

## 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  
Lait 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  
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,  
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  
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 from infection  
Marilyn Onest – healing after surgery  
Gene Onest – breathing and strength  
Jim Royer – healing  
Jeff Johnson – healing after heart attack  
Shannon Edwards – healing after truck wreck  
Derick Pennell – healing after motorcycle accident  
Rachel Link – for a healthy pregnancy  
Charles Valentine – stress  
Marilyn Jones – healing after hip surgery  
Dave Fisher – car accident  
Oksana Kuzmenko – healing from broken ankle  
The family of Alan Price (Buni's father) on his  
passing  
Sandy Baird & Marcia Eisenhour on passing of  
fathers  
Sandy Patschke – healing after a fall  
**OUR PRAISES:**  
God's presence through illness, struggle & loss  
Grace and forgiveness from God  
Birth of Spencer David Unangst  
*Please submit prayer requests (& updates) by note  
or email to the office: [faithumc@hotmail.com](mailto:faithumc@hotmail.com)*



# Who Am I?

*The Journey Begins Worship Series*

## Welcome

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September 3, 2023 at 10:30 AM – 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**W**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 & Pastor Jason

## A TIME FOR CENTERING & PRAYER

Pastor Jason

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jason & God's People

Followers of Christ, God calls us just as we are to live as truth-tellers and gospel-bringers in the world.

God, we know you call us, and still, we ask, "Who am I that you would call me?"

Like Moses standing before the burning bush convinced of his unworthiness to lead your people out of bondage, we ask, "Who am I that you would call me?"

Like Peter who thought he got it right only to realize that who Jesus is doesn't meet his expectations of who a Savior should be, we ask, "Who am I that you would call me?"

As we raise this question to God today, we open our hearts to receive God's answer:

**You are my beloved children. You are my disciples. You are my people called to share the love of God for the transformation of the world. Amen.**

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, March 2023.*

### \*HYMN

*God of Love and God of Power*

UMH #578

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Exodus 3:1-15**

Michelle Bame

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

### CHILDREN'S TIME

Amy Boughter

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Psalms 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b**

Michelle Bame

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

### \*HYMN

*Whom Shall I Send?*

UMH #582

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Romans 12:9-21**

Michelle Bame

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

## THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### \*HYMN

*God of the Ages*

UMH #698

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Matthew 16:21-28**

Michelle Bame

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

### SERMON

*Who Am I?*

Pastor Jason

### COMMUNION

UMH #12-15

*All are invited to the Lord's Table to receive God's forgiveness and grace through Communion*

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

\*Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH #95

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH #13-15 & #895

## RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

\*HYMN

*Lord, Speak to Me*

UMH #13-15

UMH #463

## BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN

*Lift High the Cross*

UMH # 159 v. 1,3,4

\* 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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. **No meeting tonight due to Labor Day Weekend.**

**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: September 11 & 25.**

**CHATTING VIA ZOOM on Mondays at 6:30 PM: No Meeting Sept 4.** 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](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.**

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVXQwUk5LR2VFOT09>

**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.

**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.

**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 \$3,900 per month toward Debt Reduction to pay our mortgage on the Education Wing.**

*Thank you to all who gave generously the last 2 weeks of August to help us catch up—In September, our anticipated bills, payroll and mortgage are about \$17,600.*



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.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 or a bequest to the church in your will.**

**SPECIAL SESSION OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE on Sat., Sept 9 at Lititz UMC. HELP WITH REFRESHMENTS NEEDED** for 250 delegates. Food brought at 7am, served 8-9am, then clean up. **Suggested Menu:** Fruit Trays, Muffins, Bagel Trays, Cream Cheese, Loose Granola, Yogurt, Breakfast bars, Pastries, Juice, Bottled Water - 8oz bottles, Coffee, Hot Tea. **Contact Pastor Jason to volunteer.**

**RALLY DAY on Sunday, September 10 during Worship.** Join us as we celebrate the start to the new school year, bless the students and teachers, and restart Junior Church. **We hope to see everyone in church together.**

**YARD SALE: Saturday September 16 from 8:00 AM. to 1:00 PM.** *Volunteers and baked goods will be needed. Watch for signup sheets. You may donate items to Faith UMC for us to sell or you can rent a 20'x20' space for \$20 for the day. Proceeds benefit the ministries of the church. Here is the link to reserve a space:* <https://forms.gle/uChbsWVYThMgZkf46>. Questions? Call/text Gwen @ 717-696-5321. Payments are due when you arrive. Cash or checks only. Checks may be made payable to *Faith UMC*. This outside event will be held rain or shine, and all monies are non-refundable as this is a fundraiser event for Faith UMC. **Reservations will be taken through Sept 14, 2023.**

**BINGO NIGHT on Sat., September 30** from 5-7pm in Fellowship Hall. There will be snacks and silly prizes for winners! **Best of all, NO COST to you** and you are asked to bring NOTHING—except your best smiles!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR:** *Contact Pastor Jason or the office if you are willing to volunteer.*

- **Be part of our teaching rotation for Junior Church students during worship.** This class is for 3 years old through 4th grade. We are using the *Deep Blue* curriculum
- If you are interested in **helping lead small groups for the Bible2School students from Reidenbaugh Elementary** let Pastor know. Faith UMC is hosting this religious education program for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade students every Tues. & Wed. morning. You could volunteer for 1 class per week. It takes about 1.5 hours.

**NEFFSVILLE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL** is looking for a **teacher's aide** for Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 8:50am to 12:00pm. Interested people should contact the director, Carol Zartman, at 717-314-9405. **They are also accepting registrations for the 2023-24 school year.** Their school is an outreach of Long Memorial UMC at 2660 Lititz Pike, Lancaster. Do you have a child or grandchild age 3 or 4? Find out more at their website: [www.neffsvillechristianpreschool.com](http://www.neffsvillechristianpreschool.com). You may receive more information or set up an appointment to visit the school by contacting the director, Carol Zartman, at 717-314-9405.

**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 from the rack in the hall.** Please 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 31 Rohrerstown Road Mon–Sat, 9am – 6 pm. **Tell staff to credit Non-profit partner # 10221 - Faith UMC.** Write or tape partner number on bags/boxes.

**MEDICINE BOTTLE COLLECTION PROJECT.** We are 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.

### 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 – **resumes Sept 10**  
Youth Group at Faith, 5-7 PM **No Meeting Sept 3.**

#### **1st Sundays**

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 **No Meeting Sept 4.**

#### **Mondays**

#### **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:

#### **Wednesday, Sept 6**

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

#### **Thursday, Sept 7**

SPRC meeting, 6:00 PM

#### **Saturday, Sept 9**

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

District 22 AFG meeting in the Fellowship Hall, 9:30 AM to 12:15 PM

#### **Sunday, Sept 10**

**“Rally Day” – Junior Church during worship resumes, 10:30 AM**

#### **Monday, Sept 11**

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

Chatting Club via Zoom, 6:30 PM

#### **Wednesday, Sept 13**

District Resource Team meets at Faith UMC, 6:00 -7:30 PM

#### **Thursday, Sept 14**

Finance meeting, 6:00 PM

#### **Saturday, Sept 16**

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

#### **Sunday, Sept 17**

Pastor Matt and other leaders from POWER Interfaith Lancaster after worship

#### **Thursday, Sept 21**

Senior Men's Lunch – location to be determined

#### **Thursday, Sept 28**

Church & Society Team meeting, 5:30 PM

#### **Saturday, Sept 30**

Church Council meeting, 6:00 PM

**Bingo Night at Faith UMC, 5:00 – 7:00 PM Invite a friend!**

### WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, September 10 are:

GREETERS/USHERS: Sydney Dohring & Alan Strait

LITURGIST: Tim Patschke

CHILDREN'S TIME: Michelle Bame

JUNIOR CHURCH: Lisa Baker & Julie Perkowski

YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason & Sara Solodky