

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
Terry Kofroth – healing

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, Sophia Serio, Ruthie, Martin Campbell, Ben Neideigh, Harmony Chiccarine, et al
Angela, Maria and Becky – to be healthy & thrive
Izabel, Oaklee, Carson, Matthew & their parents
Kuzmenko family – health and transitions
Sarah Kumzenko – Migraines
Ukrainian people and their nation
Bernice Wilkison – health
Margie Urban – health & healing from infection
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
The Jackson Family
Jay Byerly – healing
Jenita Beth Perkowski – testing and healing
Robert T. Perkowski – healing
Kay Newcomer – healing & peace
Robyn Meckley – healing
Linda Lunn – myeloma, chemo & heart
Bob Miller –healing after neck surgery
Phyllis Miller – healing after fall
Jacob Pennell – healing after eye surgery
Jim Harbison – chronic pain and recovery
Veronica Eckman – housing and support
Children – to know they are not alone in struggles
Ed Kelly (Mike Bitner's Son-in-Law) – brain tumor
Sheri (Marilyn Jones' daughter) – healing
Marilyn Jones – travel mercies
Darius
Doug – pass his boards for chiropractor

OUR PRAISES:

Bible2School Program for 2nd-4th graders
God's presence through illness, struggle & loss
New membership class
Shelda Costello – quick healing
Arlene – thanks for job with school

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



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Welcome

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February 12, 2023 at 10:30 AM – 6th Sunday after the Epiphany

WELCOME: 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

Are you awake? Are you alert?

Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

Are you watching the signs? Are you interpreting what is happening today?

Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

Do you see opportunities for ministry? Do you see the poor, the homeless, the hungry, the needy?

Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

Come, let us worship and let us work in the reign of God.

Christ has extended the invitation: let us work together in the reign of God on earth.

Rev. Mindi on her Rev-o-lution blog. Reposted: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/11/contemporary-call-proper-27a.html>.

*HYMN

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

MSFPW1 #2

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ezekiel 34:1-24

Terry Kofroth

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

*HYMN

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

UMH #381

CHILDREN'S TIME

Michelle Bame

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 15:21-28; Matthew 18:10-14

Terry Kofroth

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

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

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

*Offertory Prayer

*HYMN

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

UMH #128

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

UMH #895

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 10:1-18

Terry Kofroth

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



*HYMN

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

UMH #138 v. 1, 2, 3, 6

SERMON

Who Is Jesus? Good Shepherd

Pastor Jason

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

*HYMN

To God Be the Glory

UMH #98

* 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, (messages checked weekdays). Contact Pastor Jason via 717-333-9238 or 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 led by Michelle Bame meets in the 1st 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 (3rd classroom on the left).**

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. **Youth go to Gretna Glen Camp from 3:30-7:00 PM on the 3rd Sundays, inc. February 19 (Volunteer needed).** Church van leaves from / returns to Faith UMC. Contact Pastor Jason for more info.

CONFIRMATION CLASS at Faith UMC, 7:30-9 PM every other Monday led by Pastors Andrea (Long Memorial) & Jason. **Next meetings: Feb 13 & 27. Confirmation Retreat is April 21-23 at Gretna Glen**

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 (**Feb 13 & 27**).

CHATTING VIA ZOOM MONDAYS AT 6:30 PM: This is a member-led, discussion-oriented "Philosopher's Club." Come with your ideas, questions and wonderings for discussion each week. Pastor Jason will facilitate. You may join us at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518?pwd=cEVDeDljeThaaWVlYjIjQWmZjTm5oUT09>.

BIBLE STUDY ON SAMUEL 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 the upcoming sermon. You can prepare by exploring the scriptures printed in the bulletin and Faith-a-Gram.

SENIOR MEN'S LUNCH, Thur., Feb. 16 at 11:30AM. We will enjoy food from Mission BBQ at Faith UMC. Drinks are provided. You may donate to the cost of the meal. **RSVP to Allen Kennedy by Feb 12.**

THANK YOU: *Dear Jason & Faith Members, Thank you for the generous donation for my mission trip to Sierra Leone – Mamaland. Pastor Dorcas is so excited to have volunteers to come and see the children and the Nar Sara Clinic. I'm sure this trip will change me. Your monetary support and prayers are humbling. Thank you. Peace, Sue Grimm Mattox, West District Lay Leader. P.S. I hope I can share my trip in the future.*

FAITH UMC WORSHIP TEAM: Do YOU, sing, play an instrument, love to laugh and fellowship with Faith friends, and in general, make a joyful noise to the Lord? If you do, then please join the Faith Singers, led by Shannon Edwards, who practice every Wednesday at 6:30 PM to prepare the hymns, praise and worship songs, and beautiful anthems for our Sunday morning worship experience. We want YOU to share with us in this opportunity!

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY: We received word from Bishop Schol that we've been challenged. The United Methodists of Missouri and Kansas (Chiefs fans) have the audacity to challenge the good people of EPA&GNJ in conjunction with this Sunday's Super Bowl. Apparently, they think their football team is better and that they can collect more food for area food banks than we can. The football game will be settled on the field. But **we can demonstrate our commitment to help feed those who need food. Time is short. We only have until tonight at game time, 6:30 p.m., to collect as much food as we can.**

MINISTRY UPDATE: What a joy to welcome the Norman and Charles Families into membership of our church family last Sunday! Our church is growing—with 17 new professing and baptized members having joined in the last 12 months. **We celebrate these lives joining with ours and the ways that we can continue to support, pray for, learn from, and enjoy the fellowship of one another.** 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 more info.

FINANCE UPDATE: Thank you for your gifts that support our ministries—including those who have given an extra measure to help start off the year. **Please consider if you are able to make a gift** to support our shared ministries—and if you might be able to commit to regular giving. You can set up recurring gifts through your own financial institution or at

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z37Q/home>. **Pledge Card** help us plan for expected giving (extras are on the Lobby Info Table). Gifts can be directed to **General Ministry, Debt Reduction /**

Building Fund, etc. Mark preferences in the memo line or on an envelope. You can **mail a check**, donate at FaithUMC.us or via the **QR Code**, or **place an offering in the plate**.



We are also able to receive gifts from various sources: Required Minimum Distributions from tax deferred **Retirement Accounts** (of those over 72 years of age), **Stocks, Bonds, Investments, Foundations, etc.** Please contact the Finance Team if you have questions.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES have been delayed until February/March. Until then, clearly mark how you want your gift used on a plain envelope or extra giving envelopes from the hall. Include your name and envelope number.

NECKTIES NEEDED We have started planning for the tables we will have at Breakfast with Santa. If you have any men's neckties that you no longer want, please place them in the box in the entryway. Any questions, see Buni.

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 2nd and 3rd grade students every Tues. & Wed. morning for 45 students.

SERVANT SATURDAY: In coordination with our Downtown Ministry program, Faith UMC is encouraging a Servant Saturday on the 1st Saturday of each month, including **March 4**. We are asking everyone to show God's love to the people around you by finding a way to give of your time, talents and treasures locally or across the world. There is a flyer on the church website with suggestions, but use your imaginations to find ways to give by yourself, or with family & friends. May the attitude of servanthood carry over to all the other days of the week.

DOWNTOWN MINISTRY: We provide meals & personal care items for people who are unhoused in Lancaster City on the 1st Saturday of every month. **March 4 at 2PM we will cook a hot meal** at Faith UMC, and then **go downtown to deliver it**. To help cook, prepare donations, deliver food, etc., contact Diana at 717-283-6099.

FREE TAX PREP by IRS- certified volunteers. VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) is a program of the United Way. This offer is for persons making between \$10,000 and \$60,000. It is available in-person, virtually (Drop-Off/Pick-Up) or online (MyFreeTaxes.com). Schedule an appointment by calling 211 or at vita.uwlanc.org.

FREE LENDING LIBRARY of books, puzzles, & DVDs for all ages to borrow is in the 2nd 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.

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**.

THE FINANCE TEAM IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS to serve as Treasurer, Tax Form Preparer, and Counters. Please let Pastor Jason, Gwen Newell, or Jim Harbison know if you are willing to serve in any one of these roles.

THE TRUSTEES will be meeting on **February 16** at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. All members should be there.

THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM of Faith & Oregon Community UMCs **will have their first meeting on February 23 at 5:30 PM at Faith UMC**. We will explore how we 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 and Renee Norman who will chair this team. We will 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.

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
Worship Team Practice, 6:30 PM

Thursdays

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

Fridays

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

1st & 3rd Saturdays

Bible Study led by Pastor Jason, 10:00 AM

1st Saturdays

Faith UMC works with IMPACT! Missions – Contact Leon Bame to help
Servant Saturday & Downtown Food Ministry, 2PM

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, Feb 13

GriefShare Group - Every other Monday from 5:00 to 6:00 PM
Chatting Club via Zoom, 6:30 PM

Thursday, Feb 16

Confirmation Class - Every other Monday from 7:30-9:00 PM at Faith UMC
Senior Men's Lunch, 11:30AM at Faith UMC – RSVP to Allen Kennedy

Sunday, Feb 19

Trustees Meeting, 6:00 PM

Wednesday, Feb 22

Youth Group at Gretna Glen, meet at and return to Faith UMC, 3:30-7:00 PM

Thursday, Feb 23

Joint Ash Wednesday Service at Oregon Community UMC, 7:00 PM
Church & Society Team Meeting, 5:30 PM

WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, Feb 19 are:

GREETERS/USHERS: Alan Strait & Sydney Dohring

LITURGIST: Rhonda Leese

CHILDREN'S TIME: Amy Boughter

JUNIOR CHURCH: Lisa Baker & Allen Kennedy

YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason & *volunteer needed to ride in van to Gretna Glen*