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

Ukrainian people and their nation

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. Morocco & Libya

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 - eyes, cancer & 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)

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, Cynthia (from NJ), etc.

Noah Boughter, Sophie and family

Heather Lindsey

Theo Wenger – healing for kidneys

Jake Ruhl – hip pain

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

Margie Urban – health

Michael Herr (Steph Edward's dad) - medical tests

Craig Muir – healing after surgery

Ron Lunn – healing from infection

Gene Onest – breathing and strength

Jim Royer – healing

Jeff Johnson – healing after heart attack

Derick Pennell – healing after motorcycle accident

Rachel Link – for a healthy pregnancy

Marilyn Jones – healing after hip surgery

Dave Fisher – car accident

Oksana Kuzmenko – healing from broken ankle Buni Harbison, Sandy Baird & Marcia Eisenhour on

passing of their fathers

Sandy Patschke – healing after a fall

Tim Patschke – heart surgery

Principal Rilatt, his family and his recovery

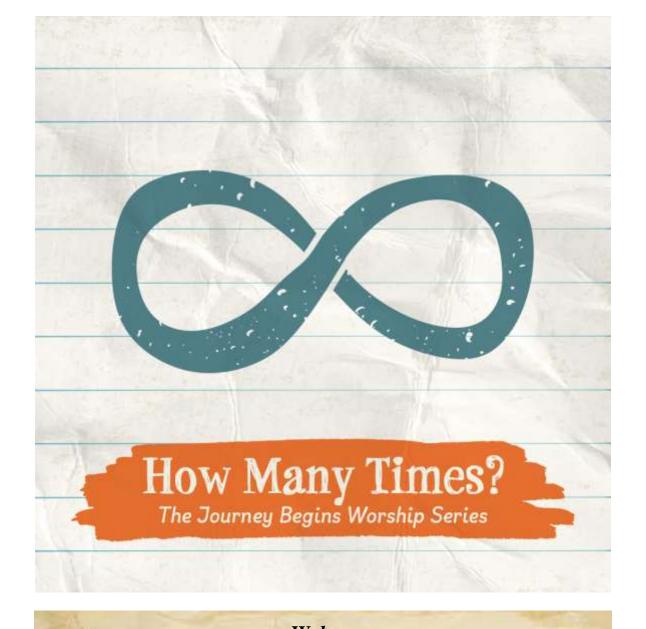
Joetta Henry & family on the passing of Fred Hess Brent Rollins – healing after spinal surgery

Elijah Hoffman – healing after eye surgery

OUR PRAISES:

God's presence through illness, struggle & loss Grace and forgiveness from God

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



Welcome

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Faith United Methodist Church



September 17, 2023 at 10:30 AM – 16th 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

Buni Harbison & Pastor Jason

Pastor Jason & God's People

A TIME FOR CENTERING & PRAYER

Pastor Jason

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God, when we face strife, upset, and harm in our midst, we so often turn to God and ask:

How many times should I forgive?

When Jesus answers that we should forgive again and again, we are tempted to repeat the question:

How many times should I forgive?

Until God turns the question around: "How many times have I forgiven you?" Seventy times seven.

"How many times have I loved you?" Seventy times seven.

"How many times has my grace been sufficient for you?" Seventy times seven.

Let us learn, then, how to forgive not out of our own power, but out of God's, who forgives us that we might be free to learn to live with one another well. **Amen.**

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

*HYMN	O How I Love Jesus	UMH #170

SCRIPTURE LESSON	Exodus 14:19-31	Daryl Hawthorne
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This is the Word of the Lord — **Thanks be to God!**

CHILDREN'S TIME Pastor Jason

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 114 Darvl Hawthorne

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

*HYMN There's a Wideness in God's Mercy UMH #121

SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 14:1-12 Daryl Hawthorne

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

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 Freely, Freely UMH #389

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 18:21-35 Darvl Hawthorne

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

SERMON How Many Times? Pastor Jason

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

*HYMN Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

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UMH #402

Worship Musicians: Jody & Anthony Wiker
Pastor: The Rev. Jason Perkowski

AV Tech: Dennis Meck, Sr & Keagan Meck
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 - 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, 3rd classroom on the right. **Adults willing** to be part of a teaching rotation for Junior Church should contact the office or Pastor Jason.

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. Volunteers needed September 17 & 24. Two volunteers needed for October 1 while Pastor Jason is away. Contact Pastor Jason for more info.

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 25 & October 9.**

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.

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=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVIVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09

MEETING WITH POWER INTERFAITH RE: JUSTICE WORK *TODAY* **after worship in the Faith UMC Fellowship Hall.** We will have guest speakers to talk about some of the work being done in Lancaster and across the state regarding Educational Funding, Criminal Justice Reform, etc. You will get to learn about POWER and how you can get involved locally. Please see Renee Norman or Pastor Jason with questions.

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.

^{*} You are invited to stand

OFFERINGS: Thank you to everyone who has given generously to begin to help us catch up after the summer. Please prayerfully consider if you can become a regular contributor, can increase your weekly giving or make a special one-time gift. 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. In September, our anticipated bills, payroll & 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 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.

THE SENIOR MEN'S LUNCH on September 21 at 11:30 AM will be held at Knight & Day Diner, 3140 Lititz Pike, Lititz, PA. RSVP to Tim Patschke by September 18 so we can give an accurate count for our reservation.

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 2nd, 3rd & 4th 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 for their 4/5 year-old classes. Their school is an outreach of Long Memorial UMC located at 2660 Lititz Pike, Lancaster. Find out more at their website: 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.

FALL SOUP SALE: We are kicking off our Fall Soup Sale on Sunday, September 17th! **Orders and money will be due October 8th.** Look for order forms in the hall and sign-up sheets to help prep the soup. **Soup will be available for pick-up on November 4th.** We will be offering each variety of soups offered by Oregon Dairy this year (only by the Quart). Please give all orders to Lisa Baker (in hand or in her box) or to Carol in the office. We do ask that all orders be submitted with order forms and payment. Any questions, please give Lisa a call at 717-615-6707 or email at lisa.baker2294@gmail.com.

TRUNK OR TREAT: Come and join us Saturday October 28th for our Annual Trunk or Treat event from 6-8pm! We are in need of all of you who want to decorate your trunks and hand out candy to the kiddos in our community. This is a fun evening for all! Come in costume if you'd like and help us bring some fun and joy to our neighbors! We will have pumpkin decorating and lawn games, as well as offering free hot dogs and hot / cold cider. As this event was a huge success last year and had a large turnout, we are really in need of volunteers in each area. If you would like to join in by either being a part of the trunk brigade or volunteering with the kitchen, dining room, games or pumpkin decorating, please contact Lisa Baker at lisa.baker2294@gmail.com or call her at 717-615-6707. Volunteers and decorated vehicles should arrive by 5:00 to set up. We also are asking for donations of hot dogs and buns. Thank you!

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 SundaysCommunion offered during worship service, followed by refreshments **Mondays**GriefShare Group - Every other Monday from 5:00-6:00 PM at Faith UMC

Chatting Club via Zoom, 6:30 PM

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, Sept 17 Pastor Matt and other leaders from POWER Interfaith Lancaster after worship

Thursday, Sept 21 Senior Men's Lunch at Knight & Day Diner, 11:30 AM – RSVP to Tim Patschke

Church & Society Team meeting, 5:30 PM

Sunday, Sept 24 Reception to Thank Jody & Tony after worship

Monday, Sept 25 GriefShare Group - Every other Monday from 5:00 to 6:00 PM

Chatting Club via Zoom, 6:30 PM

Thursday, Sept 28 Church Council meeting, 6:00 PM

Saturday, Sept 30 Bingo Night at Faith UMC, 5:00 – 7:00 PM Invite a friend!

Sunday, Oct 8 Soup orders due (pick up Nov 4)

Monday, Oct 9 Faith UMC provides Grab 'N Go Meal at Zion Lutheran Church, 9:30 AM

Sunday, Oct 15 Spaghetti Dinner, 5:00 to 7:00 PM Saturday, Oct 28 Trunk or Treat, 6:00 to 8:00 PM

WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, September 17 are:

GREETERS/ USHERS: John & Priscilla Rice

LITURGIST: Buni Harbison CHILDREN'S TIME: Pastor Jason

JUNIOR CHURCH: Gwen Newell, Carol Kennedy, & Angela Dillon

YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason & volunteer needed