

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

### OUR CONCERNS:

Peace in Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine  
For peace & wisdom in areas of conflict  
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  
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, Carol Bryner (Allen K's sister), Joan  
(Nancy's sister-in-law), 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  
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-friend of Sandy  
Ruthie & Gary – friends of Amy  
Brenda, Dave and Mike Loechner – health  
Bob Perkowski – neurosurgery on his back & healing  
of shoulder  
Perkowski family on the death of Robert T.  
Perkowski (Pastor Jason's grandfather)  
Ellison (Daryl's granddaughter) inflammation & pain  
George (Ella Buchanan's brother) – health  
Jason & Julie Perkowski & their 3 foster boys

### 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  
Dolly's gifts as our pianist  
Diana Valentine – good test results from doctor  
Faithful givers and God's providence

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



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December 31, 2023 at 10:30 AM – Watchnight Service

**W**ELCOME: We gather together to worship God: The Father, The Son, & the Holy Spirit. We celebrate that The Holy Spirit came upon the Virgin Mary, the Word of God became flesh within her, & some 2023 years ago she brought the only begotten Son, Jesus, into the world. 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. Together, we seek to honor & understand the gift of the Christ Child! 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 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

We have welcomed the Christ child and declared the glory of God's salvation that comes to live among us. And yet, still, we wait. **We watch and work for God's kin-dom on earth as it is in heaven.**

We prepare to welcome a new year, thankful for how God has brought us through the past year and anxious to discover what the new year might bring. **We watch and work for God's kin-dom on earth as it is in heaven.** We join generations of Simeons and Annas who learned and taught us how to listen, notice, and discern divine love at work in the world. **We watch and work for God's kin-dom on earth as it is in heaven.**

Come, let us worship God, whose love endures from generation to generation, guiding us from one year to the next. **Come, let us worship as we live in anticipation of God's kin-dom on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

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

\*HYMN *First Noel* **UMH #245**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Isaiah 61:10-62:3** **Michelle Bame**  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

\*HYMN *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* **UMH #240**

CHILDREN'S TIME **Pastor Jason**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Psalms 148** **Michelle Bame**  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

OUR OFFERINGS OF PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS **UMH #95**  
\*Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
\*Offertory Prayer **Pastor Jason**

\*HYMN *What Child Is This* **UMH #219**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Galatians 4:4-7** **Michelle Bame**  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER **UMH #895**

\*HYMN *Angels from the Realms of Glory* **UMH #220**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Luke 2:22-40** **Michelle Bame**  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

SERMON *Watchnight* **Pastor Jason**

WESLEY'S COVENANT RENEWAL SERVICE

BOW #290-294

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Pastor Jason

\*HYMN

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

UMH #229

\* *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.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL at 9:00 AM** meets in the 1<sup>st</sup> classroom in the Ed. Wing. **No session Dec 31.**

**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. **We will have Jr. Church Dec 31.**

**MEMBERSHIP CLASS: January 7, 14 & 21 at Noon.** 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 this class.**

**YOUTH GROUP ON SUNDAYS, 5-7 PM at Faith UMC** for 5th-12th graders. Each week there are dinner, games and a lesson. Sign up to be the 2nd adult and/or to provide a meal. For more info contact Pastor Jason. **The next Gretna Glen trip is January 21 (3:30-7PM). No session Dec 31.**

**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: January 8 & 22 (No session January 1).**

**CHATTING on Mondays at 6:30 PM: No session Jan 1.** This member-led, discussion group meets online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518?pwd=cEVDeDljeThaaWVlYjIjQWmZjTm5oUT09>.

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY at Oregon Community UMC, 6:30PM. No Session Jan 3.**

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

**YOUTH WINTER RETREAT: On Feb. 2-4 the Youth will go to Gretna Glen for the Winter Blast Youth Retreat.** Please sign up by the Youth Bulletin Board. Permission Slips are needed. Cost is \$120, but \$60 will be covered from Youth Fundraisers. **\$30 is due when you sign up and \$30 is due by January 15, 2024.**

**YOUNG ADULTS WINTER RETREAT: On Feb. 23-25 the Young Adults (HS Grad-30 years old) will go to Gretna Glen for the Winter Blast Youth Retreat.** Cost is \$120, but scholarships are available from the camp. **Register directly through the camp.** Info is available at: <https://gretnaglen.org/event/18460122-2024-02-23-young-adult-retreat/>

**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=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVXQWUk5LR2VFQT09>

**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 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. See Carol.

**CHILI FUNDRAISER:** We are trying a new FUNdraiser in 2024. On January 28, after church through 2pm, you may stop by Fellowship Hall for a warm bowl of chili with toppings. We hope to include a choice of 3 bases (Tator tots, rice, or spaghetti), 2 types of chili (regular or vegan), and plenty of toppings to make it just to **your** spice level. Like our spaghetti fundraiser, this will be a goodwill offering. You can also create pints to-go for those who wish to eat it during your favorite sports events later in the day. There is a volunteer sign-up sheet and a donation sign-up sheet in the hall. Please consider helping in any way to make our first ever Chili FUNdraiser a success. If you have any questions, please contact Tim Patschke or Gwen Newell. **WE'RE NOT COLD, WE'RE JUST A LITTLE CHILI.**

**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. In addition to individual cards and labels, there are complete sets of labels in small bags pinned to the bulletin board.

**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES DURING ADVENT & CHRISTMAS:** Thank you for your generous gifts to the Transitional Living Center, the Mission Tree for refugees through Church World Services, the Udobo Pre-School in South Africa, and the Christ Home for Kids in Gap and the Blackfeet UMC Parish in Montana

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CHRISTMAS GIFTS** for the staff at Faith UMC. We are overwhelmed at your generosity and blessed to serve with you in ministry to our community. Thank you for these gifts as well as your love and your prayers.

**THE STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE THANKS ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED** to our annual Staff Appreciation gifting that occurred during the service on 12/17/23! Through the end of January, you can conveniently write a Note of Appreciation to individual staff members via the SPRC Basket on the tables in the hallway with card stock provided. Thanks, Becky Mowrey, SPRC Chair.

**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.*

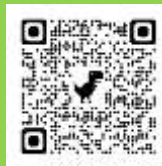
**COMMUNITY MEAL:** People in need may pick up a **Grab 'n Go Meal at Zion Lutheran Church in East Petersburg every Monday.** Several churches in the area support this ministry. **Faith UMC provides fifty Grab 'n Go Meals quarterly. Our next date to provide a meal is Jan 29, 2024.** We will be packaging the meal at Faith UMC at 9:00 AM. *Contact Carol Kennedy if you are interested in participating in this ministry.*

**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.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE:** We have paid all our 2023 bills in full as well as our 2022 past due apportionments and are able to start 2024 with a healthy balance in our checking account. Thank you all for your very generous gifts throughout this year.

**THANK YOU for your faithful giving** toward our ministries through your time, talents, prayers, presence and financial gifts! We celebrate all that God has accomplished through you this year. We are grateful for new friends who have joined the church, the many guests welcomed during dozens of events, the ongoing discipleship through Bible Study and faithful ministry, and all the fun we have had together! **We can't wait to see what God does in 2024!**

Gifts can be directed to **General Ministry and/or 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://FaithUMC.us) or via the **QR Code.** You can also **mail or place an offering in the plate.** Special gifts from IRAs, stocks, etc. can also be received. See the office for info.



**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.

**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 **No session Dec 31**  
Worship, 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary and Facebook Live  
Junior Church during 10:30 AM worship – **We are meeting during holidays**  
Youth Group at Faith, 5-7 PM (Gretna Glen on Jan. 21) **No session Dec 31**  
Communion offered during worship service, followed by refreshments

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

##### **Mondays**

GriefShare Group - Every other Monday, 5:00-6:00 PM at Faith UMC. **Next is Jan. 8**  
Chatting Club via Zoom, 6:30 PM **No session Jan 1**

##### **Tuesdays**

##### **Wednesdays**

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

##### **Thursdays**

##### **Fridays**

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

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Bible Study at Oregon Community UMC, 6:30PM **Next Session is Jan. 10**  
Wing and a Prayer AA Meeting in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM  
Bible Study led by Pastor Jason, 10:00 AM  
Faith UMC works with IMPACT! Missions – Contact Leon Bame to help  
Servant Saturday

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

##### **Wednesday, Jan 3**

##### **Thursday, Jan 4**

##### **Sunday, Jan 7**

##### **Monday, Jan 8**

Ladies Lunch at Oregon Dairy – RSVP to Sandy Patschke  
SPRC meeting, 6:00 PM  
**Membership Class, noon (also Jan 14 & 21)**  
GriefShare Group - Every other Monday from 5:00 to 6:00 PM  
Chatting Club via Zoom, 6:30 PM

##### **Wednesday, Jan 10**

##### **Thursday, Jan 11**

##### **Thursday, Jan 18**

District Resource Team meeting, 6:00 – 7:30 PM  
Finance Team meeting, 6:00 PM  
Senior Men's Lunch at Oregon Dairy – RSVP to Allen Kennedy  
Church & Society Team meeting, 5:30 PM

##### **Thursday, Jan 25**

##### **Saturday, Jan 27**

##### **Sunday, Jan 28**

##### **Monday, Jan 29**

Church Council meeting, 6:00 PM  
**Chili Fundraiser setup, 10 AM – noon**  
**Chili Bar Fundraiser, 11:45 AM – 2 PM – Eat in or Take out**  
Faith UMC provides Grab 'N Go Meal at Zion Lutheran Church, 9:00 AM prep

#### WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, Jan 7 are:

GREETERS: Daryl Hawthorne & Terry Kofroth

USHERS: Daryl Hawthorne & Allen Kennedy

LITURGIST: Tim Patschke

CHILDREN'S TIME: Amy Boughter

JUNIOR CHURCH: Lisa Baker & Brenden Edwards

YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason **& volunteer needed**