

PRAYER REQUESTS:

OUR CONCERNS:

Bishop Moore-KoiKoi, DS Freymoyer & EPA Staff
Laity and Clergy of the UMC
Unity & love in the church universal & the UMC
Wisdom & safety for government officials globally
President Joe Biden and VP Kamala Harris
For accuracy and trust in confirming the votes and a peaceful transfer of power
President-elect Donald Trump and VP-elect JD Vance
Peace in Israel, Palestine, Ukraine & Russia
For peace & wisdom in areas of conflict
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
Jean & Ben Neideigh – healing
Noah Boughter, Sophie and family
Heather Lindsey
Denny Armstrong – kidney failure
Carol Dronke – healing

Those with cancer: Cyndi Campbell, Dean Grove, Mark Reitzel, Duane Lehman, Ruthie, Martin Campbell, Ben Neideigh, Harmony Chiccarine, 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), Geneva (sister of Larry Landis), Marc Barley (Diane's cousin), Lexi Compton (tumor on spine), Heather Williams

Paul (Jake's nephew) – healing for heart & kidneys
Dottie Sheaffer – healing
Andrea (friend of Lisa) – neck & back pain
Hank Kloiber – healing after heart attack
Linda Philbin – motor neuropathy & cancer
Pat Oglesby (Laura Gehman's sister) –health
Pat Drebot (Jake's sister) – declining health
Rosemary (Marilyn Jones' sister) – health
Tom & Sheila settling on a house in December
Dolly Bankert – healing after knee surgery
Diana Valentine – healing after hand surgery
Terry Kofroth – healing for back & cataract surgery
Melanie Jusino – for peace and guidance
Ralph & BobbiAnn Stone and their family
Mary Shenk – Alzheimer's
Alfredo Vega, Jr – safety while on active duty
Kaylee Colón – depression & anxiety
Kayla (Tyler's sister)
Craig Hathaway – AFib issue
Anne (David Loechner's mom) – healing after a fall
Meleny Fisher (friend of Daryl) –terminal cancer
Amanda's Dad & children in the family – health
Holly (Julie H's sister) – healing after stroke
Lorraine Smith – healing from low hemoglobin
Nat (friend of Wikers) – healing
Family of Tim's Aunt Reba who passed away
Twins & Sister settling back with parents

OUR PRAISES:

Jake Ruhl – healing after shoulder surgery
Marilyn Jones – healing after shoulder surgery
God's loving presence in the midst of struggles
Those who have seen healings from prayer
Reconnecting with family
Please submit prayer needs, praises, & updates by note or email to the office: faithumc@hotmail.com



Welcome

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December 22, 2024 at 10:30 AM – 4th Sunday of Advent

WELCOME: We gather together to worship this Advent Season, remembering the coming of Jesus as the Christ in the stable at Bethlehem. We also prepare for the advent of the second coming where Jesus will return to restore all of creation to holiness. May the Spirit of God inspire & fill us as we take this journey together. As we retell the stories of God’s faithful love throughout time, may our hearts rejoice! 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 worshipping online, please ‘sign in’ and add prayer requests by commenting on the video.

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS **Buni Harbison & Pastor Jason**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** **Pastor Jason & God’s People**
Children of God, the arrival of the Promised One is almost here! **We wait as people of God’s promise.**
The message of the prophets and the expectation residing in Mary’s womb call to us today.
We listen as people of God’s promise.
Mary’s “yes” and Elizabeth’s faithfulness guide our path, showing us that we too have a role to play in bearing God’s good news into the world. **We follow as people of God’s promise.**
This is the promise Mary, Elizabeth, & the prophets bore that we continue to carry even today—God is with us!
God is with us! We are not alone. Thanks be to God!

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

***HYMN** *My Soul Gives Glory to My God* **UMH #198**

LIGHTING THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE: LOVE **Daryl Hawthorne & Terry Kofroth**
When the people were looking for deliverance, the prophet Micah declared, “But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah...from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient day” (Micah 5:2). But what if Micah is also talking to us, proclaiming, “But you, O Faith UMC, from you shall come forth for me...” What? What might God be calling forth from us?
God invites us to receive the promise of God’s salvation and the sustenance of God’s mercy and grace, enabling us to live the promise as God-bearers to the world. As Christ was born in Bethlehem, so too we answer God’s invitation to have Christ born among us today and every day.
We light this candle of love as a sign of our commitment to live as people of God’s promise, a promise of salvation and flourishing for all people that springs forth from God’s love for all creation. *(Light four candles)*

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Micah 5:2-5a** **Tim Patschke**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN’S TIME **Pastor Jason**

***HYMN** *O Little Town of Bethlehem* **UMH #230**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Psalms 80** **Tim Patschke**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

OUR OFFERINGS: OF PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS
***DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* **UMH #95**

***HYMN** *O Day of God Draw Nigh* **UMH #730**

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Hebrews 10:5-10** **Tim Patschke**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

***HYMN** *Once in Royal David's City* **UMH #250**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Luke 1:39-55** **Tim Patschke**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Advent: Promise* **Pastor Jason**

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH **Pastor Jason**
***HYMN** *Joy to the World* **UMH #246**

*** You are invited to stand in body or in Spirit**

Guest Musicians: Jody & Anthony Wiker **AV Tech:** Dennis Meck, Sr
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.

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. We are blessed to be a part of the Faith UMC family!!

FAITH UMC JOB OPPORTUNITIES: Seeking maturing Christian candidates. Details visit www.FaithUMC.US

OFFICE MANAGER / ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT for approx. 20 hours per week in-office to provide administrative support for Pastor, Finance Committee, and church ministries. This includes managing communications, developing weekly worship materials and digital newsletters, and supporting financial accounting with the Treasurer. Strong tech and communication skills necessary.

PIANIST to help lead worship on Sunday Morning at 10:30AM as well as a one-hour midweek rehearsal. Stipend is \$100/week. Able to play at a blended service with contemporary and traditional elements.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL at 9 AM meets in the 1st classroom in the Ed. Wing. *Starts again on January 5.*

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. All students are invited to join us. To be the 2nd adult and/or provide a meal sign up in the hall or contact Pastor Jason. **No meeting Dec 22 & 29. We will go to Gretna Glen Camp on Sun, Jan. 19 (3:30-7pm).**

BIBLE2SCHOOL is meeting at Faith UMC on Tues. for 3rd Grade & Weds. for 4th and 2nd Grade students from Reidenbaugh Elem. **Volunteers needed as Small Group Leaders. No more Sessions until January 7 & 8.**

GRIEFSHARE helps people process the loss of loved ones and to find support from peers. This is open to the church and community. **We will be starting a new round of classes after the New Year.**

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY at 10 AM in Faith UMC Fellowship Hall. **No Bible Study Dec. 27.**

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE on Dec. 24th at Faith UMC at 7pm (or 5pm at Oregon Community UMC if that suits your schedule better). Families will worship together in this service of carols and a retelling of the Christmas story. We will also share in Communion. There will be refreshments in the fellowship hall after the service.

SUB SALE: We have \$7 certificates from S. Clyde Weaver for delicious made-to-order subs w/over 7+ varieties on sub rolls, bread or wraps. Support our ministries & get a discount! See Carol. **These make great stocking stuffers.**

THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. **There will not be a December meeting. Next meeting: January 16 at 5:00 PM (3rd 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. (Jan 8 & 22): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOeIVlVXQWUk5LR2VFQT09>. Reimagine Justice Lancaster meets online at Noon on Tuesdays of the opposite weeks (Jan 14) at: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/82819147194?pwd=BF8E8JopVvfExanCW0QPjJ7p9DcbDq.1>

UDOBO PRE-SCHOOL: Throughout Advent you can donate your “change for change.” There is a donation jar on the altar where you can donating your spare change (or other gifts) for the Udobo Pre-School in Durban, South Africa. Our Christmas Eve Offering also goes to the school. Visit <http://UdoboSchool.com> to learn more. Your gift will help finance meals, educational supplies and 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. All gifts in the special Faith UMC Christmas offering envelopes, unmarked gifts on Christmas Eve, or anything marked for Udobo School will go directly to the school. **This is the Mission Team’s focus this Christmas and we pray for a generous offering.**

THANK YOU for your faithfulness to our ministries through your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. **As of December 20, giving and fundraisers for our general ministries has raised \$173,540, with \$173,760 in expenses Your generous support puts us on track to achieve a balanced budget in 2024. Thank you!** We still need about \$4,100 per week in giving toward the general ministry and our mortgage debt reduction in order to finish the year with a balanced budget.

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 bank 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**. Special gifts from IRAs, stocks, etc. can also be received.



PUZZLE PALOOZA! DO YOU LOVE JIGSAW PUZZLES? Join us at Faith UMC on **Saturday, January 25, 2025 from 10:00am to 11:30am (check-in at 9:30am)**. 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. **The cost is \$40 per team, due at time of registration. Information and registration is available at www.FaithUMC.US under Events.** *To join with another team please contact Gwen or the office.*

FAITH FRIENDSHIP MINISTRIES is a faith-based group home in Mountville, PA that houses adults with various disabilities. They could use craft supplies for their activity department. See Mission Team for info.

THREADS OF FAITH: If you like to knit, sew, crochet or quilt, you are invited to Threads of Faith from 10am - Noon the first Saturday of each month for a time of fellowship and crafting! Bring your sewing machines and supplies and work on your projects or start a new one! **Next meeting January 4.**

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.

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.***

COMMUNITY MEAL: People in need may pick up a **Grab ‘n Go Meal at Zion Lutheran Church** in East Petersburg every Monday. **Faith UMC provides sixty Grab ‘n Go Meals quarterly.** Our dates for 2025 are: Feb. 3, Apr. 7, Jul 7, and Oct 27. *Contact Carol Kennedy if you are interested in participating in this ministry.*

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.

IMPACT! MISSIONS is a Christian Housing Ministry that helps create warm, safe, and dry homes to be sold to lower-income families and does repairs on homes for existing homeowners in financial distress. They need volunteers to restore these homes. **Contact Leon Bame for more info at 717-344-9924 or leonshe137@gmail.com.**

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 (3 rd Sundays to Gretna Glen Camp instead - Jan 19) Communion offered during worship service, followed by refreshments Nar-Anon, 7:15-8:45 PM at Faith UMC Bible2School in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM (starts again in Jan.) Bible2School in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM (starts again in Jan.) Worship Team Practice, 6:45 PM Wing and a Prayer AA Meeting in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM Bible Study led by Pastor Jason, 10:00 AM Servant Saturday & Threads of Faith
1st Sundays 1st & 3rd Tuesdays Tuesdays Wednesdays Wednesdays Thursdays Fridays 1st Saturdays	

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, Dec 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight service at Oregon Community UMC, 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight service at Faith UMC, 7:00 PM Refreshments following the service SPRC meeting, 6:00 PM Threads of Faith, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Fellowship Hall in use, 3:00 – 7:00 PM Worship Service at Faith UMC w/ communion & reception of new members, 10:30 AM Fellowship and refreshments after the service – get to know our new members! Ladies’ Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30 AM, RSVP to Sandy Patschke Finance meeting, 6:00 PM Men’s Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30 AM, RSVP to Allen Kennedy Church & Society meeting via Zoom, 5:00 PM Church Council meeting, 6:00 PM Puzzle Palooza, 10:00-11:30 AM (check in at 9:30 AM)
Thursday, Jan 2 Saturday, Jan 4	
Sunday, Jan 5	
Wednesday, Jan 8 Thursday, Jan 9 Thursday, Jan 16	
Thursday, Jan 23 Saturday, Jan 25	

WORSHIP LEADERS for Christmas Eve:

GREETERS: Marilyn Jones & Allen Kennedy, Leon & Michelle Bame, **volunteer needed**
USHERS: Allen Kennedy, Tim Patschke, Leon & Michelle Bame, Jim Harbison
CANDLE LIGHTING: Carol & Allen Kennedy
LITURGIST: Buni Harbison
CHILDREN’S TIME: Pastor Jason
NO JUNIOR CHURCH
NO YOUTH GROUP

Our worship participants next Sunday, December 29

PASTOR: Jason Perkowski
WORSHIP MUSIC: Jody & Anthony Wiker and the Faith Singers
A/V TECH: Dennis Meck, Sr.
GREETERS: Sandy & Tim Patschke
USHERS: Tim Patschke & Allen Kennedy
LITURGIST: Terry Kofroth
CHILDREN’S TIME: Amy Boughter
JUNIOR CHURCH: Lisa Baker & Julie Perkowski