

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
Annette McClarigan – health, sons & family
Jean Neideigh – healing (MS)
Gene Onest – health issues
Don Campbell – health
Terry Kofroth – healing
Angela, Maria and Becky – to be healthy & thrive
Izabel, Oaklee, Carson, Matthew & their parents

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
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
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
Darius
Doug – pass his boards for chiropractor
The people of Syria and Turkey
Alan Price – Buni's father's health and transitions
Linda Lunn – myeloma cancer progressing
Family and friends of Elaina Smith after her murder— including Pastor John Smith of Lampeter UMC

OUR PRAISES:

Bible2School Program for 2nd-4th graders
God's presence through illness, struggle & loss
Donations from Walmart for community use
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 19, 2023 at 10:30 AM – Transfiguration Sunday

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

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Here is the citadel of all my desiring, where my hopes are born and all the deep resolutions of my spirit take wings.

In this center, my fears are nourished, and all my hates are nurtured.

Here my loves are cherished, and all the deep hungers of my spirit are honored without quivering and without shock.

In my heart, above all else, let love and integrity envelop me until my love is perfected and the last vestige of my desiring is no longer in conflict with Thy Spirit.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. Amen.

UMH #401 Howard Thurman, For Holiness of Heart

*HYMN

I Am Thine O Lord

UMH #419 v. 1-3

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 10:1-15

Rhonda Leese

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

CHILDREN’S TIME

Amy Boughter

*HYMN

Take Time to Be Holy

UMH #395

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Proverbs 2:1-15

Rhonda Leese

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

Spirit of The Living God

UMH #393 (Repeat)

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

UMH #895

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 16:13-28

Rhonda Leese

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

*HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

UMH #577 v. 1, 3, 4

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 28:16-20

Rhonda Leese

SERMON

Who Is Jesus? Disciple Maker

Pastor Jason

*HYMN

O Jesus I Have Promised

UMH #396

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

** You are invited to stand*

Director of Worship: Shannon Edwards **Pianist:** Jody Wiker **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. Carol Kennedy, Office Administrator, checks messages in the office on weekdays. Pastor Jason is with family from Fri, Noon until Sunday & 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 right).

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.** 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 27 & Mar 13. 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 27 & Mar 13**).

CHATTING VIA ZOOM on Mondays at 6:30 PM: This member-led, discussion group is facilitated by Pastor Jason. 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. **NO Meeting on Feb 22** due to Ash Wednesday Service at 7 PM.

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.

LENTEN STUDIES:

- **Wednesdays at Long Memorial UMC at 7:30 PM** You are invited to dive deeply into *The Grace of Les Misérables*, a study written by Matt Rawle, talking about the miracle of grace we receive through Jesus. It looks at the classic *Les Misérables* through the lens of faith—exploring grace, justice, poverty, revolution, love, and hope (each represented by a character in Hugo’s story). If you would like to have a copy of the participant guide, please contact Tara at (717-569-2931 or longmemorialumc@gmail.com).
- **Thursdays at Salem: Rothsville UMC from 5-6:30 PM.** This study will be based on the book, *Aging: Growing Old in Church* by Bishop Will Willimon. Using Scripture, literature, research, and personal experience, Willimon reflects on aging as a spiritual journey; explores its challenging realities and rewarding joys; and offers practical advice on supporting seniors as they encounter retirement, loss, bereavement, and more. **Please order the book in advance** at Christianbook.com, Amazon, etc.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: 7:00 PM on Wednesday, February 22. Join us for a joint Ash Wednesday Service to be held at Oregon Community UMC, 1214 Creek Rd, Lititz, PA 17543

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

THANK YOU for your canned goods donations for Super Bowl Sunday. The 236 churches in the Eastern PA and Greater New Jersey conferences reported collecting over 74,000 donated pounds of food to fight hunger.

FAITH UMC WORSHIP TEAM: Do you sing, play an instrument, enjoy fellowship and laughter, and like to make a joyful noise to the Lord? If so, please join the Faith Singers, led by Shannon Edwards. We practice every Wednesday at 6:30 PM to prepare the music for our Sunday morning worship experience. You are invited to join.

MEDICINE BOTTLE PROJECT: We collect empty prescription pill bottles for clinics overseas to package medications. **Remove labels & residue.** The collection basket is under a table as you enter the sanctuary.

SOUP SALE: We are selling quarts of Oregon Dairy Soups for **pick up on Saturday, March 25th** at Faith UMC from 12-2pm. **Orders and payments are due by March 10th.** Choose from Vegetable Beef, Chicken Corn, Tomato Bisque and Creamy Potato Soup for \$10/quart or choose from Chicken Corn Noodle and Ham & Bean Soup for \$40/gallon. **There are order forms in the hall** or place orders by visiting faithumc.us and placing your order under "Online Donation," emailing faithumc@hotmail.com, or calling the Faith UMC office at (717) 560-0321.

MINISTRY UPDATE: What a joy to welcome the Norman and Charles Families into membership of our church family this month! 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. **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 73 years of age), **Stocks, Bonds, Investments, Foundations, IRAs etc.** Note: Any distribution from a self-directed IRA to a charity is not considered taxable income (regardless of age). Please contact the Finance Team for info.



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. *Weekly givers will find one month's worth of personalized envelopes in their mailbox.*

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.

TOOLS FOR MINISTRY: March 18 at Church of the Good Shepherd UMC, 1500 Quentin Rd., Lebanon, PA. Registration and workshop descriptions coming soon!

BIBLE2SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS: If you are interested in helping teach or lead small groups of students from Reidenbaugh Elem. School on Tues. or Wed at Faith UMC, please let Pastor know. We have 45 students each week.

SERVANT SATURDAY: On the 1st Saturday, incl. **March 4**, show God's love to the people around you by finding a way to give of your time, talents and treasure. Use your imaginations to find ways to give by yourself or with others. **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, 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 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.uwplanc.org.

FREE LENDING LIBRARY of books, puzzles, & DVDs is in the 2nd classroom in the Education Wing.

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 CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM of Faith & Oregon Community UMCs **will have their first meeting on Feb. 23 at 5:30 PM at Faith UMC.** We will explore how we can engage in improving our community by standing up against injustice and the forces of wickedness. If interested in learning more, contact Pastor Jason or Renee Norman.

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

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

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

Bible Study led by Pastor Jason, 10:00 AM

Thursdays

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

Fridays

Servant Saturday & Downtown Food Ministry, 2PM

1st & 3rd Saturdays

1st Saturdays

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, Feb 19

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

Wednesday, Feb 22

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

No Worship Team or OCUMC Bible Study

Church & Society Team Meeting, 5:30 PM

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

Thursday, Feb 23

GriefShare Group, 5:00 to 6:00 PM

Sunday, Feb 26

Chatting Club via Zoom, 6:30 PM

Monday, Feb 27

Confirmation Class, 7:30-9:00 PM

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

Wednesday, Mar 1

SPRC meeting, 6:00 PM

Thursday, Mar 2

Finance Team meeting, 6:00 PM

Thursday, Mar 9

SPRC meeting, 7:30 PM

Wednesday, Mar 15

Tools for Ministry at Church of the Good Shepherd UMC, 8:30 AM

Saturday, Mar 18

WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, Feb 26 are:

GREETERS/USHERS: Terry Kofroth & Allen Kennedy

LITURGIST: Lisa Baker

CHILDREN'S TIME: Michelle Bame

JUNIOR CHURCH: Carol Kennedy & Julie Perkowski

YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason & *volunteer needed*