

## 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  
Lait 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  
Linda Weber - healing  
Terry & Margie Urban & family – housing & health  
Michael Herr (Steph Edward's dad) – medical tests  
Rachel Link – for a healthy pregnancy  
Dave Fisher – car accident  
Sandy Patschke – healing after a fall & back  
Principal Rilatt, his family and his recovery  
Terry Kofroth – healing and back surgery  
Rev. Dorcas – eyes, cancer surgery, & Sierra Leone  
Gail's cancer & passing of her husband Bob–friends  
of Sandy  
Ruthie & Gary – friends of Amy  
Brenda, Dave and Mike Loechner – health  
For the family and friends (inc. Jim Valentine) of  
Regina Jenkins on her passing  
Diana Valentine – peace while awaiting test results  
Bob Perkowski – neurosurgery on his back  
Ellison (Daryl's granddaughter) inflammation & pain

### 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  
New folks joining us for worship and ministries  
Beauty of nature & sunshine  
Time with friends & family  
The Promise of Heaven  
That no matter what is going on in the world, we  
know that God is in control ultimately!  
That God walks with us; even in the shadow of death  
Prayers are answered according to God's will &  
timing

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



## Welcome

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December 10, 2023 at 10:30 AM – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent: Peace

**W**ELCOME: We gather this Advent to remember all the ways that God has been revealed to us, including the Christmas Miracle of Jesus’ birth. We prepare ourselves through this season for His Second Coming. 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 glad you are on this journey with us—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 worshipping 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! Listen! A voice cries out: “In the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.” **We come, and we wait in the just peace of the coming Messiah.**

Pay attention! God is removing barriers and leveling the playing field, making a way for all people to witness the glory of the Lord. **We pay attention, and we wait in the just peace of the coming Messiah.**

We wait, and we work as God’s landscapers, filling in valleys and making rough places a plain, bringing justice where conflicts and obstacles once reigned. **We wait, and we work in the just peace of the coming Messiah.**

As we gather, may we prepare our voices to proclaim and our hands to get messy as our lives declare the coming of our Savior and Comforter.

**We come to worship and to grow in the just peace of Jesus Christ, the coming Messiah. Amen.**

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

## LIGHTING THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE: PEACE

The Edwards Family

\*HYMN

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

UMH #381

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Isaiah 40:1-11**

Bob Rodgers

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

## CHILDREN’S TIME

Michelle Bame

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

Pastor Jason

\*Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH #95

\*Offertory Prayer

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13**

Bob Rodgers

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

\*HYMN

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

UMH #196 & MSFPWC #388

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

**2 Peter 3:8-15a**

Bob Rodgers

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

## THE PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

UMH #895

\*HYMN

*For the Healing of the Nations*

UMH #428

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Mark 1:1-8**

Bob Rodgers

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

## SERMON

*Our Just Peace*

Pastor Jason

## BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Pastor Jason

\*HYMN

*Let There Be Peace on Earth*

UMH #431

\* *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, contact Pastor Jason **to join the new membership class after the New Year.**

**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 3-year-olds - 4th grade during the 10:30AM Worship Service. Please sign your child in before the service & get a numbered badge. 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.

**YOUTH GROUP ON 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 Gettysburg 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 18 & January 8.**

**CHATTING VIA ZOOM on Mondays at 6:30 PM:** This member-led, discussion group meets online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518?pwd=cEVDeDljeThaaWVIYjQWmZjTm5oUT09.>

**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: Jan 17 at 5:30 PM (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays).** To learn more, contact Renee Norman. **Roadmap For Justice: POWER Interfaith Convention** in Harrisburg on **Feb 19.** 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=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVlXQwUk5LR2VFQ09>

**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.**

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

**FAITH UMC T-SHIRTS FOR SALE:** The shirts are a cotton blend with the Faith logo over the left chest. They do not have pockets nor individual names. They range in price from \$18 to \$22. Sign up in hallway with how many you want and in what sizes you want. Call or text Diana Valentine with questions at 717-283-6099. **Deadline for ordering t-shirts is December 18. Give payment to Diana by January 8.**

**25 PRAYS OF CHRISTMAS:** Join us for 25 days of prayers. There is one prayer a day starting Dec 1. The prayer list is available on our website, by using [this link](#) or picking up a paper copy in the hall.

**SEND A CHRISTMAS CARD TO HOMEBOUND PEOPLE:** There are small bags pinned on the bulletin board. Each has a set of address labels for Faith’s homebound people. Please take one and send them a Christmas card.



**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 TLC in Downtown Lancaster. Look for the basket next to the tree in the hall.
- **MISSION TREE:** Please decorate the tree across from the office 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 they are in need of winter gear.
- **UDOBO PRE-SCHOOL:** We support the Udobo School in Durban, South Africa at Christmas. Visit <http://UdoboSchool.com> for details. Your gift will help provide food, educational supplies & teaching staff. Checks can be made out to *Faith UMC* with “Udobo School” in the memo or donate online to that fund at [www.faithumc.us](http://www.faithumc.us). All gifts in the Faith UMC Christmas offering envelopes, those marked for Udobo School, as well as all unmarked gifts in the Christmas Eve offering plate will go directly to the school.
- **CHRIST HOME FOR KIDS & BLACKFEET UMC PARISH:** If you are interested in making a donation you can send a check made out to *Oregon Community UMC* with the **specific ministry marked in the memo line.** You can mail it to Oregon Community, 1214 Creek Rd., Lititz, PA 17543 or put it in the offering plate Christmas Eve.

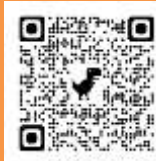
**LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE – Thursday, December 21 at 7:00 PM at Long Memorial UMC.** For many of us, Christmas is a bittersweet time of year. It is a time for remembering both persons and events that have been a part of our lives in the past, but are now changed or gone. This is the time of year with the longest nights, so around this time we offer a quiet, meditative worship service that allows time and space for remembering, sharing our hurting places with God, and preparing our hearts to celebrate anew the coming of Christ. You are invited to join us for a time of special music, scripture, stories, silent reflection, healing prayer, and communion.

**CHRISTMAS EVE MORNING SERVICE at Faith UMC at 10:30am on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>** (or **9am at Oregon Community UMC** if that better suits your schedule).

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE at Faith UMC at 7pm on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>.** This is a joint service with members of Oregon Community UMC. Families will worship together in this service of carols and a retelling of the Christmas story. We will also share in Communion.

**THANK YOU for your faithful giving** toward our ministries! We celebrate all that God has accomplished this year with **NEW MEMBERS, INCREASING ATTENDANCE, ONGOING MINISTRY TO ALL AGES, FELLOWSHIP & FUN!** As we head into 2024 it looks to be a year of new opportunities and growth.

**FINANCIAL NEEDS:** To finish up the year with a balanced budget, **we need about \$4,250 per week in regular offerings (which will also cover our mortgage payment in December** on the Education Wing). **We started 2023 with a projected \$56,000 deficit and are down to the last \$17,000 to raise to pay our final bills.** You also paid the 2022 conference apportionments in full this year—catching up from where we were behind last year!



**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 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](http://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.**

**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.*

**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 **No session Dec 24 or 31**  
Worship, 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary and Facebook Live  
Junior Church during 10:30 AM worship **No session Dec 24 or 31**  
Youth Group at Faith, 5-7 PM (Gretna Glen on Jan. 21) **No session Dec 24 or 31**

##### **1st Sundays**

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

##### **Mondays**

##### **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  
Bible2School in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM  
Worship Team Practice, 6:30 PM

##### **Wednesdays**

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 **No session Dec 29**

##### **1st & 3rd Saturdays**

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

##### **1st Saturdays**

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

##### **Sunday, Dec 10**

Trustees meeting in Adult Sunday School room, 11:45 AM  
Fellowship Hall in use, 12:00 to 3:00 PM

##### **Wednesday, Dec 13**

District Resource Team meeting, 6:00 to 7:30 PM

##### **Thursday, Dec 14**

Senior Men’s Lunch at Lititz Family Cupboard, 11:30 AM – RSVP to John Rice  
Finance Team meeting

##### **Monday, Dec 18**

Deadline for t-shirt orders  
GriefShare Group - Every other Monday from 5:00 to 6:00 PM  
Chatting Club via Zoom, 6:30 PM

##### **Thursday, Dec 21**

**Longest Night Service at Long Memorial UMC, 7:00 PM**

##### **Sunday, Dec 24**

Worship Service at Oregon Community UMC, 9:00 AM  
Worship Service at Faith UMC, 10:30 AM (also on Facebook & our website)

**Joint Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with communion at Faith UMC, 7:00 PM**

#### **WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, Dec 17 are:**

GREETERS/ USHERS: Janet & Beverly Charles

LITURGIST: Terry Urban

CHILDREN’S TIME: Michelle Bame

JUNIOR CHURCH: Gwen Newell & Brenden Edwards

YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason & Sara Solodky

CANDLE LIGHTING – Buni & Jim Harbison