across the world. Involve everyone in your family to find ways to share the love and giving of Jesus Christ—on this day and each day of the year.

**DOWNTOWN MINISTRY:** We have ministry of providing meals & personal care items for people who are unhoused in Lancaster City on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month. **January 7 we will meet at 2pm and cook a hot meal** at Faith UMC, and then **go downtown to deliver it.** If you'd like to help, please contact Diana Valentine at 717-283-6099. We need people to help cook, prepare donations, deliver food, pray, etc.

**COMMUNITY MEAL:** People in need may pick up a Grab 'n Go Meal at Zion Lutheran Church in East Petersburg every Monday. Several churches in the area support this ministry. **Faith UMC provides fifty Grab 'n Go Meals quarterly.** If you would like to be involved in this ministry, please contact Carol Kennedy. **The next time we serve a meal will be January 9, 2023.**

**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.**

**LITITZ MEALS ON WHEELS** is in need of drivers to deliver pre-cooked meals to clients in the Lititz/Warwick area. Use your own vehicle to deliver from Lititz Church of the Brethren, 300 W. Orange Street, Lititz. WE CURRENTLY NEED REGULAR DRIVERS AND SUBSTITUTES ON MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS Other delivery days are also available Monday thru Friday beginning at 10:15 AM to one of four pre-determined routes. You can volunteer one day a week, or several times a month, or as your schedule permits. For more information, contact: Laurie Hess 717-519-9906 or email: [Lahess@rocketmail.com](mailto:Lahess@rocketmail.com).

#### ONGOING EVENTS:

##### **Sundays**

Adult Sunday School, 9:00 AM **No session Dec 25 or Jan 1.**

Worship, 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary and Facebook Live

Junior Church during 10:30 AM worship **No session Dec 25 or Jan 1.**

Youth Group at Faith, 5-7 PM. **No session Dec 25 or Jan 1.**

##### **1st Sundays**

Communion is offered during worship service, 10:30AM

##### **Mondays**

GriefShare Group - Every other Monday from 5:00-6:00 PM at Faith UMC

Chatting Club via Zoom, 6:30 PM **No session Dec 26.**

Confirmation Class - Every other Monday from 7:30-9:00 PM at Faith UMC

Bible2School, 9:45 to 11:30 AM for Reidenbaugh students in Fellowship Hall

Bible2School, 11:20 AM-1:20 PM for Reidenbaugh students in Fellowship Hall

Worship Team Practice, 6:30 PM – **No practice December 28**

Bible Study at Oregon Community UMC, 6:30-7:30 PM **Resumes Jan 11**

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

Bible Study led by Pastor Jason, 10:00 AM **No session Dec 30.**

##### **Tuesdays**

##### **Wednesdays**

Faith UMC works with IMPACT! Missions – Contact Leon Bame to help.

Servant Saturday & Downtown Food Ministry, 2PM

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

##### **Monday, Dec 26**

**NO Chatting Club** via Zoom, 7:00 PM **Resumes on Jan 2**

##### **Friday, Dec 30**

**NO Bible Study** led by Pastor Jason at 10:00 AM – **Resumes on Jan 6**

##### **Monday, Jan 2**

GriefShare Group - Every other Monday from 5:00 to 6:00 PM

Chatting Club via Zoom, 7:00 PM

Confirmation Class - Every other Monday from 7:30-9:00 PM at Faith UMC

##### **Wednesday, Jan 5**

Ladies' Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:00 AM – RSVP to Sandy Patschke

##### **Saturday, Jan 7**

Servant Saturday/Deliver food & personal items to unhoused folks downtown, 2 PM

##### **Monday, Jan 9**

Faith UMC provides Bag-n-Go Lunch at Zion Lutheran Church, 11AM (Prep at 9:30 AM)

##### **Thursday, Jan 19**

Senior Men's Lunch at Two Cousins in Brownstown, 11:30 AM – RSVP to Mike Bitner

#### WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, January 1 are:

**WORSHIP MUSIC:** Shannon Edwards, Worship Director and the Faith Singers

**AUDIO/VISUAL TECH:** Dennis Meck, Sr.

**GREETERS:** Alan Strait & Sydney Dohring

**USHERS:** Carol & Allen Kennedy

**LITURGIST:** Buni Harbison

**CHILDREN'S TIME:** Pastor Jason

**JUNIOR CHURCH:** Cancelled – Enjoy the service!

**YOUTH GROUP:** Cancelled – Enjoy time with family!