

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
Refugees & huddled masses yearning to be free
Security and immigration reform
People who are hungry and unhoused
Prisoners, Prison Leadership & Judges
Education Funding, 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
Those with cancer: Cyndi Campbell, Dean Grove,
Mark Reitzel, Kerry Link and her father-in-law,
Joe, John Rathvon, Duane Lehman, Lori, Linda
Mutzel, Sophia Serio, Ruthie, Martin Campbell,
Ben Neideigh, Harmony Chiccarine, Grandma
Edwards, Nat, Tina Miller, Carl Derr, etc.
Sarah Kuzmenko – Migraines
Ukrainian people and their nation
Margie Urban – health
Noah Boughter, Sophia and family
Heather Lindsey
Theo Wenger – healing for kidneys
Jake Ruhl – hip pain
Jo Ann Steinmetz – healing
Shirley Gehr – healing
The Jackson Family
Robert T. Perkowski – healing
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
Jeff Johns & family – healing for mom
Linda Weber - healing
Bobbi Ann Stone – healing
Tiffany & those caring for her
Evelyn (Janet Charles' aunt) – healing & Carl, her
son who cares for her
Terry & Margie Urban & family – housing problems
Downtown Ministry to continue in a new form
Michael Herr (Steph Edward's dad) – medical tests
Craig Muir – healing after surgery
Ron Lunn – healing
Marilyn Onest – healing after surgery
Jim Royer – healing
Jeff Johnson – healing after heart attack
Carl Derr – healing after surgery
Shannon Edwards – healing after truck wreck

OUR PRAISES:

God's presence through illness, struggle & loss
Grace and forgiveness from God
Good friends that offer prayers
*Please submit prayer requests (& updates) by note or
email to the office: faithumc@hotmail.com*



PART III:
IMAGINING A NEW REALITY

SHINE LIKE
THE SUN

THE PATH OF THE DISCIPLE
WORSHIP SERIES

Welcome

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July 23, 2023 at 10:30 AM – 8th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME: We come together to worship the triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit who created, redeem and restore all things. 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

Despite hardship, our ancestors dared to dream God-sized dreams. **Praise God for hope-filled dreams.**
Do it again, Lord. Dream big dreams through us today! **Praise God for new dreams for our generation.**
Invisible God, be visible through our faith today.
Praise God who empowers us with faith to see what others miss.
Will we stop building a better future because of evil? **No! Our God will deliver us from evil!**
Will we concede our neighborhoods because evil walks the streets? **No! God will judge all evildoers!**
Come now, Lord, and fulfill your dreams in us today!

Written by Kwasi I. Kena, The Africana Worship Book, Year A (Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 2006), 70.

*HYMN *Ancient of Days* MSFPW #1

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Genesis 28:10-19a** Michelle Bame
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

*HYMN *A Charge to Keep I Have* UMH #413

CHILDREN'S TIME Michelle Bame

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24** Michelle Bame
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

*HYMN *Take Time to Be Holy* UMH #395

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH #895

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Romans 8:12-25** Michelle Bame
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 *Canticle of the Turning* On Screen

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43** Michelle Bame
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Shine Like the Sun* Pastor Jason

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

*HYMN

Rise Up, Ye Saints of God

UMH #576

* *You are invited to stand*

Worship Musicians: Jody & Anthony Wiker AV Tech: Dennis Meck, Sr. & Keagan Meck
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.

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 *is taking a break for the summer & will resume in September.* Adults willing to be part of a teaching rotation for Junior Church in the fall should contact the office or Pastor Jason. Activity bags are hanging in the hall. Feel free to bring one into the sanctuary for use during the service and leave it in your seat when you leave so that we may replenish the supplies.

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. *Students who completed 4th Grade can now attend.*

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: July 31 & August 14.**

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> *Not July 24.*

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY at 10AM in Faith UMC Fellowship Hall.

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 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.

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. We will be meeting on the 3rd **Thursday of every month from 5:30-6:30pm at Faith UMC, including August 17.** To learn more about **Bail Reform**, join the weekly **Wednesday Zoom Session at Noon:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOeIVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>

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 & 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 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.**



REVIVAL MEETING SUNDAY EVENINGS, JULY 9 – AUGUST 16, 7:00 PM at *The Grove* (2766 Newport Road, Manheim, PA) **hosted by Ruhl's UMC.** Join with us for an evening worship service followed by ice cream & fellowship.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT FAITH UMC: JULY 24-28, 6-8PM We are looking forward to spending time with your children at VBS this week. Registration is currently closed. If you would like to have your child's name added to our wait list, please email faithumc@hotmail.com with "VBS Registration" in the subject line. If you let us know your name, phone number and the names & ages of your children, we will give you a call if space becomes available.

CHURCH AND VBS FAMILY PICNIC: July 30 after worship. Everyone is invited! The church will provide the food & beverages. No need to bring anything. We will be eating in the fellowship hall or you may take your food outside. Bring your lawn chairs and spend some time visiting & playing yard games. **Please let us know if you plan to attend.** There is a sign-up sheet in the hall or email the office.

SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVEAWAY: JULY 30, 1:00 - 3:00 PM while supply lasts. Faith UMC invites you to bring your lawn chairs and spend some time visiting & playing yard games. Take a walk down the hall and select from notebooks, binders, glue, pens, pencils, and much more while supplies last. **Volunteers are needed to be in the Welcome Center to provide our guests with bags and instructions, also for setup on July 29.**

LUMINA's COMMUNITY DAY CAMP is Monday July 31 to Friday August 4 from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. **Volunteers are needed.** Free field trip to Going Bananas on Wednesday! Volunteer at: myvbs.org/LUMINA23

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.**

LUMINA IS CURRENTLY SEARCHING FOR A PART TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, to increase LUMINA's exposure and improve the flow of our ministries. They need someone who has strong communication (in English, but bilingual in Spanish would be an asset) and computer skills, comfort with maintaining their website and Facebook page, and willingness to organize and prepare ministry materials. A driver's license and Safe Sanctuary clearances are required. This is NOT a remote position. Pay would start at \$13-14/hour depending on the candidate's experience, and may increase up to \$15/hour after 90 days, depending on the candidate's performance. Schedule will include at least two 4-hour days but not more than 20 hours weekly.

LONG MEMORIAL FREE GROCERIES for those in need every week through their Friday Night Food Ministry at 6pm. You can drive up and receive groceries to help support you through the week. *Volunteers needed.*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP PROVIDE & SERVE REFRESHMENTS on the first Sunday each month. There is a sign-up sheet in the hall. The goodies do not have to be homemade. See Diana Valentine for info.

MEDICINE BOTTLE COLLECTION PROJECT. We are once again sending empty prescription pill bottles to clinics in underprivileged countries that use them to provide medication. **Please remove all labels and sticky residue.** There is a collection basket under the table as you enter the Sanctuary.

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.

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** – contact Carol Kennedy if you are interested in helping.

COMMUNITY AID will donate \$.13 to Faith UMC for every pound of clothing, shoes, electronic, toys, & household goods (excluding furniture) 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 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.

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 – *taking a break for the summer*
Youth Group at Faith, 5-7 PM

1st Sundays Mondays

Communion is offered during worship service, 10:30AM followed by refreshments
GriefShare Group - Every other Monday from 5:00-6:00 PM at Faith UMC
Chatting Club via Zoom, 6:30 PM **Not July 24**

Tuesdays

Nar-Anon meeting - Every other Tuesday from 7:00-9:00 PM at Faith UMC

Wednesdays

Worship Team Practice, 6:30 PM **Not July 26**

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, July 23

**Church Conference, following worship
VBS decorating & setup, 12:30 pm (light lunch included)**

Revival Meeting at The Grove, 7:00 PM

Mon – Fri, July 24-28

VBS Food Truck Party, 6-8PM

Thursday, July 27

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

Saturday, July 29

NO Church Council meeting, rescheduled to August 24

Sunday, July 30

Set up for picnic & School Supply Giveaway, 4:00 PM

Church & VBS family picnic, noon

School Supply Giveaway, 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Monday, July 31

GriefShare Group - Every other Monday from 5:00 to 6:00 PM

Chatting Club via Zoom, 6:30 PM

Sunday, August 20

Spaghetti Dinner, 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Saturday, August 26

Visioning meeting, 8:00 – 11:30 AM

WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, July 30 are:

GREETERS: John & Priscilla Rice

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LITURGIST: Terry Kofroth

CHILDREN'S TIME: Pastor Jason

JUNIOR CHURCH: *Will resume in September*

YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason & **volunteer needed**