#### **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 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)

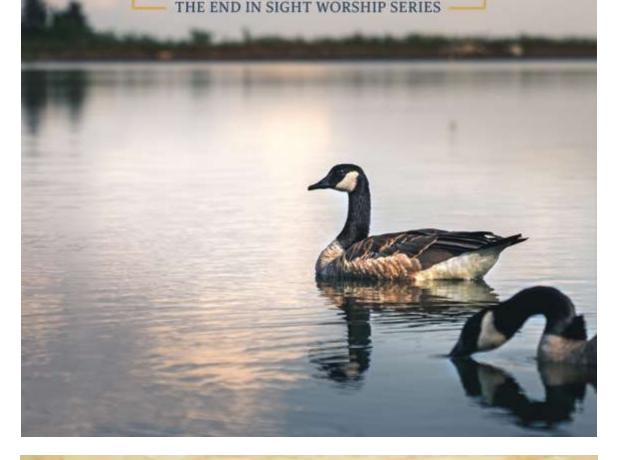
Angela, Maria and Becky – to be healthy & thrive Children – to know they are not alone in struggles Those with cancer: Cyndi Campbell, Dean Grove, Mark Reitzel, Kerry Link, Duane Lehman, Lori, Sophia Serio, Ruthie, Martin Campbell, Ben Neideigh, Harmony Chiccarine, Grandma Edwards, Nat, Tina Miller, 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 Jeff Johns & family – healing for mom Linda Weber - healing Tiffany & those caring for her Terry & Margie Urban & family – housing Margie Urban – health & infections Michael Herr (Steph Edward's dad) - medical tests Craig Muir – healing after surgery Jeff Johnson – healing after heart attack Rachel Link – for a healthy pregnancy Dave Fisher – car accident Oksana Kuzmenko – healing from broken ankle Sandy Patschke – healing after a fall & back Principal Rilatt, his family and his recovery Brent Rollins – healing after spinal surgery Denny Armstrong – healing after colon surgery Elijah Hoffman – healing after eye surgery Terry Kofroth - healing after back surgery Rev. Dorcas – eyes, cancer surgery, & Sierra Leone Ella Buchanan – healing from pneumonia Carl Derr – breathing problems Families of students who committed suicide Peace in Israel & Palestine

#### **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

# The Things That Are God's



## Welcome

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# Faith United Methodist Church



### October 22, 2023 at 10:30 AM – 21st 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 & CENTERING PRAYER**

#### Michelle Bame

Pastor Jason & God's People

\*CALL TO WORSHIP We gather today to remember and proclaim that we are God's people.

We are God's people! God's presence is among us!

Like Moses, we seek an encounter with God's goodness.

God, show us your goodness that we may glorify you in all that we do.

God's goodness passes by us every day in the gracious gifts of creation and in the faces of our neighbors.

God, help us notice your goodness in everything and everyone that we meet.

When we notice God's goodness all around us, we recognize this truth: all things are God's.

Let us give to God the things that are God's! Amen.

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

*HYMN	Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me	UMH #361
SCRIPTURE LESSON	<b>Exodus 33:12-23</b> This is the Word of the Lord — <b>Thanks be to God!</b>	Buni Harbison
CHILDREN'S TIME		Michelle Bame
OUR OFFERINGS OF PR *Doxology *Offertory Prayer	<b>AYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE &amp; WITNESS</b> <i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	Pastor Jason UMH #95
SCRIPTURE LESSON	<b>Psalm 99</b> This is the Word of the Lord — <b>Thanks be to God!</b>	Buni Harbison
*HYMN	Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken	UMH #731
SCRIPTURE LESSON	<b>1 Thessalonians 1:1-10</b> This is the Word of the Lord — <b>Thanks be to God!</b>	Buni Harbison
THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER		UMH #895
*HYMN	How Long Has It Been	On Screen
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Matthew 22:15-22 This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!	Buni Harbison
SERMON	The Things That Are God's	Pastor Jason

**BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH** 

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

\* You are invited to stand

\*HYMN

Pianist: Dolly BankertAV Tech: Dennis Meck, Sr & Keagan MeckPastor: The Rev. Jason PerkowskiMinisters: 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. *Note: Carol is out of the office through October 29.* 

**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 - 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. November 19, youth will go to Gretna Glen. Meet at Faith at 3:30PM and pick up at Faith at 7PM. Permission slips are required. Contact Pastor Jason for more info. Students from any church or school are invited to join us.

**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: October 23 & November 6.** 

*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.

**JUNIOR CHURCH TEACHERS NEEDED:** Teaching our children about our faith is a core mission of our church. We need people to take turns teaching 3year-4<sup>th</sup> grade students during the 10:30 AM Service. *Deep Blue* Curriculum and materials are all provided. **We need teachers and teacher's aides. Please volunteer TODAY!** 

**THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM** is exploring how we can engage in improving our community by standing up against injustice and the forces of wickedness. **The next meeting is Nov 16 at Faith UMC at 5:30 PM (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month).** To learn more, contact Pastor Jason or Renee Norman. To learn about one of our partners, **POWER INTERFAITH LANCASTER COUNTY** and their work on justice issues around schools, the criminal justice system, etc., please visit <u>https://powerinterfaith.org</u>. To learn more about **Bail Reform**, join the weekly Wednesday Zoom Session at Noon:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVIVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY: On November 5, we would like to honor all of our loved ones that have passed away since last year. VETERANS DAY: On November 12 we would like to honor all of our church members and their family who have served in the armed services. Please email/drop off a photo of your loved ones to the church no later than the Monday before each service (Oct 30 / Nov 6). Include their full name, date of birth/death, and for veterans their military branch and rank. We will display a slideshow honoring them as part of the service. If you sent us photos for service members last year, we have those on file; please just let us know if you want them to be included and if their rank has changed.

**IN NEED OF HELP?** Contact Pastor Jason, dial **2-1-1 or visit** <u>www.211.org</u> to reach the **United Way Call Center** for social services. The Crisis Intervention Lifeline is (717) 394-2631 or *dial* 9-8-8.

**SUB SALE:** Faith UMC has certificates from S. Clyde Weaver for sale at \$7.00 each. Pick up a delicious made-toorder sub at any of their locations. It's convenient when you don't feel like cooking! You have a choice of at least 7 varieties of sandwiches available on a sub roll, bread or wrap. Please see Carol Kennedy to buy coupons.

**TRUNK OR TREAT: Saturday October 28th from 6-8pm.** We are in need of people to decorate their car 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, lawn games, 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 car trunk brigade or volunteering with the kitchen, dining room, games or pumpkin decorating, please contact Lisa Baker. 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!

ATTENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS & MEMBERS OF FAITH UMC: Our CHARGE CONFERENCE is scheduled for Saturday, November 4 at 9:00AM at Lititz, UMC. Please make every effort to attend. If you have any final edits to your conference forms, please contact Pastor Jason ASAP.

**VISIONING MEETING: Saturday, November 11, 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.

**OFFERINGS:** Thank you for your generous gifts. We have had several really positive weeks of offerings that are enabling us to meet our obligations. We have also paid off our 2022 past due apportionments in full! This is excellent progress. Please keep up the generosity as we work together to fully fund our ministries for the year.



Please prayerfully consider if you can become a regular contributor, can increase your weekly giving or make a special one-time gift as we enter the final quarter of 2023. 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. Please also return your 2024 Pledge Cards by Sunday, November 5.

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 <a href="https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z37Q/home">https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z37Q/home</a>. There is a link at <a href="https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z37Q/home">FaithUMC.us</a> 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.

**BIBLE2SCHOOL SMALL GROUP LEADERS are needed** for 2-4<sup>th</sup> grade classes on Tuesdays and Wednesday for 1.5 hours each class. Students from Reidenbaugh Elem. get bussed to Faith UMC each week for a lesson and then small group discussion. The teachers provide the core lesson, **but we need small group leaders to follow up with a 10-minute discussion time with pre-planned questions & activities.** Contact Pastor Jason to help.

**IT'S EASY TO SEND A CARD TO HOMEBOUND PEOPLE:** There are two baskets on the table in the hallway. One has cards & the other has address labels of church members who are homebound. Please feel free to take cards and address labels, add your thoughts and prayers, maybe put in a note with a special memory, and drop it in the mail. Getting "snail mail" is always a delight; spread some joy to those who cannot get to church. The address labels will be changed regularly so we can include all our members who are homebound. If you know of someone to add to our list, please see Buni.

**LITITZ MEALS ON WHEELS has an urgent and on-going need for volunteer cooks.** Follow pre-printed easy menus for 50-60 people. Contact Jewel Shaub at 717-626-4352 or <u>tjshaub@gmail.com</u> or John Huber at 717-627-1176 or jehuber@ptd.net or leave a message at 717-626-2500.

PRAYER SHAWLS AVAILABLE from the rack in the hall. Please sign the sheet attached to the rack.

**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 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.

#### **ONGOING EVENTS:**

Sundays	Adult Sunday School, 9:00 AM
Buildays	5
	Worship, 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary and Facebook Live
	Junior Church during 10:30 AM worship
	Youth Group at Faith, 5-7 PM (3:30-7PM to Gretna Glen on 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays)
1st Sundays	Communion 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	Bible2School in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM
	Nar-Anon meeting - Every other Tuesday from 7:00-9:00 PM at Faith UMC
Wednesdays	Bible2School in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
	Worship Team Practice, 6:30 PM
	Bible Study at Oregon Community UMC, 6:30PM
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, Oct 22	Fellowship Hall in use, 12:00 to 7:00 PM
Monday, Oct 23	GriefShare Group - Every other Monday from 5:00 to 6:00 PM
	Chatting Club via Zoom, 6:30 PM
Thursday, Oct 26	Trustees meeting, 6:00 PM
Saturday, Oct 28	Trunk or Treat, 6:00 to 8:00 PM (volunteers arrive at 5:00 PM)
Wednesday, Nov 1	Ladies' Lunch at Oregon Dairy – RSVP to Sandy Patschke
Thursday, Nov 2	SPRC meeting, 6:00 PM
Friday, Nov 3	Soup Sale Prep, 5:00 PM
Saturday, Nov 4	Charge Conference at Lititz UMC, 9:00 AM
	Soup Sale Pickup, 12:00 to 2:00 PM (walk-ins welcome while supply lasts)
Tuesday, Nov 7	Election Day – Faith UMC is a polling place 7:00 am to 8:00 pm
Wednesday, Nov 8	District Resource Team meeting, 6:00 to 7:30 PM
Thursday, Nov 9	Finance meeting, 6:00 PM
Saturday, Nov 11	Visioning Meeting, 8:00 to 11:30 AM
Sunday, Nov 19	Youth Group at Gretna Glen - meet at Faith UMC, 3:30 to 7:00 PM

#### WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, October 29 are:

GREETERS/USHERS: Sydney Dohring & Alan Strait LITURGIST: Michelle Bame CHILDREN'S TIME: Pastor Jason JUNIOR CHURCH: volunteer needed & Brenden Edwards YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason & Kim O'Heher