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& healing

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, John Rathvon, Duane Lehman, Lori, Linda Mutzel, Sophia Serio,

Ruthie, Martin Campbell, Ben Neideigh,

Harmony Chiccarine, Grandma Edwards, Nat,

Tina Miller, Carl Derr, Dorcas Kamanda, etc.

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

Children – to know they are not alone in struggles

Alan Price - Buni's father's

Jeff Johns & family – healing for mom

Linda Weber - healing

Tiffany & those caring for her

Terry & Margie Urban & family – housing

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

Janet and Beverly Charles – travel to Europe

Kerry & Tim Link – on the passing of Tim's father

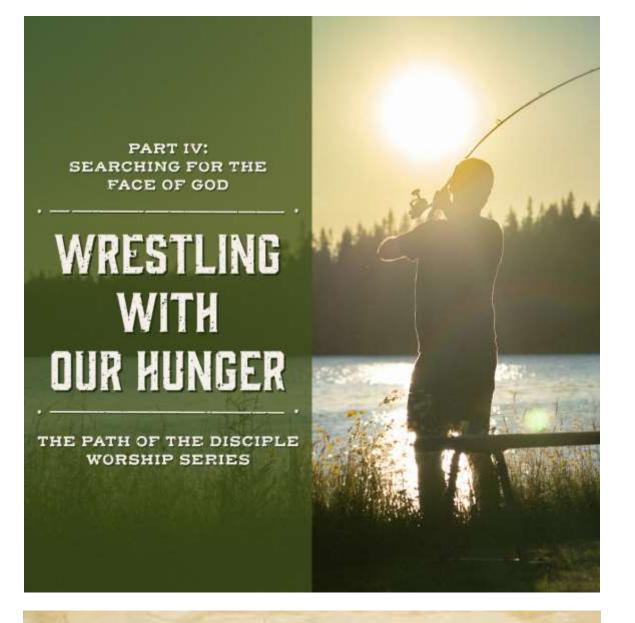
Family & Friends of Bill Heinaman on his passing Rachel Link – for a healthy pregnancy

Charles Valentine – stress

OUR PRAISES:

God's presence through illness, struggle & loss Grace and forgiveness from God Good friends that offer prayers Successful VBS & School Supply Give-away Veronica Eckman – found housing

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



Welcome

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Faith United Methodist Church



August 6, 2023 at 10:30 AM – 10th Sunday after Pentecost

ELCOME: 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 worshiping online, please 'sign in' and add prayer requests by commenting on the video.

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michelle Bame

A TIME FOR CENTERING & PRAYER

Pastor Jason

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Michelle Bame & God's People

Beloved disciples, welcome. Some of us come weary & hungry, while others come rested & content. Still others come ready to wrestle with the questions that keep us up at night. No matter how you enter this space, we say,

Come, let us worship God together!

Together, we notice the fatigue we carry, the exhaustion that comes from our hunger for care and connection with one another and with God. Yet, when God says to feed one another, we answer,

We have nothing but...

Together, we feel the unrest and turmoil of grappling with the unknown, unsure whether we are fighting for everyone's wellbeing or merely our own stability. Yet, when God tells us to start by loving God and our neighbors, we answer,

We have nothing but...

Together, then, let us wrestle with our hungers that we may be transformed into people who seek and find God all around us, so that when God calls us to feed the hungry and struggle for those in need of help, we answer, **In you, we have everything. Use us as you will. Amen.**

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, February 2023.

*HYMN Holy God, We Praise Thy Name UMH #79 v. 1-4

SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 32:22-31 Lisa Baker

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

*HYMN O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go UMH #480

CHILDREN'S TIME Amy Boughter

*HYMN Sweet Hour of Prayer UMH #496

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

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

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

*Offertory Prayer

*HYMN Break Thou the Bread of Life UMH #599

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 14:13-21 Lisa Baker

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

SERMON Wrestling with Our Hunger Joseph Sollenberger

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

*HYMN Knowing You MSFPW #30

* 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.

PASTOR JASON is on vacation from Friday, Aug. 4 through Sunday, Aug. 13. For Pastoral Emergencies, contact Michelle Bame (717) 537-5064 or the Church Office (717) 560-0321. They'll contact the Pike's Mission Link Clergy who are covering while he is away.

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*. Additional help is needed for Sunday evenings. Please sign up in the hall.

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: August 14 & 28.**

CHATTING VIA ZOOM on Mondays at 6:30 PM: This member-led, discussion group meets online at: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518?pwd=cEVDeDljeThaaWVIYjlQWmZjTm5oUT09. No meeting Aug 7.

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 CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM IS HOSTING Letters to My Daughters, a virtual monthly study companion that will examine the intersection of faith and advocacy as it relates to the social conditions of women and girls. Letters to My Daughters will explore models of advocacy informed by the lived experiences of the women who mentor and nurture us. This study is intended to serve as a guide for people of faith looking to integrate their prayer with their public witness and the spiritual, theological, and social components of what it means for people of faith to pursue gender justice. This session will be hosted in Faith UMC Fellowship Hall by Renee Norman and Buni Harbison on Monday, August 7 at 7pm. Please arrive by 6:45pm as this is a live viewing session. Contact Renee Norman for more information and to register in advance so that they can plan accordingly.

"NO WAY HOME" Film Screening at Community Mennonite Church, 328 W. Orange, Lancaster City on August 15 from 6-9pm. This film is about the impact of gun violence and the legal system through the story of a Philadelphia woman and her son. The Church and Society Team invite you to come out to learn more and engage in a conversation on this important topic. More info at https://www.facebook.com/events/2281769052010289

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. The next meeting is August 17 at Faith UMC at 5:30 PM (and the 3rd Thursday of every month). If interested in learning more or joining the team, contact Pastor Jason or Renee Norman. If you are interested in learning about one of our partners, POWER INTERFAITH LANCASTER COUNTY and their work on justice issues around schools, the criminal justice system, etc., please visit https://powerinterfaith.org. To learn more about Bail Reform, join the weekly Wednesday Zoom Session at Noon:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09

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.



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.

SPAGHETTI DINNER AUGUST 20, 5-7 PM: There are signup sheets in the hall to order dinners, help on Saturday or Sunday, and donate fresh vegetables or dessert.

FOOD DRIVE: The VBS families made a great start in collecting food to donate to our local food bank. We are inviting the congregation to join them in supporting this cause in the month of August. You may bring in canned goods or donate by check with "Food Bank" in the memo or donate online by going to our website.

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.

FAITH UMC T-SHIRTS: There is a signup sheet in the hall to determine how many people are interested in purchasing new shirts. This is not a commitment to getting one nor is it a guarantee of us being able to get them even if you do sign up. Please contact Diana Valentine with any questions. (717) 283-6099 Thank you.

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 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade students every Tues. & Wed. morning *for the 2023-24 school year*. *Contact Pastor Jason if you are willing to volunteer.*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP PROVIDE & SERVE REFRESHMENTS on the first Sunday each month. There is a signup 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

LUMINA IS SEARCHING FOR A PART TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, to enhance their exposure and ministries. They need strong computer and communication skills (bilingual in Spanish would be an asset), comfort with website and Facebook page management, 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*.

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.

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 Communion offered during worship service, followed by refreshments (Except August)

Mondays GriefShare Group - Every other Monday from 5:00-6:00 PM at Faith UMC

Chatting Club via Zoom, 6:30 PM No meeting August 7

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

Wednesdays Worship Team Practice, 6:30 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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, August 6 Refreshments & Fellowship, 11:45 AM

Revival Meeting at The Grove, 7:00 PM

Monday, August 7 Letters to My Daughters, a virtual monthly study in the Fellowship Hall, 7:00 PM

Tuesday, August 8 Nar-Anon meeting in the Fellowship Hall, 7:00 -9:00 PM

Thursday, August 10 Finance Team meeting, 6:00 PM

Sunday, August 13 SMO (Shepherding, Missions, & Outreach) meeting, noon Monday, August 14 GriefShare Group - Every other Monday from 5:00 to 6:00 PM

Chatting Club via Zoom, 6:30 PM

Tuesday, August 15 "NO WAY HOME" Film Screening at Community Mennonite Church, 6-9 PM

Thursday, August 17 Senior Men's Lunch, 11:30 AM

Church & Society Team meeting, 5:30 PM

Saturday, August 19
Sunday, August 20
Spaghetti Dinner prep, 8:00 AM
Spaghetti Dinner, 5:00 – 7:00 PM
Church Council meeting, 6:00 PM
Visioning meeting, 8:00 – 11:30 AM

WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, August 13 are:

GUEST PREACHER: Joseph Sollenberger

GREETERS/USHERS: Jake Ruhl & Allen Kennedy

LITURGIST: Rhonda Leese

CHILDREN'S TIME: Michelle Bame

JUNIOR CHURCH: Will resume in September YOUTH GROUP: Michelle Bame & Sara Solody