

PRAYER REQUESTS:

OUR CONCERNS:

Wisdom & safety for government officials globally
President Joe Biden and VP Kamala Harris
Healthy and gentle campaigns and election process
Prayers for political candidates—safety & wisdom
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)
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, 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, Sophie 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
Gene Onest – health issues
Jim Royer – healing
Jeff Johnson – healing after heart attack
Carl Derr – healing after surgery
Shannon Edwards – healing after truck wreck
Derick Pennell – healing after motorcycle accident
Family & Friends of Bill Heinaman on his passing
Rachel Link – for a healthy pregnancy
Charles Valentine – stress
Marilyn Jones – healing after hip surgery

OUR PRAISES:

God's presence through illness, struggle & loss
Grace and forgiveness from God
Good friends that offer prayers
Janet and Beverly Charles – safe return from Europe
& success competing at the World Games

*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 20, 2023 at 10:30 AM – 12th 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

Beloved disciples, welcome! We gather as people reconciled to one another and God through grace, a gift freely and lovingly given that we do not earn or deserve. We receive the marvelous work of grace in our lives, and we wonder, "Is it fair?" **No! God's grace is not fair, but a gift of God's mercy.**

We gather as neighbors who have experienced difficulties of every kind. We feel uncertain, fearful, and overwhelmed, and we wonder, "Is it fair?"

No! Our difficulties are not fair, and God's grace meets our uncertainty with mercy and love.

We gather as a community that knows the suffering of our neighbors. We look at the effects of poverty, food insecurity, and trauma in our neighborhoods, and we wonder, "Is it fair?"

No! The suffering of our neighbors is not fair, and God's grace calls us to respond to suffering with mercy and justice.

We gather as people who question how to live into God's abundance and flourishing in a world built on scarcity and greed, and we wonder, "Is it fair?"

Yes! God's life of abundance and flourishing is fair, because it is merciful. May God's grace form us into people of mercy, justice, compassion, and truth-telling as we gather today. Amen.

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

*HYMN

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

UMH #128

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 45:1-15

Drew Hassara

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

*HYMN

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

UMH #383 v. 1-4

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Jason

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 133 & Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Drew Hassara

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

*HYMN

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

UMH #121

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

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

UMH #365

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 15:10-28

Drew Hassara

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

SERMON

Is It Fair?

Pastor Jason

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

*HYMN

And Are We Yet Alive

UMH #553

** 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 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 **will resume September 10. Adults willing to be part of a teaching rotation in the fall should contact the office or Pastor Jason.** Activity bags for kids are hanging in the hall 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 28 & September 11.**

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>.

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 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 Sept 21 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=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVXQWUk5LR2VFQ09>

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 FUNDRAISER AUGUST 20, 5-7 PM: Dinner will be spaghetti (gluten-free available) with meat sauce, a salad, a dinner roll & a sweet treat. There is also a meatless sauce option available. Support our ministries by purchasing dinner and/or volunteering at 3 pm.

VISIONING MEETING: SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 8:00-11:30 AM. Members of Church Council are encouraged to attend this important meeting where we will spend time discerning God's will for our ministries—present and future. Please respond to the email from Michelle Bame as you prayerfully prepare for this meeting.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR BILL HEINAMAN: We will all miss Bill dearly. He was a faithful friend and devoted member of our church family. Everyone is invited to join us for a service to celebrate his life at Faith UMC on Saturday, August 26 at 1pm. Obituary: <https://www.snyderfuneralhome.com/obituary/william-s-heinaman/>

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.

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.*

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.*

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.

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.

CARD SHOWER FOR PASTOR DORCAS: The Rev. Dorcas Kamanda is an Ordained Elder in the Eastern PA Conference. She has served churches in Lancaster and also founded the NarSarah Clinic (a community-based health care service) and Mamaland (a children's village for orphans) in Kabala, Sierra Leone where she grew up. We have supported these ministries in the past. Rev. Kamanda is currently living with her daughter in NJ while being treated for cancer and other health issues. We would like to cover her in prayer and send her cards of encouragement. You can send them to Rev. Kamanda, c/o Hopenet Antoine, 9 Exeter Court, East Windsor, NJ 08520. *Please see the note in the hall or in the Faith-a-Gram to see how much this means to her.*

OFFERINGS: This summer the giving to the ministries have been lower than anticipated. Please prayerfully consider if you can become a regular contributor or can give a one-time gift to help us catch up. **We need \$3,675 per week to meet our annual ministry budget. And we need \$3900 per month toward Debt Reduction to pay our mortgage on the Education Wing.** Since July our offerings **have only averaged \$1900** which does not meet expenses.



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](https://www.faithumc.org) 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.**

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 offered during worship service, followed by refreshments
GriefShare Group - Every other Monday from 5:00-6:00 PM at Faith UMC
Chatting Club via Zoom, 6:30 PM

Tuesdays

Wednesdays

Thursdays

Fridays

1st & 3rd Saturdays

1st Saturdays

Nar-Anon meeting - Every other Tuesday from 7:00-9:00 PM at Faith UMC
Worship Team Practice, 6:30 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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, August 20

Monday, August 21

Thursday, August 24

Saturday, August 26

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, 5:00 – 7:00 PM (volunteers needed at 3:00 PM)

Chatting Club via Zoom, 6:30 PM

Church Council meeting, 6:00 PM

Visioning meeting, 8:00 – 11:30 AM

Celebration of Life Service for Bill Heinaman, 1:00 PM

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

Chatting Club via Zoom, 6:30 PM

Ladies' Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30 AM – RSVP to Sandy Patschke

SPRC meeting, 6:00 PM

Special session of Annual Conference at Lititz UMC, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

"Rally Day" – Junior Church during worship resumes, 10:30 AM

Finance meeting, 6:00 PM

Yard Sale, 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM – Space Rentals available

Pastor Matt and other leaders from POWER Interfaith Lancaster after worship

WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, August 27 are:

GREETERS: Lisa Baker

USHERS: Lisa Baker & Jake Ruhl

LITURGIST: Terry Urban

CHILDREN'S TIME: Michelle Bame

JUNIOR CHURCH: Will resume in September

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