

PRAYER REQUESTS:

OUR CONCERNS:

Wisdom & safety for government officials globally
President Joe Biden and VP Kamala Harris
Healthy and gentle campaigns and election process
Veterans and Service Members
Civilians, leaders, and soldiers in war torn regions
Peace in Israel, Palestine, and the Ukraine
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 & disease
Stewardship of our environment & climate
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
Laitly 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 & healing
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
Noah Boughter, Sophie and family
Heather Lindsey
Theo Wenger – healing for kidneys

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), Jim Royer, Adam
Malik – brain cancer, Carol Bryner (Allen K's
sister) – pancreatic cancer, Joan (Nancy's sister-
in-law) – breast cancer, Benedicta Fair
(Romanita's Aunt)

Jake Ruhl – hip and shoulder pain
Shirley Gehr – healing
The Jackson Family
Robyn Meckley – healing
Jeff Johns & family – healing for mom
Linda Weber - healing
Terry & Margie Urban & family – housing & health
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
Terry Kofroth – healing after back surgery
Rev. Dorcas – eyes, cancer surgery, & Sierra Leone
Ella Buchanan – healing from pneumonia
Gail's cancer & Bob's dementia – friends of Sandy
Ruthie & Gary – friends of Amy
Regina Jenkins – stroke
Brenda, Dave and Mike Loechner – health
Those impacted by the recent murder-suicide

OUR PRAISES:

Love and support of Faith UMC Family
God's faithful love that is new every morning
God's presence through illness, struggle & loss
Incredible healing of Robert T Perkowski
New folks joining us for worship and ministries
Beauty of nature
Time with friends & family
Thank you God for sunshine
The Promise of Heaven
Thank you that no matter what is going on in the
world, we know that you dear Lord God, are in
control ultimately!

*Please submit prayer needs, praises, & updates by
note or email to the office: faithumc@hotmail.com*



AFTER GIVING THANKS

OUR HYMN OF GRATEFUL PRAISE WORSHIP SERIES

Welcome

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Faith United Methodist Church



November 26, 2023 at 10:30 AM – 26th Sunday after Pentecost / Reign of Christ Sunday

WELCOME: We come together to worship the loving God who has chosen to be revealed as the Father Creator, the Son who lived among us, and the Holy Spirit who ministers powerfully within us. You are welcome in this sacred space no matter who you are; from where you have come; what experiences, struggles or gifts you bring; or the questions, doubts & beliefs you carry. We are so glad you are here – and pray you find what you came looking for!

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jason & God's People

Come! Let us give thanks to God! **We give thanks for the gift of warm bread, the smell of dinner cooking in the oven, and the joy of gathering around a table together.**

Come! Let us give thanks to God! **We give thanks for all the times God has made a way out of no way, providing for us in body and spirit just when we need it.**

Come! Let us give thanks to God! **We give thanks for the ways God weaves us together as a community of love and care, supporting one another in the ebbs and flows of daily life.**

Let us come into God's presence with grateful praise! **Come! Let us worship God together. Amen.**

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

*HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

UMH #139 v. 1, 4, 5

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 95:1-7

Terry Kofroth

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

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

Pastor Jason

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

*Offertory Prayer

CHILDREN'S TIME

Michelle Bame

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ezekiel 34:11-24

Terry Kofroth

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

*HYMN

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

UMH #381

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 1:15-23

Terry Kofroth

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

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH #895

*HYMN

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

UMH #694

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 25:31-46

Terry Kofroth

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

SERMON

After Giving Thanks

Pastor Jason

*HYMN

Jesu, Jesu

UMH #432 v. 2-5

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Pastor Jason

* You are invited to stand in body or in Spirit

Pianist: Dolly Bankert **AV Tech:** Dennis Meck, Sr & Keagan Meck

Pastor: The Rev. Jason Perkowski **Ministers:** The People of God

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 3-year-olds - 4th grade during the 10:30AM Worship Service. Please sign your child in before the service & 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. **No Jr. Church today.**

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

YOUTH GROUP, SUNDAYS, 5-7 PM at Faith UMC for 5th-12th graders. Sign up to be the 2nd adult and/or to provide a meal. Each week there are dinner, games and a lesson. For more info contact Pastor Jason (717-333-9238). **No Youth Group on Nov 26—Happy Thanksgiving. No Gretna Glen trips until January 21 (3:30-7PM).**

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: December 4 & 18.**

CHATTING VIA ZOOM on Mondays at 6:30 PM: This member-led, discussion group meets online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518?pwd=cEVDeDljeThaaWVIYjIQWmZjTm5oUT09>.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY at Oregon Community UMC, 6:30PM

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY at 10AM in Faith UMC Fellowship Hall.

THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. **Next meeting: Dec 21 at 5:30 PM (3rd Thursdays).** To learn more, contact Renee Norman. To be a part of the team working on **Bail Reform & Representation for persons accused of crimes**, join the Zoom Session at Noon every Wednesday: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOeIVVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>

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.**

SUB SALE: We have certificates from S. Clyde Weaver for \$7.00. Pick up a delicious made-to-order sub at any of their locations. You have 7+ varieties of sandwiches available on a sub roll, bread or wrap. They are so convenient when you need a quick meal during this busy holiday season and make great stocking stuffers. See Carol.

HANGING OF THE GREENS will take place after worship **TODAY!** Come enjoy decorating the church, singing Christmas carols and eating lunch with friends. Everyone is welcome!

CARE PACKAGES FOR MILLERSVILLE STUDENTS: We are continuing our tradition of providing boxes to support college students who are part of The HUB: Millersville University Campus Ministry while they prepare for final exams in Dec. **We will be packaging the items after worship TODAY.**

SECRET SISTER REVEAL: Saturday, December 2 from 9:00 to 11:00 AM in Fellowship Hall at Faith UMC. Solve the mystery! Find out who has been your Secret Sister in 2023! RSVP to Amy Boughter. If unable to attend, please drop your Christmas Surprise at the church before December 2nd.

FAITH UMC T-SHIRTS: There is a signup sheet in the hall if you would like to order t-shirts with the Faith UMC logo. They are available in sizes Small to XXXL and range in price from \$16.50 to \$20.00. Please sign with how many you want and in what sizes you want. Call or text Diana Valentine with any questions. 717-283 6099

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES DURING ADVENT: Prayerfully consider if you would like to help with any of these projects. *We do not expect you to donate to each one.* Please participate as your heart and capacity leads you.

- **TRANSITIONAL LIVING CENTER:** We will be collecting cleaning products of all types for the families living at the Transitional Living Center in Downtown Lancaster. Look for the basket next to the tree in the hall.
- **MISSION TREE:** Please decorate the tree with scarves, hats, and gloves for refugees supported by Church World Services. For many of these people, it is their first experience with a winter like ours and are in need of winter gear.
- **UDOBO PRE-SCHOOL:** We support the Udobo School in Durban, South Africa each Christmas. Visit <http://UdoboSchool.com> for details. Your gift will help provide food, educational supplies and teaching staff. If you are interested in helping checks can be made out to *Faith UMC* with "Udobo School" in the memo or donate online to that fund at www.faithumc.us. All gifts in the special Faith UMC Christmas offering envelopes or marked for Udobo School will go directly to the school. Unmarked gifts in the Christmas Eve offering plate will also go the school.

ANNUAL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA AND COOKIE EXTRAVAGANZA on Saturday December 9th from 8:00 to 10:30 AM. Breakfast will include pancakes and sausages with various toppings. Gluten free option available! Santa will be there to greet all the kids and pose for photos before his busiest night of the year! Breakfast is by donation. While you're here, choose your own cookies from our huge selection of holiday favorites and maybe try something new! Servers will be there to guide you through the selections and help fill your chosen container. Cost per container is \$16.50. For questions or more info, please contact us at 717-560-0321 or visit us at www.faithumc.us. We hope to see you here! **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** There are **signup sheets in the hall.** We need people to bake cookies, run the cookie room, cook pancakes and sausage, package and hand out food, run the craft table for kids, collect money, set up / tear down tables & chairs in sanctuary, decorate, sanitize tables between groups, clean up, etc. **If you can help, let us know ASAP.** Most cookies freeze well so you can get an early start with baking. Please sign up in the hallway to let us know what cookies you will be baking.

OFFERINGS: Your faithful giving each week has enabled us to currently keep up with expenses for 2023 through November 9 and to pay 100% of our apportionments from 2022! However, there are some end of year expenses coming up and only one more Fundraiser (Breakfast with Santa and the Cookie Sale). *So, we are going to have to pull together to end the year with a balanced budget.* We have made huge progress, but please prayerfully consider your giving through December.



We need \$4,000 per week to meet our Annual Ministry Budget and \$3,900 per month toward Debt Reduction to pay our mortgage on the Education Wing.

PLEDGE CARDS: *Please return your 2024 Pledge Cards now. We are creating the 2024 budget and need your "Best Guess" as to what you will be able to contribute next year so that we can try to balance expenses with giving.*

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.**

SEND A CARD TO HOMEBOUND PEOPLE: There are cards and address labels in the hall. Add your thoughts and prayers, maybe include 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. If you know of someone to add to our list, please see Buni.

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.*

IMPACT MISSION LUNCH CREW needs volunteers on Thursdays, 10AM-Noon. Contact Sue Grimm Mattox at sgrimm1028@gmail.com or 717.575.6414

LUMINA KIDS NIGHT needs volunteers for Monday evenings on January 8, 22, & 29. They need 3-4 adults to play with the kids and provide a light supper for 15 students. To volunteer or get more info, contact Pastor Jason, Diana Valentine or Correen Russo 717-808-8633.

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: *Please remove labels & residue.* A basket is under the table in the hall.

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 – *No Junior Church TODAY*
Youth Group at Faith, 5-7 PM (3:30-7PM to Gretna Glen on Jan. 21) *NOT TONIGHT*

1st Sundays

Communion offered during worship service, followed by refreshments

Mondays

GriefShare Group - Every other Monday, 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 - Every other Tuesday, 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

Thursdays

Bible Study at Oregon Community UMC, 6:30PM

Fridays

Wing and a Prayer AA Meeting in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM

1st & 3rd Saturdays

Bible Study led by Pastor Jason, 10:00 AM

1st Saturdays

Faith UMC works with IMPACT! Missions – Contact Leon Bame to help
Servant Saturday

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday, Nov 30

Church Council meeting, 6:00 PM

Saturday, Dec 2

Secret Sister Reveal, 9:00 to 11:00 AM

Monday, Dec 4

GriefShare Group - Every other Monday from 5:00 to 6:00 PM
Chatting Club via Zoom, 6:30 PM

Wednesday, Dec 6

Ladies Lunch at Oregon Dairy, RSVP to Sandy Patschke

Thursday, Dec 7

Christmas Cookie Drop-off, 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM or make other arrangements
SPRC meeting, 6:00 PM

Saturday, Dec 9

Breakfast with Santa & Christmas Cookie Sale at Faith UMC, 8:00 to 10:30 AM

WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, Dec 3 are:

GREETERS/ USHERS: Jim & Buni Harbison & Leon Bame

LITURGIST: Drew Hassara

CHILDREN'S TIME: Amy Boughter

JUNIOR CHURCH: Lisa Baker & Colette Borden

YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason & Erich & Ann Byers