# **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 Healing & peace for divisions over race, class, gender, sexuality, politics & fears

Wisdom & safety for government officials globally

President Donald Trump and VP 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

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 & Attorneys

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

Paul (Jake's nephew) – healing for heart & kidneys

Dottie Sheaffer – healing

Andrea (friend of Lisa) – neck & back pain

Linda Philbin – motor neuropathy & cancer

Those with cancer: Cyndi Campbell, Dean Grove,

Mark Reitzel, Duane Lehman, Ruthie, Martin Campbell, Ben Neideigh, Tina Miller, Dorcas

Kamanda (in remission), Adam Malik, Joan

(Nancy's sister-in-law), Isaias Maldonado

(Ramonita's Uncle), Missy Landis; Marc Barley (Diane's cousin), Heather Williams, Nat (friend

of Wikers), Stormy - Stage 4 Bone Cancer

Rosemary (Marilyn Jones' sister) – health

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 – health

Shirley Gehr – healing

Holly (Julie H's sister) – healing after stroke

Pat Oglesby (Laura G's sister) Health & Housing

Mike Seiders – upcoming brain surgery

Diana Valentine

Tim – healing from severe workplace injury

All impacted by California wildfires

Tom & Sheila struggles with new home

Hiring process for new pianist

All those dealing with flu, COVID, infections, etc.

Plane crashes

Javier Robles – healing & guidance

Dennis Meck – new car needed

Tom Chapman – healing after heart surgery

Annette McClarigan – healing after knee surgery

Chante – healing after stroke

Theron Boughter healing after foot surgery Jake Ruhl healing from intestinal blockage

#### **OUR PRAISES:**

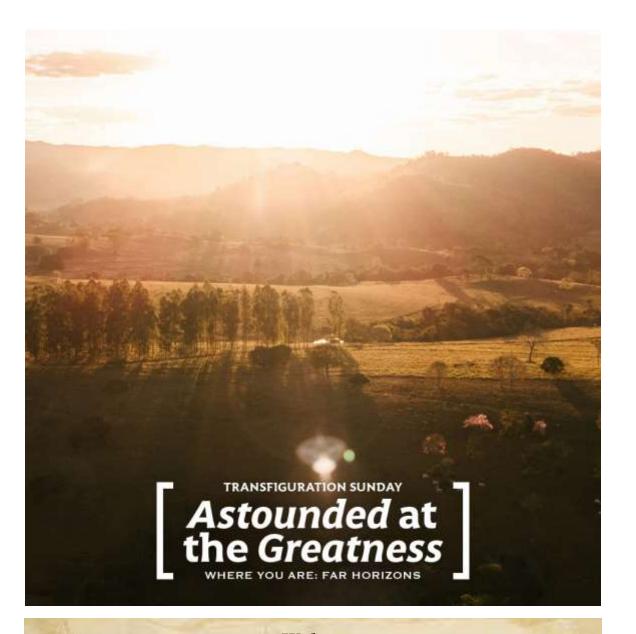
Paula Fultz joining us as new Office Manager Pat Drebot (Jake's sister) – healing well Darryl, Shelda's son, Jake Ruhl and Buni Harbison healing well from surgeries

Twins & Sister settling back with parents Couples preparing for marriage

Guests worshipping with us each week

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



# March 2, 2025 at 10:30 AM – Transfiguration Sunday

**ELCOME:** We gather together to worship God the Father, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit! May the Spirit of God unite us and the church universal to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God (*Micah* 6:8). 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**

Buni Harbison & Pastor Jason

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Disciples of Christ, today your Savior calls you to come up the mountain and pray. Will you come?

We will go wherever Jesus leads us.

Will you follow when Christ's glory overwhelms your senses, and you sit astounded at God's greatness?

We will go wherever Jesus leads us.

Will you follow when Jesus won't let you stay on the mountaintop, insisting that you return to the valley where people are hurting and in need of good news?

We will go wherever Jesus leads us.

Disciples, come! Let us worship God, whose glory shines on the mountaintop and in the eyes of our neighbors.

Come, let us worship God, whose glory shimmers all around us, even now!

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

\*HYMN Be Thou My Vision UMH #451

SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 34:29-35 Michelle Bame

This is the Word of the Lord — **Thanks be to God!**CHILDREN'S TIME

Michelle Bame

\*HYMN Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise UMH #103

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 99 Michelle Bame

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

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE Pastor Jason

SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Michelle Bame

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

\*HYMN Majesty, Worship His Majesty UMH #176

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 9:28-36 Michelle Bame

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

SERMON Astounded at the Greatness 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

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

\*HYMN Let Us Break Bread Together \*HYMN One Bread, One Body

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Pastor Jason

UMH #13-14 & #895

**UMH #15** 

**UMH #618** 

UMH #620

\*HYMN Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus UMH #349

\* 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. Paula Fultz, 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.

**BRIDGE OF HOPE LANCASTER:** Caleb Simmers will be coming **after church on Sun., March 2 to speak** about their ministries and how we may be able to partner with a family in our neighborhood who is receiving support from their programs. Learn more at <a href="https://lancaster.bridgeofhopeinc.org/">https://lancaster.bridgeofhopeinc.org/</a> and joining us after church.

WELCOME NEW OFFICE MANAGER PAULA FULTZ: I am a native of Pittsburgh, but moved to Landisville over 25 years ago. My husband Tom and I share our home with Cricket and Koko (Rottweilers) and Molly (Dogue de Bordeaux). I have a son John who lives in Pittsburgh with his wife Tracy. I am an active member of Salem Lutheran in Lititz where I am a reader, counter, member of Prayer Shawl and on the committee for Salem's Little Free Pantry. I also am active in dog shows where I am an AKC Certified Steward and Chief Steward. In my free time I love reading, bike riding, gardening, cooking and crocheting.

**FAITH UMC JOB SEEKING PIANIST:** Seeking maturing Christian candidates to serve as **pianist to help lead worship on Sunday Morning** at 10:30AM as well as a one-hour midweek rehearsal. Stipend is \$100/week. Must be able to play at a blended service with contemporary and traditional elements.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL at 9 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. 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. We will go to Gretna Glen Camp on Sun, March 16 (3:30-7pm). Volunteers are needed to carpool to the camp. Please see Pastor Jason if you are willing to help drive the youth and/or chaperone.

**BIBLE2SCHOOL** is meeting at Faith UMC on Tues. for 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade & Weds. for 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade students from Reidenbaugh Elem. Volunteers are needed as Small Group Leaders. Contact Pastor Jason if interested.

**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 begin to meet again **every Monday from 5-6:30 PM at Faith UMC** in the Education Wing. Our next session will run from **March 3 through June 9, 2025** (except for April 21 and May 26). More information and registration forms are at: <a href="https://www.griefshare.org/groups/261153">https://www.griefshare.org/groups/261153</a> or see Pastor Jason.

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

**NATURE'S HEALING with Kathy Oberholtzer.** Sharing natural proven health home remedies. Join her & bring the remedies that have proven successful for you! The next meetings are Mon., March 3 at 6:00 PM and Tue., March 4 at 1:30PM. Afterwards, the group will decide which weekday/time works best. Contact Kathy for more info.

THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. Next meeting: March 20 at 5:00 PM (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays). Join us by Zoom at: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82735304374?pwd=eDBSZHRCZVphSnh2TENDZ0xrdG0vQT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82735304374?pwd=eDBSZHRCZVphSnh2TENDZ0xrdG0vQT09</a>. To learn more,

contact Renee Norman. The **Criminal Justice & Bail Reform Team**, meets online at Noon every other Wed. (*March 5 & 19*): https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVIVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09.

**CST BOOK CLUB** on *The Sum of Us* by Heather McGhee. We will meet monthly for a discussion starting Mon., March 10 at 5pm via <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82735304374?pwd=eDBSZHRCZVphSnh2TENDZ0xrdG0vQT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82735304374?pwd=eDBSZHRCZVphSnh2TENDZ0xrdG0vQT09</a>. At the first meeting we will discuss the first 3 chapters and we will meet to discuss the remaining chapters on Mon., April 7 and Mon., May 5. Anyone interested in joining us for this book club can reach out to Pastor Jason or Renee Norman to be added to our contact list for more information.

**EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORMS** are in the hallway. To beautify the sanctuary and have bulbs to plant in your own yard after Easter, return the order form and payment to the office mailbox by March 16th.

**SOUP SALE:** Remember to pick up your pre-ordered soup on March 15 from 10:00 AM to Noon. Walk in purchases for quarts are available on the day of pick up while supplies last. Thank you for your support!

THANK YOU for your faithfulness through your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness for our ministries. In 2025 we will need about \$4,200 per week in giving toward the general ministry budget and paying down the debt on our mortgage. The financial contributions at the start of 2025 have been less than our expenses—no doubt due to winter weather preventing some from attending church. If you have gotten behind in your giving we encourage you to consider making a one time gift to catch up. Please consider setting up an automatic via Online Giving or through your bank—or mailing in your gifts on weeks when you miss worship.

Gifts can be directed to **General Ministry and/or the Debt Reduction / Building Fund** by marking your preference in the memo line & envelope. You can set up gifts through your own bank 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.** Special gifts from IRAs, stocks, etc. can also be received.

**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.

**THREADS OF FAITH is for those who** like to knit, sew, crochet or quilt. Join us 10AM - Noon the first Saturday of each month for fellowship and crafting! Bring your sewing machines and supplies! **Next meeting is March 1.** 

**LITITZ DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE**: Friday, March 7, at Lititz United Methodist Church, 201 E. Market St., Lititz. Prelude music will begin at 6:30 p.m., and the main program will start at 7 p.m.

**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.

**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 remaining dates for 2025 are: Apr. 7, Jul 7, and Oct 27. *Contact Carol Kennedy if you are interested in participating in this ministry.* 

**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** <a href="mailto:leonshel37@gmail.com">leonshel37@gmail.com</a>.

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>.

**EQUALIZING LAY DELEGATES:** If you want to represent the laity of the West District of the EPAUMC and help set policy and missional focus for our denomination, please see Pastor Jason. You would become a delegate to the 2025-2028 Annual Conference sessions will full voice and vote. We meet in Wildwood, NJ May 20-22, 2025 for Annual Conference. **Sunday, May 4** is the West District Conference at Cornwall UMC at 3 PM where delegates will be officially elected. Nominees are encouraged to attend.

**LENTEN SEASON** begins with **Ash Wednesday on March 5 at 7PM at OCUMC** remembering Jesus' 40 days of prayer and fasting in the wilderness, receiving communion and the imposition of ashes. Holy Week will include a Maundy Thursday Service at 7PM at OCUMC, two Good Friday Services (Noon and 7PM), a Sunrise Service at 6:15AM at OCUMC's Pavilion, Easter Sunday Services at 9AM at OCUMC and 10:30AM at Faith UMC.

## **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<sup>rd</sup> Sundays to Gretna Glen Camp instead – March 16)

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

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays Nar-Anon, 7:15-8:45 PM at Faith UMC

**Tuesdays**Bible2School in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM **Wednesdays**Bible2School in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Wednesdays Worship Team Practice, 6:45 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> Saturdays Servant Saturday & Threads of Faith

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** 

Monday, Mar 3 GriefShare meeting, 5:00 – 6:30 PM

Wednesday, Mar 5 Ladies Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30 AM – RSVP to Sandy Patschke

Ash Wednesday Service at Oregon Community UMC, 7:00 PM

**Thursday, Mar 6** SPRC meeting, 6:00 PM

Saturday, Mar 8 District 22 AFG meeting, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Sunday, Mar 9 Daylight Savings Time Begins

SMO (Shepherding, Missions, & Outreach) meeting, 11:45 AM

Thursday, Mar 13 Finance meeting, 6:00 PM Friday, Mar 14 Soup Sale Prep, 5:30 PM

Saturday, Mar 15 Oregon Dairy Soup Sale Pickup 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, walk-ins welcome Youth Group at Gretna Glen, 3:30 to 7:00 PM – meet at Faith UMC to carpool

**Thursday, Mar 20** Men's Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30 AM – RSVP to Allen Kennedy

Church & Society meeting via Zoom, 5:00 PM

**Tuesday, Mar 25** Special Election, Faith UMC is a polling place, 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM

**Thursday, Mar 27** Church Council meeting, 6:00PM

April 13-18 Holy Week (Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, & Good Friday at Noon & 7PM)
Sunday, April 20 Easter Sunrise 6:15AM (OCUMC) & Easter Services 9AM (OCUMC) & 10:30AM

Sunday, May 4 West District Conference at Cornwall UMC at 3 PM
May 20-22 Annual Conference at Wildwood Convention Center, NJ

#### **WORSHIP LEADERS** for next Sunday, March 9

GREETERS: Daryl Hawthorne & Terry Kofroth USHERS: Daryl Hawthorne & Carol Kennedy

LITURGIST: Buni Harbison

CHILDREN'S TIME: Amy Boughter

JUNIOR CHURCH: Lisa Baker & Colette Borden

YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason & Byers Family Bryan Nelson