

## 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  
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  
The people of Syria and Turkey  
Alan Price – Buni's father's health and transitions  
Family & friends of Linda Lunn on her passing  
Family and friends of Elaina Smith after her murder— including Pastor John Smith of Lampeter UMC  
Jeff Johns & family – healing for mom  
Linda Weber - healing  
Bobbi Ann Stone – upcoming surgery

### OUR PRAISES:

Bible2School Program for 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> graders  
God's presence through illness, struggle & loss  
Donations from Walmart for community use  
Ralph Stone –successful surgery  
*Please submit prayer requests (& updates) by note or email to the office: [faithumc@hotmail.com](mailto:faithumc@hotmail.com)*

— SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT —

# *Go from Your Country*

LEARNING TO LIVE INSIDE OUT WORSHIP SERIES



*Welcome*

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# Faith United Methodist Church



March 5, 2023 at 10:30 AM – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

**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

Welcome pilgrims on the way to the cross. We are learning to follow Jesus.

When God says, "Go!" without telling us the destination, show us, Christ, how to go forward in faith.

When re-birth is the impossible way forward, Christ, be our midwife as we accept God's call to be reborn.

When we find ourselves in the in-between of where we've been and where we're going,

Christ, meet us on the way and bless us in the going.

Pilgrims on the way, come let us worship God!

We come to worship God as we learn to live inside out! Amen.

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Director of Worship Arts, August 2022.*

## \*HYMN

*Above All*

MSFPW2 #77

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 12:1-4

Drew Hassara

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

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Amy Boughter

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 121

Drew Hassara

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

## \*HYMN

*Blessed Assurance*

UMH #369

## THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

UMH #895

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Drew Hassara

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

## \*HYMN

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

UMH #297

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 3:1-17

Drew Hassara

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

## SERMON

*Go From Your Country*

Pastor Jason

## \*HYMN

*Come Just as you Are*

MSFPW1 #47

## COMMUNION

UMH #12-15

*All are invited to the Lord's Table to receive God's forgiveness and grace through Communion*

## CONFESSONAL HYMN

*Glory Be to the Father*

UMH #71

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

\*Hymn

*Give Thanks*

TFWS #2036

\*Offertory Prayer

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH #13-15 & #895

## BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN

*How Great Thou Art*

UMH #77 v. 1-3

\* *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. Carol Kennedy, Office Admin, checks messages in the office on weekdays. Pastor Jason is with family from Noon Friday until Sunday & may not respond to non-emergencies then.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL at 9:00 AM** led by Michelle Bame meets in the 1<sup>st</sup> classroom in the Education Wing.

**JUNIOR CHURCH** for children age 3 years - 4th grade **during the 10:30AM Worship Service. Please sign your child in before the service and get a badge** with matching numbers. Children are dismissed to Jr. Church after the Children's Message. **After worship, pick up kids in the Education Wing** (3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays, inc. March 19.** Church van leaves from / returns to Faith UMC. Contact Pastor Jason for more info.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS for Youth at Faith UMC, 7:30-9 PM every other Monday. Next meetings: Mar 13 & 27. Confirmation Retreat is April 21-23 at Gretna Glen. Sign up now.**

**GRIEFSHARE GROUP** to help people find support and process the loss of loved ones meets every other Monday from 5-6 PM at Faith UMC (Mar 13 & 27).

**CHATTING VIA ZOOM on Mondays at 6:30 PM:** This member-led, discussion group meets online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518?pwd=cEVDeDljeThaaWVlYjIjQWmZjTm5oUT09>.

**BIBLE STUDY ON SAMUEL on WEDNESDAYS at 6:30 PM** let by 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.

## 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—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](mailto: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, loss, bereavement, etc. **Order the book in advance.**

**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.



**EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORMS** are in mailboxes and the hall. If you would like to help beautify the church & have bulbs to plant in your own yard after Easter, return the form & payment to the office mailbox **TODAY**.

**SOUP SALE:** We are selling quarts of Oregon Dairy Soups for **pick up on Saturday, March 25th** at Faith UMC from 12-2 PM. **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](http://faithumc.us) and placing your order under “Online Donation,” emailing [faithumc@hotmail.com](mailto:faithumc@hotmail.com), or calling the Faith UMC office at (717) 560-0321.

**TOOLS FOR MINISTRY TRAINING WORKSHOPS: March 18 from 8:30-11:45AM** at Church of the Good Shepherd UMC, 1500 Quentin Rd., Lebanon, PA. We encourage all members to consider attending this training. There are 21 different workshops to choose from, including **Evangelism, Ministry with Seniors, Children, and Youth; Worship outside the walls of the church, etc.** Registration & Workshop Descriptions: <https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=741508&>

**CHURCH-WIDE CLEANUP DAY:** The trustees are **inviting EVERYONE to lend a hand on March 18<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1:30PM.** There will be something for everyone to do. The main focus will be working outside, but there will also be jobs for those who prefer to work inside. We will do trimming, mulching, picking up sticks, planting flowers, paint touch up, hanging shelves, organizing, dusting, etc. Bring your tools and come help.

**POTLUCK AND BAPTISM:** Noah, Emily & Isabella Solodky will be baptized on **March 19th. Long Memorial UMC is going to have a potluck luncheon** in the Fellowship Hall following the regular worship service that Sunday and then the **Baptism Service will be at 1:30PM in the Sanctuary.** *Everyone is invited to this meal and very special service. Pastor Ian has preached at our church several times, and Noah is an active member of our youth group. Come support this family that is deeply connected to our church family.*

**BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY AND EGG HUNT!** We are celebrating Spring and the good news that Christ has risen! Come and join in the celebrations on **Saturday, March 25th from 8-10:30AM.** We will be serving a hot breakfast to enjoy in our dining room or for take-out. Breakfast will include pancakes and sausage with various toppings. Gluten free option available! **Cost is by donation.** The Easter Bunny will be joining us for **egg hunts at 8:30, 9:30 and 10:30 AM** and will also be available for photos. *Volunteers are needed to prep ahead of time and for the event. There are sign-up sheets in the hall or contact Lisa Baker. March 16 a group will meet to prepare the eggs for the egg hunt and to fill pancake toppings. Please donate plastic eggs and stickers or small toys to fill them. The Hershey Company has kindly donated candy this year.*

**THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM** of Faith & Oregon Community UMCs are exploring 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. **Our next meeting is March 30 at 5:30PM at the Harbison’s home.**

**MINISTRY UPDATE:** Each week Michelle Bame is leading a 9AM Sunday School Class for adults—engaging them in deep and practical conversations about Scriptures and how they teach us to walk with God and neighbors. You are encouraged to join the group. **It is exciting to see how many of you are participating in this class and other Bible Studies throughout the week! We are a people of *The Book* and need to be immersed in it.**

**FINANCE UPDATE:** Thank you for your gifts that support our ministries. **Please consider if you are able to make gift** to support our shared ministries. Gifts can be directed to **General Ministry, Debt Reduction / Building Fund**, etc. Mark preferences in the memo line or on an envelope. You can set up recurring gifts through your own financial institution or at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z37Q/home>. There is a link at [FaithUMC.us](http://FaithUMC.us) or via the **QR Code**.

You can also **mail a check 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.



**NECKTIES NEEDED:** We have started creating crafts for Breakfast with Santa—including one made from men’s neckties. If you have any that you no longer want, place them in the box in the entryway. See Buni for info.

**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.

**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. **We will need volunteers for the 2023-24 school year as we begin a third class of students (2nd - 4th Grade).**

**FAITH UMC WORSHIP TEAM:** Do YOU, yes 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 have we got an opportunity for you! The Faith Singers, led by Shannon Edwards, 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 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!

**SUMMER CAMP: REGISTER TO ATTEND A UMC CAMP THIS SUMMER—OR VOLUNTEER AS A COUNSELOR / SUPPORT STAFF.** Visit <https://www.epaumc.org/ministry/camp-retreat> for more information or visit each camp’s website. There is a poster and camp schedule for Gretna Glenn in the hallway. **Families with campers in need of financial support should contact the church office.**

**FREE TAX PREP** by IRS- certified volunteers. VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) is a program of the United Way of Lancaster County. 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 going to their website at [vita.uwlancc.org](http://vita.uwlancc.org).

**SERVANT SATURDAY:** On the first Saturday of each month, incl. **April 1**, 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 Servant Saturdays. **April 1 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.

**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.** Sometimes we need people to provide a dessert or help with meal preparation the day before. If you would like to be involved in this ministry, contact Carol Kennedy. Our next turn is on April 10.

**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](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.**

### NO COST TO YOU FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES:

**THE PARK CITY AND KNIGHT & DAY DINERS** want to give back to the community by offering their “SHARING OUR SUCCESS” (SOS) Program to local non-profits. During checkout, at either diner, please ask the cashier to donate 10 % of your sale to **Faith UMC Lititz**. There are cards available in the hall. The card does not need to be presented, but please give the name as specified to avoid confusion. **If you have an old card please exchange it for the current card – our name has changed in their new computer system.**



**COMMUNITY AID donates \$.06 to Faith UMC for every pound of clothing donated** at their retail store located at 31 Rohrerstown Road, Lancaster. The donation center entrance is on Good Drive and is open Monday – Saturday 9am – 6 pm. **Our partner number is 10221.** Make sure to tell the staff at the door that you're there to credit your donations to a Nonprofit Partner - Faith United Methodist Church. It is helpful to tape a note with our partner number to the outside of the bag or place it inside each bag.

### OTHER LOCAL MINISTRY EVENTS & INFORMATION:

**LOCAL CHURCH EVENTS!** Be sure to check out the West District Website for up-to-date events happening in our churches. <https://www.epaumc.org/category/local-church/local-church-events/>

### **WEBSITES OF INTEREST:**

Faith United Methodist Church: [www.FaithUMC.us](http://www.FaithUMC.us)  
Oregon Community United Methodist Church: [www.oregoncommunityumc.us](http://www.oregoncommunityumc.us)  
West District of EPA Conference: <https://www.epaumc.org/districts/west/>  
Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of The United Methodist Church: <http://www.epaumc.org>  
The United Methodist Church: <http://www.umc.org>  
The World Methodist Council: <http://worldmethodistcouncil.org/>  
LUMINA (Lancaster United Methodist Inner-City Alliance): <http://www.luminaoutreach.org>

### 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  
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:

**Sunday, Mar 12**

**Daylight Savings Time begins – Remember to spring forward one hour**

**Monday, Mar 13**

GriefShare Group, 5:00 to 6:00 PM

Chatting Club via Zoom, 6:30 PM

Confirmation Class, 7:30-9:00 PM

**Wednesday, Mar 15**

**SPRC meeting, 7:30 PM**

**Thursday, Mar 16**

Breakfast w/Bunny Prep (fill eggs & toppings), 5:00 PM

**Saturday, Mar 18**

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

**Church-wide Cleanup Day, 1:30 PM**

**Sunday, Mar 19**

Potluck meal after worship at Long Memorial UMC followed by a Service of Baptism for Noah, Emily & Isabella Solodky at 1:30 PM – *All are invited.*

**Thursday, Mar 23**

**Church Council Meeting, 6:00 PM**

**Friday, Mar 24**

Package Soup, Prep for Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, 5:00 PM

**Saturday, Mar 25**

**Breakfast with the Easter Bunny & Egg Hunts 8:00 – 10:30 AM**

**Soup Sale Pickup, Noon – 2 PM**

**Thursday, Mar 30**

**Church and Society Team, 5:30PM at Harbison's Home**

**Saturday, Apr 1**

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

**HOLY WEEK:** Combined services include:

- **Maundy Thursday**, April 6 at 7pm at Emmanuel UMC: Brownstown
- **Good Friday Stations of the Cross**, April 7 at Noon at Faith UMC: Manheim Township
- **Good Friday Tenebrae Service**, April 7 at 7pm at Long Memorial UMC
- **Easter Sunrise Service**, April 9 at 6:30am at Oregon Community UMC

**WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, Mar 12 are:**

GREETERS: Tim & Sandy Patschke

USHERS: Tim Patschke & Allen Kennedy

LITURGIST: Steph Edwards

CHILDREN'S TIME: Michelle Bame

JUNIOR CHURCH: Lisa Baker & Colette Borden

