

## 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, esp. Syria & Turkey  
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, Grandma Edwards, etc.

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  
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  
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  
Darius  
Alan Price – Buni's father's health and transitions  
Buni Harbison – healing from hip surgery  
Daryl Hawthorne – healing from hip surgery  
Jeff Johns & family – healing for mom  
Linda Weber - healing  
Bobbi Ann Stone – upcoming surgery  
Tiffany & those caring for her

### OUR PRAISES:

Bible2School Program for 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> graders  
God's presence through illness, struggle & loss  
Ralph Stone –successful hip surgery

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

— FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT —

# *In the Presence*

LEARNING TO LIVE INSIDE OUT WORSHIP SERIES



## *Welcome*

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March 19, 2023 at 10:30 AM – 4<sup>th</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.**

On this Lenten journey, where do we find God's presence among us?

**One thing we know: God calls us to witness extraordinary love in ordinary moments.**

On this Lenten journey, how does God's presence work among us?

**One thing we know: God uses the messy and mundane to heal and restore us to one another.**

On this Lenten journey, what does God's presence do in our midst?

**One thing we know: God opens us to recognize presence, sustenance, and abundance where the world perceives isolation and lack.**

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

*In Christ Alone*

MSFPW3 #138

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

**1 Samuel 16:1-13**

Michelle Bame

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

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Jason

### \*HYMN

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

UMH #474

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Psalms 23**

Michelle Bame

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

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

### \*Hymn

*Surely the Presence of the Lord Is In This Place*

UMH #328

### \*Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH #95

### \*Offertory Prayer

### \*HYMN

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

UMH #140

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

UMH #895

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Ephesians 5:8-14**

Michelle Bame

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

### \*HYMN

*Shine, Jesus Shine*

SFPW #142

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

**John 9:1-41**

Michelle Bame

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

## SERMON

*In the Presence*

Pastor Jason

## BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

### \*HYMN

*Be Thou My Vision*

UMH #451

### \* *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.

**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, April 30, May 7 & 14 at noon.** We will meet in the first classroom in the Education Wing.

**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. (Adults willing to take a turn teaching Junior Church should contact Pastor Jason).**

**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 –volunteer needed to ride in the van to Gretna Glen today.** 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 27 & Apr 3.** Confirmation Retreat is April 21-23 at Gretna Glen. **\$60 is due to "Faith UMC" ASAP.**

**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 27 & Apr 3).

**CHATTING VIA ZOOM on Mondays at 6:30 PM:** This member-led, discussion group meets online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518?pwd=cEVDeDljeThaaWVlYjJlQWmZjTm5oUT09>.

**BIBLE STUDY ON SAMUEL on WEDNESDAYS at 6:30 PM** led by Mike at Oregon Community UMC.

## LENTEN STUDIES:

- Wednesdays at Long Memorial UMC at 7:30 PM. You are invited to dive into [The Grace of Les Misérables](#)
- Thursdays at Salem: Rothsville UMC at 5:00 PM. Based on the book, [Aging: Growing Old in Church](#)

**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.

**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.

**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.**

**POTLUCK AND BAPTISM:** Noah, Emily & Isabella Solodky will be baptized **TODAY. 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.* **Please donate plastic eggs and stickers to fill them. The Hershey Company has kindly donated candy this year.**

**LONG MEMORIAL UMC EASTER BREAKFAST & EGG HUNT:** Saturday, April 8 from 9-11:30 AM. They will have breakfast (9-10:30 AM) and Easter activities for everyone--with an Egg Hunt at 11 AM.

**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:** Part of your offerings each week **fund our United Methodist Benevolences and Connectional Ministries**, which include the **Annual Conference, the World Services, and the General Church.** As a connectional church, we participate in ministries beyond our walls and beyond the boundaries of our community. In other words, we not only provide **ministry and missions in Lancaster County, but throughout the world.** The annual conference also supports our Pastor & congregation through trainings, programs, & support staff.

**FINANCE UPDATE:** Thank you for your gifts that support our ministries locally and throughout the world. **Please consider if you are able to make gift** to support our shared ministries. Gifts can be directed to **General Ministry and the Debt Reduction / Building Fund.** 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](https://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).



**NECKTIES & T-SHIRTS NEEDED** for the crafts that we will have for sale at Breakfast with Santa next December. Place any **men's neckties** that you no longer want, in the box in the entryway. Place T-shirts in the box under the table in the hallway. They need to be clean with no paint, oils stains, or holes. Any questions, see Buni.

**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.

**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.**

**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.

## 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**

### **Mondays**

Communion is offered during worship service, 10:30AM  
GriefShare Group - Every other Monday from 5:00-6:00 PM at Faith UMC  
Chatting Club via Zoom, 6:30 PM  
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

### **Tuesdays**

### **Wednesdays**

Bible Study at Oregon Community UMC, 6:30-7:30 PM & Long Memorial, 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  
Faith UMC works with IMPACT! Missions – Contact Leon Bame to help  
Servant Saturday & Downtown Food Ministry, 2PM

### **Thursdays**

### **Fridays**

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

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### **Sunday, Mar 19**

Potluck meal, Noon & a **Service of Baptism** for Solodkys at 1:30 PM at LMUMC  
Youth Group at Gretna Glen, 3:30 to 7:00PM – *volunteer needed*

### **Monday, Mar 20**

### **Thursday, Mar 23**

### **Friday, Mar 24**

### **Saturday, Mar 25**

**SPRC Meeting, 5:30 PM**  
**Church Council Meeting, 6:00 PM**  
Package Soup, Prep for Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, 5:00 PM  
**Breakfast with the Easter Bunny & Egg Hunts 8:00 – 10:30 AM**  
**Soup Sale Pickup, Noon – 2:00 PM**

### **Monday, Mar 26**

GriefShare Group, 5:00 to 6:00 PM  
Chatting Club via Zoom, 6:30 PM  
Confirmation Class, 7:30-9:00 PM

### **Thursday, Mar 30**

### **Saturday, Apr 1**

### **Thursday, Apr 6**

### **Friday, Apr 7**

**Church and Society Team, 5:30PM at Harbison's Home**  
Servant Saturday/Deliver food & personal items to unhoused folks downtown, 2 PM

### **Saturday, Apr 8**

### **Sunday, Apr 9**

Long Memorial UMC Easter Egg Hunt, 9-11:30 AM

**Easter Sunrise Service at Oregon Community UMC, 6:30 AM**

**Easter Service at Oregon Community UMC, 9:00 AM**

**Easter Service at Faith UMC, 10:30 AM**

### **Monday, Apr 10**

### **Saturday, April 15**

### **Fri – Sun, Apr 21-23**

### **Sunday, Apr 30**

Faith UMC provides Grab 'N Go Meal at Zion Lutheran Church, 9:30 AM

Bible2School Family Picnic at Faith UMC, Noon – 2:00 PM

Confirmation Retreat at Gretna Glen

**New Members Class begins, Noon** (also May 7 & 14)

## WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, Mar 26 are:

GREETER: Sandy Patschke

USHERS: Tim Patschke & Gwen Newell

LITURGIST: *volunteer needed*

CHILDREN'S TIME: Michelle Bame

JUNIOR CHURCH: Carol Kennedy & Julie Perkowski

YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason & Renee Norman