

## 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  
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  
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 – healing after knee surgery  
Tiffany & those caring for her  
Evelyn (Janet Charles' aunt) – healing & Carl, her son who cares for her  
Terry & Margie Urban & family – housing problems  
Tom Chapman – healing from infection  
Downtown Ministry to continue in a new form

### OUR PRAISES:

God's presence through illness, struggle & loss  
Grace and forgiveness from God  
Veronica Eckman – answered prayers for finances  
2.5 years of blessings for the Downtown Ministry

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

# Always Be Ready

A LIVING HOPE WORSHIP SERIES



## Welcome

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May 14, 2023 at 10:30 AM – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter & Mother’s Day

**W**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 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**

Transforming God, you have taken the world’s darkness and re-created a world filled with the joy of light and hope.

**Come and hear the good news of God’s love for all creation.**

Restoring God, you have turned defeat into sudden victory, and re-created a world filled with the joy of peace and shalom.

**Come and hear the good news of God’s awesome powers.**

Renewing God, we respond to your mighty deeds with songs of praise, worship and thankful prayers. You alone are God!

**Come and hear the good news of God’s blessings on us all. Glory and honour, power and dominion**

**belong to God alone. Amen.**

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**\*HYMN** **UMH #714**  
*I Know Whom I Have Believed*

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** **Daryl Hawthorne**  
**John 14:15-21**

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

**\*HYMN** **UMH #529 v. 1, 2, 3, 5**  
*How Firm a Foundation*

**CHILDREN’S TIME** **Michelle Bame**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** **Ralph Stone**  
*You Are So Beautiful*

*by Bruce Fisher & Billy Preston*

**THE PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE** **Pastor Jason**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** **UMH #895**

**\*HYMN** **UMH #348**  
*Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** **Daryl Hawthorne**  
**1 Peter 3:13-22**

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

**OUR OFFERINGS OF PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS** **Pastor Jason**

**\*Hymn** **UMH #337**  
**Only Trust Him**

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

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**Acts 17:22-31**

**Daryl Hawthorne**

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

**SERMON**

*Always Be Ready*

**Pastor Jason**

**BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH**

**\*HYMN**

*God of Wonders*

**MSFPW 2 #80**

*\* You are invited to stand*

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**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 CLASS:** 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, May 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 be part of a teaching rotation for Junior Church should contact the office or Pastor Jason. No Junior Church on May 28 due to Memorial Day Holiday.**

**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 regular youth group on May 14, 21, or 28. May 21 will be a multi-church celebration for the Confirmation Class from 5-7 PM.**

**CONFIRMATION CLASS for Youth at Faith UMC, 7:30-9 PM. Final Meeting: May 15.**

**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: May 15 & June 5. No meeting Memorial Day, May 29.**

**CHATTING VIA ZOOM on Mondays at 6:30 PM:** This member-led, discussion group meets online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518?pwd=cEVDeDljeThaaWVlYjIOWmZjTm5oUT09>. **No meeting May 29.**

**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. A sub will cover on May 19**

**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.**

**ORDINATION SERVICE on Sat., May 20 at 10:30AM. You are invited to come to celebrate Pastor Jason’s Ordination** at the [Philadelphia Expo Center at the Oaks](http://PhiladelphiaExpoCenter.com) during the last day of Annual Conference.

**CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION! 3 of our youth will be confirmed as members of Faith UMC during worship on May 21.** Members of each church who had students in our joint Confirmation Class are invited to join us in celebrating the Confirmation class of 2023. We will be having a dinner on **Sunday, May 21**, from 5-7pm at Faith UMC. This is a **potluck meal with burgers and hot dogs being provided.** A sign-up sheet is posted out in the hall--**please sign up by Sunday, May 14.** You can bring a side dish, a dessert, or drinks. We hope to see everyone there to help celebrate our students and all their hard work on their journey. **Please indicate what dishes you will bring and sign the second sheet indicating how many people are coming with you.**



**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. To learn more about **Bail Reform**, join the weekly **Wednesday Zoom Session at Noon**: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQOT09>

**OFFERINGS:** Thank you for your gifts that support our 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://www.FaithUMC.us) or via the **QR Code**. You can also **mail 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.**



**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.

**NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE:** Join us and our neighbors from Wetherburn North for a neighborhood yard sale on **MAY 27 FROM 7AM – 1PM**. **Space rentals at Faith UMC are available** by calling 717-696-5321 or visiting our website at [www.FaithUMC.us](https://www.FaithUMC.us) to sign up online. Stop by for food and baked goods while you shop. **YOU MAY DONATE YARDS SALE ITEMS OR BOOKS TO THE CHURCH NOW. These will then be sold and the proceeds put toward our ministries.**

**THE SENIOR MEN'S LUNCH** on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. will be held at Carrabba's Italian Grill, 100 North Pointe Blvd, Lancaster (Just north of Route 30 across from Sheetz). Those planning to attend must let Mike Bitner (717-330-8201 or bitnerm2001@outlook.com) know by May 14<sup>th</sup> so we can give an accurate count for our reservations.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT LONG MEMORIAL: JULY 16 TO 20** “Keepers of the Kingdom”

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT FAITH UMC: JULY 24–28, 6-8 PM.** We are excited to invite you to a **Food Truck Party!** Students (ages 4–10) and volunteers may register at [faithumclititz.mycokesburyvbs.com](https://faithumclititz.mycokesburyvbs.com). There is also a signup sheet for volunteers in the hall or contact VBS Director, Carol Kennedy. *VBS crafts are looking for clean plastic icing containers with lids, for our kids' crafts. If you have any questions, please see Marilyn Jones or Buni.*

**MANDATED REPORTER/SAFE SANCTUARIES TRAINING:** You are required to attend this training **annually if you have any interaction with children or youth programs**. Please provide us with a certificate proving that you have done this training or plan to join us on **Thursday, June 1 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm for training led by Pastor Jason—for youth & adults**. If you are not able to attend that day and need to schedule a different time please let Pastor Jason know and we can explore options.

**THE FINANCE TEAM IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS** to be Treasurer (sign checks, prepare budget, monitor income & expenses, report to Finance Team) or a Tax Form Preparer. Contact the office to help.

**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 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. **June 3**, 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 have provided meals & personal care items for people who are unhoused in Lancaster City on Servant Saturday since November 2020. With the closure of Binns Park this ministry is not able to continue to look like it always has. The great God who has provided us with the means to keep it going this long will guide us on how to continue it in another form. We will be able to find ourselves a new place and way to serve. On behalf of myself and the SMO committee, I would like to thank each and every one of you who helped with this ministry. Blessings to you all. Diana

**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!

### 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

#### **Wednesdays**

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 *A Sub will teach the class*

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

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

#### **1st Saturdays**

Servant Saturday & Downtown Food Ministry, 2PM

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### **Sunday, May 14**

**New Members Class, Noon**

#### **Monday, May 15**

GriefShare Group, 5:00 to 6:00 PM

Chatting Club via Zoom, 6:30 PM

**Final** Confirmation Class, 7:30-9:00 PM

#### **Tuesday, May 16**

Primary Election, Faith UMC is a polling place

#### **Thursday, May 18**

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

Senior Men's Lunch, 11:30 AM - *RSVP to Mike Bitner by May 14*

#### **Th – Sat, May 18 – 20**

Annual Conference at [Philadelphia Expo Center at the Oaks](https://www.philadelphiaexpo.com/), in Oaks, PA

#### **Saturday, May 20**

Pastor Jason Ordination at [Philadelphia Expo Center at the Oaks](https://www.philadelphiaexpo.com/), 10:30 AM

#### **Sunday, May 21**

**Confirmation of Youth into full membership, 10:30 AM Worship Service followed by fellowship & refreshments**

**Potluck Meal at Faith UMC with confirmands & families, 5-7 PM**

#### **Thursday, May 25**

Church Council meeting, 6:00PM

#### **Saturday, May 27**

**Neighborhood Yard Sale – Space rentals & food available, 7 AM-1 PM**

### WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, May 14 are:

PASTOR: Jason Perkowski

YOUTH LEAD WORSHIP: Angela Dillon, Brenden Edwards, Abby Norman, Eden Norman

GUEST PREACHER: Abby Norman

WORSHIP MUSIC: Jody & Anthony Wiker and the Faith Singers

AUDIO/VISUAL TECH: Dennis Meck, Sr.

GREETERS: Jim & Buni Harbison

USHERS: Confirmands and Families & Youth Group

LITURGIST: Eden Norman

CHILDREN'S TIME: Angela Dillon

JUNIOR CHURCH: Lisa Baker & Colette Borden

YOUTH GROUP: Celebration Potluck Meal