### **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

### **OUR CONCERNS:**

Peace in Israel, Palestine, Ukraine & Russia For peace & wisdom in areas of conflict Wisdom & safety for government officials globally President Joe Biden and VP Kamala Harris For gentle and honest campaigns & election Safety for Trump and Harris as they campaign 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 Reform for Education Funding, Criminal Justice, and Foster Care Systems Teachers, Students, Families & Campus ministries 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 Udobo School in Durban, South Africa NarSarah Village and Clinic, Sierra Leone Eileen Williams – muscles Bradley McGowan – ALS Linda Philbin – motor neuropathy & healing Jean Neideigh – healing (MS) Ben Neideigh – healing after a fall Noah Boughter, Sophie and family Heather Lindsey Jake Ruhl – hip and shoulder pain

Those with cancer: Cyndi Campbell, Dean Grove,
Mark Reitzel, Duane Lehman, Ruthie, Martin
Campbell, Ben Neideigh, Harmony Chiccarine,
Grandma Edwards, Nat, Tina Miller, Dorcas
Kamanda (in remission), Jim Royer, Adam
Malik, Joan (Nancy's sister-in-law), Isaias
Maldonado (Ramonita's Uncle), Missy Landis;
Gail (friend of Sandy), Hector Rosado, Tim
(Marilyn J's nephew)

Terry & Margie Urban & family – housing & health Ruthie & Gary with Dementia – friends of Amy Denny Armstrong – kidney failure Carol Dronke – healing

Daryl Hawthorne – healing after shoulder surgery Terry Kofroth – healing from back surgery

Bob & Phyllis Miller – healing

Bishop Schol, DS Freymoyer & EPAUMC Staff Laity and Clergy of the UMC

For unity & love in the church universal & the UMC Paul (Jake's nephew) – healing for heart & kidneys Pat Prebot (Jake's sister) – healing for broken hip Lexi Compton – treatment for tumor on spine (which has shrunken 50% in size)

Dolly Bankert – severely bruised knee

Ron Lunn - new start in NJ

People who are unhoused in extreme heat

Bishop Cynthia Moore-KoiKoi who is appointed to Eastern PA and Greater New Jersey Conferences

Dottie Sheaffer – healing

Diana Valentine – healing after surgery

Don Campbell – significantly declining health

Andrea – neck & back pain

Barb and Jim Royer – health issues

Michelle Bame & coworkers after death of a colleague

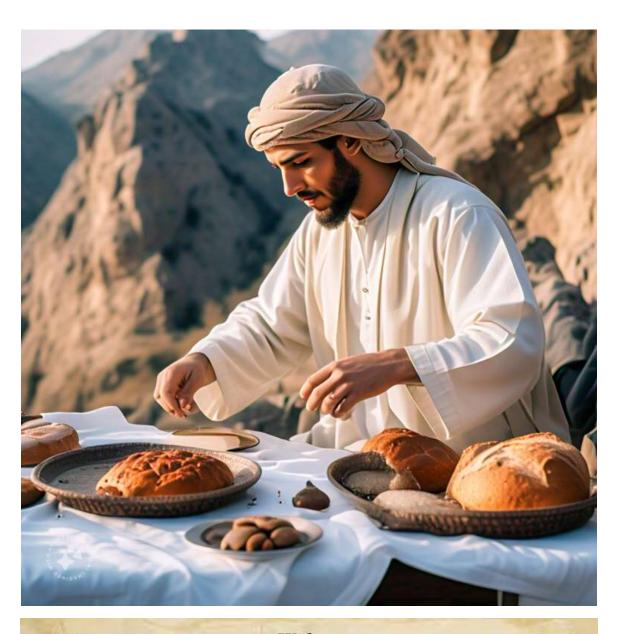
Sarah McMullin (Michelle's mom) – healing Nancy – healing

Derr & Charles Family on death of Carl and his son Gideon

#### **OUR PRAISES:**

God's loving presence in the midst of struggles Those who have seen healings from prayer

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



## Welcome

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# Faith United Methodist Church



### September 1, 2024 at 10:30 AM – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**ELCOME:** Each Sunday we gather together to worship as a communal activity where individuals become one in the Christ. We learn of God together through Scripture and discernment. We support and pray for one another in the journey. We submit together to obey God's call on our lives. May the Spirit of God inspire & fill us as we worship together today! 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!

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**

\*HYMN

Amy Boughter & Pastor Jason

**UMH #616** 

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome Beloved of God! For truly you are deeply wonderfully beautifully loved by the God of all creation!

Welcome, Beloved of God! For truly, you are deeply, wonderfully, beautifully loved by the God of all creation! **Come, let us worship God who loves us!** 

Whether your week was filled with mountain-high joys or valley-low sorrows, peace like a gently flowing river, or stress like a stormy gale, this is the time to rise and come away to worship God who sustains and tends to you. **Come, let us worship God who loves us and tends to us!** 

In a world that pulls us this way and that, God's love is our True North, guiding us with an uncommon wisdom through all that life brings us. **Come, let us worship God who loves us and guides us!** 

Beloved, the time for singing has come, because God's love, care, and wisdom sustain and guide us wherever we go. Come, let us worship and sing to the God who loves, tends, guides, and sustains us! Amen!

Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, June 2024

SCRIPTURE LESSON	John 6:25-40; 52-59 This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!	Tim Patschke
CHILDREN'S TIME		Amy Boughter

\*HYMN For the Bread Which You Have Broken UMH #614

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 22:1-23 Tim Patschke

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

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE Pastor Jason

\*HYMN One Bread, One Body UMH #620

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Corinthians 11:17-34 Tim Patschke

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

SERMON The Flesh and the Blood Pastor Jason

COMMUNION: CONFESSION, PARDON & PASSING THE PEACE UMH #12-13

All are invited to the Lord's Table to receive God's forgiveness and grace through Communion

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

\*Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH #95

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH #13-14 & #895

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

\*HYMN Let Us Break Bread Together \*HYMN You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

UMH #629 Pastor Jason

**UMH #15** 

**UMH #618** 

\*HYMN Sent Forth by God's Blessing UMH #664

\* 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.

**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. Each week there is dinner, games & a lesson. Any students are invited to join us—you don't have to be a member of one of our churches. Sign up to be the 2nd adult and/or provide a meal in the hall or by contacting Pastor Jason. We need a second adult to chaperone and provide a meal on September 8. No Youth Group Sept 1.

YOUTH AT GRETNA GLEN: Fall Fun Day is October 20th from 12:00-4:00 with Youth Group Night immediately following from 4:00-5:30 PM. Families are invited to come and be a part of the Fall Fun Day. November 17th is Youth Group Night from 3:30-7:00pm. Please sign up in the church hallway or by contacting Pastor Jason if you will be attending. We need adults who are willing to drive and chaperone for these monthly events for 2024. We will not be using the van from another church, so help is needed.

**GRIEFSHARE** helps people process the loss of loved ones and to find support from peers. There is a video curriculum, discussion and mutual support. We meet every other Monday from 5-6:30 PM in the first classroom in the Education Wing at Faith UMC. *Our next meetings are September 9 & 23*. This is open to the church and community. Contact Pastor Jason for more info or to register.

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

THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. Next meeting: September 19 at 5:00 PM (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays). Join us by Zoom only at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82735304374?pwd=eDBSZHRCZVphSnh2TENDZ0xrdG0vQT09. To learn more, contact Renee Norman. The **Criminal Justice & Bail Reform Team**, meets online at Noon every other Wed. (*Sept 4 & 18*): https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09. Reimagine Justice Lancaster meets online at Noon on Tuesdays of the opposite weeks (*Aug 27, Sept 10 & 24*) at: https://verainstitute.zoom.us/j/92512144651

**SEND A CARD TO HOMEBOUND PEOPLE:** There are cards in a basket in the hall and complete sets of labels in small bags pinned to the bulletin board. Add a note and drop it in the mail to spread some joy to those who cannot get to church. If you know of someone to add to our list, see Buni.

**SUB SALE:** We have \$7 certificates from S. Clyde Weaver for a delicious made-to-order sub at any of their locations with over 7+ varieties on sub rolls, bread or wraps. Support our ministries & get a discount! See Carol.

**BIBLE2SCHOOL** will be meeting at Faith UMC beginning in September. **Volunteers are needed** to assist on Tuesdays or Wednesdays for 60 – 90 minutes. *Please contact Pastor Jason if you would like to help.* 

**FAITH FRIENDSHIP MINISTRIES** is a Faith based group home in Mountville, PA that houses adults with disabilities and mental illnesses. They need craft supplies for their activity department: t-shirts, white baseball hats, tie dye supplies, stickers, holiday stickers, holiday craft supplies for all holidays, poster board, tissue paper, glitter, sequins, yarn, and any other craft supplies anyone wants to donate.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS are due August 30. The link and information are available at: <a href="https://www.epaumc.org/charge-conferences/">https://www.epaumc.org/charge-conferences/</a>. There are forms for SPRC, Church Council, Trustees, Finance Team, Auditors, and Lay Leaders to complete. Please contact Pastor Jason to get help accessing the reports.

THANK YOU for your faithfulness to our ministries—through your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. As of July 31, giving and fundraisers for our general ministries has raised \$95,903, with \$105,647 in expenses. That \$10,000 deficit is significant and we need to work to make up that in fundraisers and giving as we move back into the fall and people return from summer vacations. Thankfully, due to generous end of year giving, we carried a surplus into 2024, which has enabled us to pay our expenses and still have funds in our general ministry account (\$12,547). We also need to continue to support our debt reduction fund which is used for mortgage payments on the Fellowship Hall and Education Wing. That debt reduction account now has \$13,337. However, September 1 we will begin repaying the principal and interest at \$3,336.09 per month (we had been required to only pay interest for the last few months).

We need to maintain a regular weekly income of \$4,100 per week toward the regular budget and the debt reduction combined in order to meet our expenses without depleting the accounts. We are currently averaging only \$3938 in income, including fundraisers. If you are able to give regularly toward our ministry—or to make a one-time donation—that goes a long way to sustaining the work that we do together to serve our community.

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



THREADS OF FAITH: If you like to knit, sew, crochet or quilt, we would like to invite you to Threads of Faith! Whether experienced or just learning, you are welcome to join us from 10am - Noon the first Saturday of each month for fun, fellowship and crafting! Bring your sewing machines and supplies and work on your projects or start a new one while we chat and share talents in our brightly lit, spacious room with plenty of outlets! Our next gathering will be Sat., Sept 7. Signups appreciated but walk-ins welcome! We look forward to meeting you all!

YARD SALE: Saturday September 28 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Volunteers and baked goods will be needed. There is a signup sheet in the hall. You can rent a 20'x20' space for \$20. Proceeds benefit our ministries. To reserve a space click: <a href="https://forms.gle/uChbsWVYThMgZkf46">https://forms.gle/uChbsWVYThMgZkf46</a>. Questions? Call/text Gwen @ 717-696-5321. Payments are due when you arrive. Cash or checks only. Checks may be made payable to Faith UMC. This outside event will be held rain or shine, and all monies are non-refundable. Reservations will be taken through Sept 26, 2024.

**COLLECTING ITEMS FOR YARD SALE**: We can use donations for the Youth Group tables at the yard sale. There is an area in the room across from the Youth Room for your yard sale donations. *We do not take clothing. Books can be donated in the 2nd classroom.* **You may start bringing items in now.** Thank you.

PUZZLE PALOOZA! DO YOU LOVE JIGSAW PUZZLES? Are you looking for screen-free fun with your family? Are you looking for a wholesome, slightly competitive activity to do with your friends on a Saturday? Join us at Faith UMC on Sat., Oct. 19 from 3-4:30pm (check-in at 2:30pm). Get your team of 2-4 together and let's race to complete a 500-piece puzzle. The winning team gets a prize along with bragging rights! ALL teams get to keep their puzzles after the event. Pre-registration is required. Only 20 teams will be able to participate. The cost is \$40 per team, due at time of registration. Go to <a href="www.FaithUMC.us">www.FaithUMC.us</a> under "Events & Activities" to find a registration form or under "Online Giving" to register & pay online. No refunds available if a team cannot make the event. You will still receive your puzzle to keep. Individual team member substitutions are allowed.

**FAITH UMC WORSHIP TEAM:** Do you sing, play an instrument, and make a joyful noise to the Lord? If so, please **join the Faith Singers every Wednesday at 6:00 PM** to learn and rehearse the worship music.

**REVERBERATE 2024** will take place **Sun, Sept. 15, from 6-8PM** (with food trucks from 4-6PM) in Long's Park, hosted by Water Street Mission. This free event will feature powerful testimonies from community members, joyful fellowship, and worship. It's an opportunity to unite Lancaster County believers in worship to lift one another up.

**MEDICINE BOTTLE COLLECTION:** We send *small* prescription pill bottles to clinics in poor countries. *Please remove all labels and sticky residue.* A basket is under the table as you enter the Sanctuary.

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–6PM. *Tell staff to credit Non-profit partner #10221 - Faith UMC before they unload.* Write or tape partner number on bags/boxes.

**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*.

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

### **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

1<sup>st</sup> Sundays Communion offered during worship service, followed by refreshments

Mondays GriefShare Group - Every other Monday, 5:00-6:30 PM at Faith UMC

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays Nar-Anon, 7:15-8:45 PM at Faith UMC Wednesdays Worship Team Practice, 6:00 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

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays Faith UMC works with IMPACT! Missions – Contact Leon Bame to help

1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays Servant Saturday & Threads of Faith (next meeting Sept 7)

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Wednesday, Sept 4 Ladies' Lunch at Oregon Dairy – RSVP to Sandy Patschke

**Thursday, Sept 5** SPRC meeting, 6:00 PM

Saturday, Sept 7 Threads of Faith, 10:00 AM to Noon

Monday, Sept 9 GriefShare Group - Every other Monday from 5:00 to 6:30 PM

**Thursday, Sept 12** Finance meeting, 6:00 PM

Sunday, Sept 15 Rally Day – Everyone is encouraged to be here as we return from summer travels

Thursday, Sept 19 Men's Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30 AM

Church & Society meeting via Zoom, 5:00 PM

**Thursday, Sept 26** Church Council meeting, 6:00 PM

Saturday, Sept 28 Faith UMC Yard Sale, 8AM – 1 PM – space rentals available

Saturday, Oct 5 Threads of Faith, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Saturday, Oct 19 Puzzle Palooza, 3:00 – 4:30 PM (Check in at 2:30 PM)

### **WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, Sept 8 are:**

GREETERS: Tim & Sandy Patschke USHERS: Tim Patschke & Jake Ruhl LITURGIST: Daryl Hawthorne CHILDREN'S TIME: Michelle Bame

JUNIOR CHURCH: Gwen Newell & Julie Perkowski YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason & volunteer needed