#### **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. Ed Kelly (Mike Bitner's Son-in-Law) - brain tumor Kuzmenko family – health and transitions Sarah Kumzenko – Migraines Ukrainian people and their nation Margie Urban – health & healing from infection Noah Boughter, Sophia 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 Darius Alan Price – Buni's father's health 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 John Black & Karley Wiest -- healing & comfort Shannon Edwards & family during transition Family & friends of Bernice Wilkison on her passing Webster family for nephew in hospice Evelyn (Janet Charles' aunt) - healing & Carl, her son who cares for her **OUR PRAISES:** 

Bible2School Program for 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> graders God's presence through illness, struggle & loss A Risen Savior

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

# Fullness of Joy

A LIVING HOPE WORSHIP SERIES



### Welcome

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## Faith United Methodist Church



### April 16, 2023 at 10:30 AM – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

**ELCOME:** We come together to worship God. Today we remember and testify to the resurrection of Jesus, God's Son and our Messiah. He chose to come and live among us, willingly died on the cross for us, and then rose from the dead to redeem our souls. The Father has seated the Son at His Right Hand and sent the Holy Spirit to minister to us powerfully. You are welcome in this sacred space in the presence of the Holy and Loving God 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 worshiping online, please 'sign in' and add prayer requests by commenting on the video.

#### **GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Michelle Bame & Pastor Jason

Pastor Jason & God's People

#### **A TIME FOR CENTERING & PRAYER**

**Pastor Jason** 

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Protect us, O God, for in you we take refuge;

Let us say to God, "You are our Lord; we have no good apart from you."

Today, we come to worship God in truth and turn away from worshiping the idols all around us. God delights in our sincere worship, but sorrow visits those who give their worship to idols. We bless the Lord who gives counsel, who instructs our hearts in the secret of the night. We keep the Lord always before us so that we shall not be moved from God's ways. Our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice, and our bodies rest secure, Because God keeps us from destruction in this life and the next. God shows us the path of life,

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And in God's presence is the fullness of joy forevermore.

And so, we say to God,

#### "You are our Lord; we have no good apart from you." Amen.

Adapted from Psalm 16 NRSVUE by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, October 2022

*HYMN	Up from the Grave He Arose	UMH #322
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Acts 2:14a, 22-32 This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!	Rhonda Leese
*HYMN	Crown Him with Many Crowns	UMH #327
CHILDREN'S TIME		Pastor Jason
SCRIPTURE LESSON	<b>Psalm 16</b> This is the Word of the Lord — <b>Thanks be to God!</b>	Rhonda Leese
OUR OFFERINGS OF PR	AYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS	
Hymn	Lord, I Lift Your Name on High	MSFPW #2
*Doxology *Offertory Prayer	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	UMH #95
*HYMN	Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus	UMH #325
SCRIPTURE LESSON	<b>1 Peter 1:3-9</b> This is the Word of the Lord — <b>Thanks be to God</b> !	Rhonda Leese

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER		UMH #895
*HYMN	He Lives	UMH #310
SCRIPTURE LESSON	<b>John 20:19-31</b> This is the Word of the Lord — <b>Thanks be to God!</b>	Rhonda Leese
SERMON	Fullness of Joy	Pastor Jason
<b>BENEDICTION &amp; SENDIN</b>	G FORTH	
*HYMN	Easter People, Raise Your Voices	UMH #304
* You are invited to stand		

Worship Musicians: Jody & Anthony 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 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, 3rd classroom on the right. (Adults willing to teach Junior Church on April 23 or May 14 should contact the office or 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. Contact Pastor Jason for more info. No meeting on April 23-as many of the youth will be on the Confirmation Class Retreat that weekend

CONFIRMATION CLASS for Youth at Faith UMC, 7:30-9 PM every other Monday. Next meetings: Apr 17 & May 1. 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. Next Meetings: Apr 17 & May 1.

CHATTING VIA ZOOM on Mondays at 6:30 PM: This member-led, discussion group meets online at: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518?pwd=cEVDeDljeThaaWVlYjlQWmZjTm5oUT09.

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

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY at 10AM in Faith UMC 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 SENIOR MEN'S LUNCH on April 20th at 11:30 a.m. will be held at Knight & Day Diner, 3140 Lititz Pike, Lititz. RSVP tRon Lunn (717-568-8567) know by April 16<sup>th</sup> so we can give an accurate count for our reservations.

THE FINANCE TEAM IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS to serve as Treasurer (sign checks, prepare budget, monitor income & expenses, report to Finance Team) and/or a person to serve as the Tax Form Preparer. 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 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 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 May 4 at 5:30PM at Faith UMC.** If you are interested in learning more about **Bail Reform,** feel free to join the weekly **Wednesday Zoom Session at Noon:** https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVIVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09

**"THE POWER TO CHANGE LANCASTER"** is a 1½ hour training to prepare you to act publicly to be the change we want to see here. We will explore the power of faith, the power of community, and the power of relationships to establish justice in Lancaster. You will be equipped to join POWER Interfaith in a public listening campaign rooted in your congregation and community connections. There will be two sessions. Pick the one that works for you.

- April 22, 9:00-11:30 am at Holy Trinity Lutheran, Duke St.
- April 23, 4:00 pm-5:30 pm at Bethel AME Church, Strawberry St.

**MINISTRY UPDATE:** Your gifts support the many ministries of our church into the community from pastoral care, pre/marital counseling, evangelism, community wide youth and children's ministries, etc. The building is being utilized by outside groups from AA to Bible2 School to music ministries. Thank you for your gifts and support!

**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 <u>https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z37Q/home</u>. There is a link at <u>FaithUMC.us</u> or via the **OR 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).

**CARE PACKAGES FOR MILLERSVILLE STUDENTS:** We are continuing our tradition of providing boxes to support college students who are part of The HUB: Millersville University Campus Ministry while they prepare for final exams in May. Please donate shoe boxes, post-it notes, snack crackers, granola bars, microwave popcorn, hot chocolate mix, etc. by April 23. *If you would like to help with packing or wrapping please join us at 5:00 pm on April 30<sup>th</sup>*.

**CARD MAKING EVENT:** Join us on Saturday, May 20th from 9 to noon. Experience fun, fellowship and display your creative side. You will leave with several hand-made cards created under the guidance of Cindy Zell – creative card maker extraordinaire – while also providing a card for use in our outreach ministry. Cindy will walk us through the process to create what are really mailable works of art! It's a gift to send someone a one-of-a-kind, homemade card. Come out and join us. RSVP by signing up in the hall. A \$20.00 fee will apply to cover costs. Space is limited. Please share with friends and family. No children under the age of 12 please.

**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.

**PRAYER SHAWLS AVAILABLE:** Perhaps you or someone you know would appreciate the comfort of a prayer shawl or quilt. **Please help yourself to one from the rack in the hall** and sign the sheet attached to the rack. **You are invited to knit or crochet prayer shawls or** *to donate yarn for this ministry*. Each month we deliver prayer shawls and lap quilts to nursing homes, hospice centers, hospitals, etc. Thanks for your support!

## SUMMER CAMP: REGISTER TO ATTEND A UMC CAMP THIS SUMMER—OR VOLUNTEER AS A COUNSELOR / SUPPORT STAFF. Visit <u>https://www.epaumc.org/ministry/camp-retreat</u> for more info or visit each camp's website. There is info in the hallway. For financial support please contact our church office.

**SERVANT SATURDAY:** On the first Saturday of each month, incl. *May 6*, 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 also provide meals & personal care items for people who are unhoused in Lancaster City on Servant Saturdays. **Meet at 2pm to 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 support this ministry. **Faith UMC provides fifty Grab 'n Go Meals quarterly**. Our next turn is on July 3 – *contact Carol Kennedy if you are interested in participating in this ministry*.

#### **ONGOING EVENTS:**

Sundays	Adult Sunday School, 9:00 AM
Sallanja	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
	Confirmation Class - Every other Monday from 7:30-9:00 PM at Faith UMC
Tuesdays	Bible2School, 9:45 to 11:30 AM for Reidenbaugh students in Fellowship Hall
Wednesdays	Bible2School, 11:20 AM-1:20 PM for Reidenbaugh students in Fellowship Hall
	Worship Team Practice, 6:30 PM
	Bible Study at Oregon Community UMC, 6:30-7:30 PM
Thursdays	Wing and a Prayer AA Meeting in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM
Fridays	Bible Study led by Pastor Jason, 10:00 AM
1st & 3rd Saturdays	Faith UMC works with IMPACT! Missions – Contact Leon Bame to help
1st Saturdays	Servant Saturday & Downtown Food Ministry, 2PM
<b>UPCOMING EVENTS:</b>	
Monday, Apr 17	SPRC meeting has been postponed
	GriefShare Group, 5:00 to 6:00 PM
	Chatting Club via Zoom, 6:30 PM
	Confirmation Class, 7:30-9:00 PM
Thursday, Apr 20	Senior Men's Lunch at Knight & Day Diner, 11:30 AM – RSVP to Ron Lunn
Fri – Sun, Apr 21-23	Confirmation Retreat at Gretna Glen
Sunday, Apr 30	New Members Class begins, Noon (also May 7 & 14) Assemble Care Packages for Millersville Students, 5:00 PM
Wednesday, May 3	Ladies' Lunch at Oregon Dairy - RSVP to Sandy Patschke
Thursday, May 4	Church & Society Team meeting, 5:30 PM
Saturday, May 6	Servant Saturday/Deliver food & personal items to unhoused folks downtown, 2 PM
Thursday, May 11	Finance Team meeting, 6:00 PM

#### WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, April 23 are:

GUEST PREACHER: Rev. Mark Moore WORSHIP MUSIC: Jody & Anthony Wiker and the Faith Singers GREETERS: Tim & Sandy Patschke USHERS: Tim Patschke & Gwen Newell LITURGIST: Terry Urban CHILDREN'S TIME: Michelle Bame JUNIOR CHURCH: Lisa Baker & Marilyn Jones YOUTH GROUP: NO Youth Group