

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

### OUR CONCERNS:

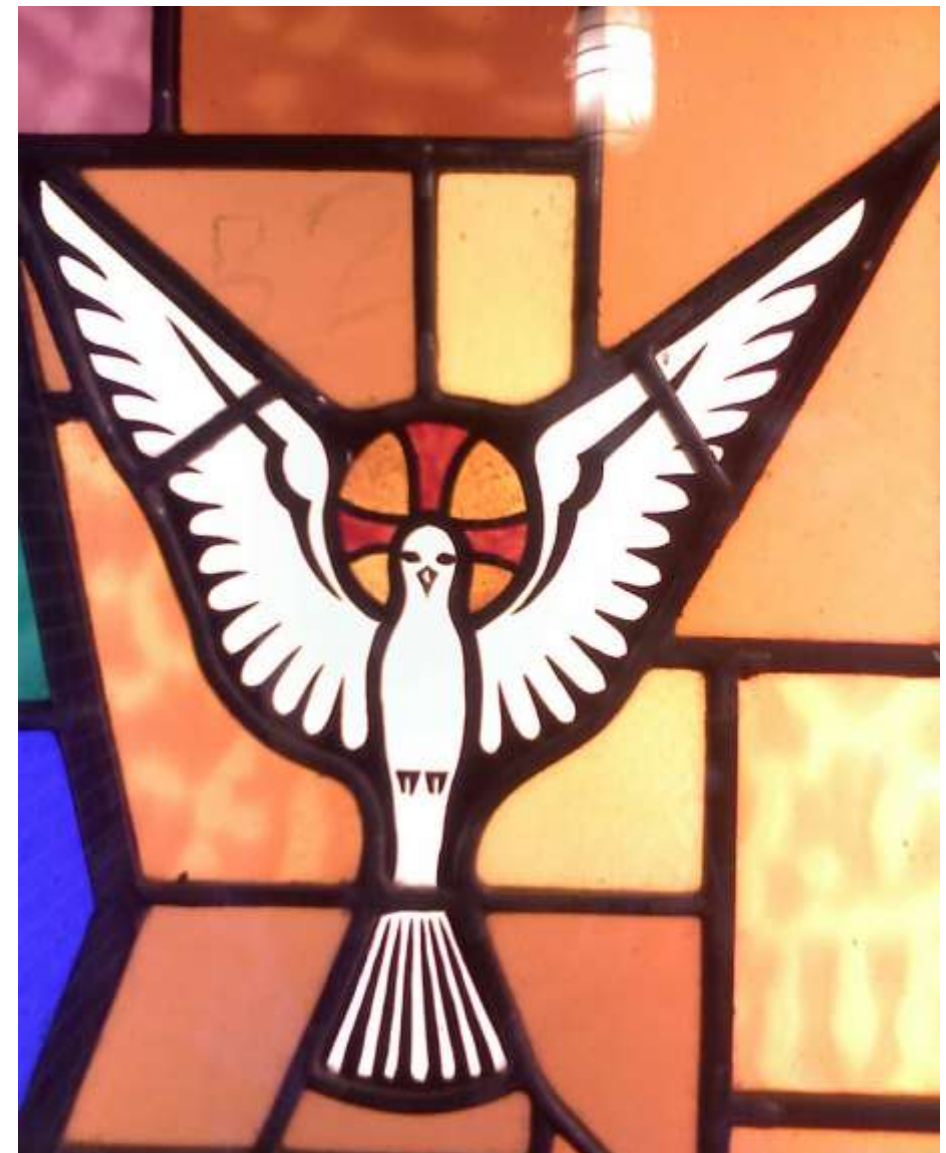
Wisdom & safety for government officials globally  
President Joe Biden and VP Kamala Harris  
Veterans and Service Members  
Civilians, leaders, and soldiers in war torn regions  
For peace & wisdom in areas of conflict  
Police officers and their families  
Folks harmed in interactions with police  
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, Conference Delegates and Bishops as  
we find our way forward in the Holy Spirit  
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  
Don Campbell – health

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  
Kuzmenko family – health and transitions  
Sarah Kumzenko – Migraines  
Ukrainian people and their nation  
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  
Denise Herr (Steph Edward's mom) - healing  
Holly Lee – healing  
The Jackson Family  
Jay Byerly – healing  
Jenita Beth Perkowski – testing and healing  
Robert Perkowski – healing  
Kay Newcomer – healing & peace  
Robyn Meckley – healing  
Shelda Costello – healing after a fall  
Linda Lunn – Myeloma  
Bob Miller – upcoming neck surgery  
Jacob Pennell – healing after eye surgery  
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

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



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*Welcome*

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# Faith United Methodist Church



January 15, 2023 at 10:30 AM – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

**W**ELCOME: We gather together to worship God: The Father, The Son, & the Holy Spirit. We come to learn from the life, ministry and teaching of Jesus--who is fully God and fully human. He is the living Word of God. You are welcome in this space to explore 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 learn and live out our Faith. 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 & Pastor Jason

## A TIME FOR CENTERING & PRAYER

Pastor Jason

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jason & God's People

I waited patiently for GOD; who turned to me and heard my cry, who lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; and set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

**We sing a new song! Our mouths are full of the praise of God.**

Blessed are we when we make the Lord our trust; when we do not turn aside to false gods.

**We sing of all your many wonders, O God, too many to declare them all.**

Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but our ears you have pierced and a body you have prepared for us.

**We sing, "Here I am, I have come— I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is in my heart."**

*Written by The Rev. Marilyn K. Levine and posted on the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways website.*

*http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/. Reposted: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2014/01/responsive-call-to-worship-psalm-40.html>.*

## \*HYMN

*'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

UMH #462

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

**John 1:22-42**

Michelle Bame

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

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Jason

## \*HYMN

*Trust and Obey*

UMH #467

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Luke 4:1-12**

Michelle Bame

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

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

Anthem

*You Are My Hiding Place*

\*Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH #95

\*Offertory Prayer

## \*PRAISE HYMN

*Cornerstone*

## THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH #895

## \*HYMN

*It Is Well with My Soul*

UMH #377

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Luke 4:14-30**

Michelle Bame

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

## SERMON

*Who Is Jesus? Full of the Spirit*

Pastor Jason

## BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

## \*HYMN

*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

UMH #349

*\* 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 [jbperkowsky@gmail.com](mailto:jbperkowsky@gmail.com). He is with family from Friday at Noon thru Saturday and may not respond to non-emergencies then.

**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.*

**JUNIOR CHURCH** for children age 3 years through 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. Children are dismissed to Junior Church after the Children's Time Message. After worship, parents must sign children out at their classroom in the Education Wing.**

**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 including today. A volunteer is needed to ride in the van.** Church van will leave from / return to Faith UMC. For more info contact Pastor Jason (717-333-9238).

**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. 16 & 30)

**GRIEFSHARE GROUP:** Pastor Jason and Tina Miller lead a GriefShare Group to help people find support and process the loss of loved ones. We meet every other Monday from 5-6 PM at Faith UMC (Jan. 16 & 30).

**CHATTING VIA ZOOM MONDAYS AT 6:30 PM:** Everyone is invited to join us. at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518?pwd=cEVDeDljeThaaWVlYjIOWmZjTm5oUT09>.

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

**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>.

**FAITH UMC WORSHIP TEAM:** Do YOU, yes YOU, sing? Play an instrument? Love to laugh, fellowship with Faith friends, and in general, make a joyful noise to the Lord? If you do, then have we got an opportunity for you! The Faith Singers, led by Shannon, meet every Wednesday at 6:30 PM to learn Sunday morning's hymns, praise and worship songs, and beautiful anthems designed to enhance the worship experience. We want YOU to share with us in this opportunity! We are not shy. We will welcome you with open arms, open hearts, and open voices. Talk to Shannon if you have any questions, or better yet, come join us on Wednesday night!

**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 on **Sunday, January 15, 22, and 29 at noon. We will meet in the first classroom in the Education Wing.**

**BIBLE2SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS:** If you are interested in helping lead small groups or teach the Bible2School students from Reidenbaugh Elementary School please let Pastor know. Faith UMC is hosting this religious education program for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students every Tues. & Wed. morning for 45 students.

**LUMINA NEEDS YOU!** They offer a kid's time Monday evenings for Lancaster inner city children from 4-10 years of age on three Mondays a month from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. During this time the children play a game, do a small craft, hear a Bible lesson, and eat a snack / light meal. Churches take turns sponsoring each month. **We have agreed to help do the meals on Jan. 23, & 30. Please prayerfully consider helping.** Meals would be cooked here and taken downtown to New Creation UMC. **Please contact Diana Valentine at 717-283-6099.**

**CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM:** We are starting a new team at Faith & Oregon Community to explore how our churches can engage in improving our community. Scripture, our membership vows and the history of the Methodists call us to stand up against injustice and the forces of wickedness. If you are interested in learning more and being a part of that team, please contact Pastor Jason. This team will also discern ways that we may choose to engage with **POWER INTERFAITH LANCASTER COUNTY** (<https://powerinterfaith.org>) which is working on justice issues in our community around schools, the criminal justice system, etc.

**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:** If you or someone you know would appreciate the comfort of a prayer shawl or quilt, **please help yourself to a one** 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 **February 4**. 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. There is a flyer on the church website that has some suggestions, but we hope you can use your imaginations to find ways to give. Involve everyone in your family to find ways to share the love and giving of Jesus Christ. And who knows, that attitude of servanthood may carry over to all the other days of the week.

**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. **February 4 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 April 10, 2023.

**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.

**2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES** have been delayed at the printer. We should receive them in Jan or Feb. Until then, clearly mark how you want your gift used (General Ministry or Debt Reduction) in the memo line or on a plain envelope. There are also extra envelopes in the hall that you may use. Please make sure to include your name and/or envelope number on the front as well as how you want your gift used.

**MINISTRY & FINANCE UPDATE:** The people of Faith UMC continue to serve by training up young people, offering various small groups and Bible Studies, evangelizing, welcoming in new members, providing pastoral care, providing meals to unhoused people in Binn's Park, enabling meaningful worship services, and so much more.

Thank you for sharing your time, talent, prayers, service and witness—including your ongoing financial support of this work. **We do need your financial gifts. After a solid end to the year, we have had very low offerings the first two Sundays of 2023 and are praying that as people come back from the holidays that will increase so that we can continue serving our community. Prayerfully consider if you are able to make a donation toward a strong start to our ministries in this new year. And if you have not submitted a Pledge Card indicating your plans for the year, extra cards are available on the Information Table in the lobby.**

**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 you tax returns. If you have questions, about different sources of giving to the church, feel free to contact Pastor Jason.

**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.**

### 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.

#### **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

#### **Tuesdays**

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

#### **Wednesdays**

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

#### **Thursdays**

Worship Team Practice, 6:30 PM

#### **Fridays**

Bible Study at Oregon Community UMC, 6:30-7:30 PM

#### **1st & 3rd Saturdays**

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

#### **1st Saturdays**

Bible Study led by Pastor Jason, 10:00 AM  
Faith UMC works with IMPACT! Missions – Contact Leon Bame to help.  
Servant Saturday & Downtown Food Ministry, 2PM

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### **Sunday, Jan 15**

**New Membership Class begins, noon (also Jan 22 & 29)**

Return Christmas items to the attic after worship – volunteers needed  
Youth at Gretna Glen, meet at and return to Faith UMC, 3:30-7:00 PM –volunteer needed

#### **Monday, Jan 16**

GriefShare Group - Every other Monday from 5:00 to 6:00 PM  
Chatting Club via Zoom, 7:00 PM

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

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

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

#### **Wednesday, Feb 1**

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

#### **Saturday, Feb 4**

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

### WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, January 22 are:

GREETERS: Tim & Sandy Patschke

USHERS: Tim Patschke & Allen Kennedy

LITURGIST: Daryl Hawthorne

CHILDREN'S TIME: *volunteer needed*

JUNIOR CHURCH: Lisa Baker & Allen Kennedy

YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason & *volunteer needed*