

**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  
Rosemary (Marilyn Jones’ sister) healing  
Terry Kofroth healing for back & cataract surgery

Those with cancer: Cyndi Campbell, Dean Grove, Mark Reitzel, Duane Lehman, Ruthie, Martin Campbell, Ben Neideigh, 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), Aaliyah (high school student with brain tumor)  
Melanie Jusino for peace and guidance  
Ralph & BobbiAnn Stone and their family  
Mary Shenk for Alzheimer’s  
Alfredo Vega, Jr – safety while on active duty  
Kaylee Colón – depression & anxiety  
Kayla (Tyler’s sister)  
Craig Hathaway for health  
Shirley Gehr for healing  
Holly (Julie H’s sister) for healing after stroke  
Pat Oglesby (Laura G’s sister) health & housing  
Mike Seiders healing from brain surgery  
Diana Valentine healing from surgery  
Tim healing from severe workplace injury  
Tom & Sheila struggles with new home  
All those dealing with flu, COVID, infections, etc.  
Plane crashes  
Javier Robles for healing & guidance  
Dennis Meck for a new car needed  
Tom Chapman for healing after heart surgery  
Annette McClarigan healing after knee surgery  
Chante healing after stroke  
Theron Boughter healing after foot surgery  
Beverly Charles healing from concussion  
Mike Loechner healing from seizures  
Anne Loechner healing from brain aneurysm  
Ruthie Johnson and family on the passing of Gary  
Family & Friends of Tina Miller on her passing  
Gwen (Kathy O’s friend) healing after back surgery  
Pat Drebot (Jake’s sister) – declining health  
Family of Stormy on her passing from cancer  
Gene DeLange for healing

**OUR PRAISES:**  
Many healings for those on prayer list  
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

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



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March 23, 2025 at 10:30 AM – Third Sunday in Lent

**WELCOME:** In this season of Lent, we gather to worship God the Father, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit! In this somber season we account for our lives, learn deeper disciplines of faith, and prepare for the ministries to which God calls us. We also eagerly anticipate Holy Week in which we will remember Jesus’ servant ministry, his sanctifying sacrifice, and his glorious life-giving Easter resurrection. You are welcome on this journey with us 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, what has God done for you? **God saves, provides, and holds us in God’s steadfast love.**  
Consider and remember: in the joyful times and in the sorrowful times, what has God done for you?  
**God covers us and lifts us up, protecting and empowering us with steadfast love.**  
When you have been like the fig tree in Jesus’ story that seems unable to produce and that everyone has given up on, what has God done for you? **God tends the soil and waters the ground, nurturing us into life with steadfast love.**  
Children of God, come, let us worship God who never gives up on us! **We come to worship and cling to God, for God’s steadfast love never fails!**

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, September 2024*

**\*HYMN** *We Gather Together* **UMH #131**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** **Isaiah 55:1-9** **Daryl Hawthorne**  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

**CHILDREN’S TIME** **Amy Boughter**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** **Psalms 63:1-8** **Daryl Hawthorne**  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

**\*HYMN** *Be Thou My Vision* **UMH #451**

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

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

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

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** **1 Corinthians 10:1-13** **Daryl Hawthorne**  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

**\*HYMN** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* **UMH #381**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** **Luke 13:1-9** **Daryl Hawthorne**  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

**SERMON** *My Soul Clings* **Pastor Jason**

**BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH** **Pastor Jason**

**\*HYMN** *Standing on the Promises* **UMH #374**

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

**Pianist:** Jessica Maldonado **AV Tech:** Dennis Meck, Sr  
**Pastor:** The Rev. Jason Perkowski **Ministers:** The People of God

**WELCOME TO JESSICA MALDONADO** who has been hired as our new Pianist! Jessica comes to us from Asbury UMC in DE where she helped lead their contemporary service. She and her husband Jason and their children Elias and Kaleb are excited to be a part of our church family.

**OFFICE COMMUNICATIONS: Paula Fultz, our new Office Administrator, will be in the office and responding to messages Mon-Thur, 10AM–3PM.** Pastor Jason will be on duty Mon-Thur, 10AM–5PM & Fri 10-Noon. His Sabbath is Friday at Noon -Sat. *Please call ahead to ensure that we are available and not in a meeting.*

**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** for 5th-12th graders. Each week there is dinner, games & a lesson. All students are invited. **To help chaperone or provide a meal, sign up in the hall or contact Pastor Jason**

**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 are meeting **every Monday from 5-6:30 PM at Faith UMC** in the Education Wing **until June 9, 2025** (except for April 21 and May 26). More information and registration forms are at: <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/261153> or see Pastor Jason.

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

**THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM (CST)** engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. **Next meeting: April 17 at 5:00 PM (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays).** **Join us by Zoom 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. (April 2 & 16): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVXQwUk5LR2VFOT09>.

**BOOK CLUB** on *The Sum of Us* by Heather McGhee. The Church and Society Team (CST) invites you to a monthly book via <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82735304374?pwd=eDBSZHRCZVphSnh2TENDZ0xrdG0vQT09>. At the first meeting they discussed the first 3 chapters and we will meet to discuss the remaining chapters on Mon., April 7 and Mon., May 5 at 5pm. Anyone interested in joining us can reach out to Pastor Jason or Renee Norman.

**COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS: Pursuing the Common Good is a new opportunity from our Church and Society Team (CST) that begins on Sun, March 30, Noon-1:30pm.** This month’s topic is **“Balancing Justice and Compassion: A Conversation on the Justice System”** including Bail, Incarceration, the New Prison and Reentry. Presenter: Pastor Jason. Hosted by: Faith UMC’s Church and Society Team. Light Lunch provided.

**EDUCATION JUSTICE TOWN HALL on Sun., April 27 at 4 PM at The Church of the Apostles UCC, 1850 Marietta Ave.** Join POWER Interfaith Lancaster Co. for an important conversation on Education Justice with local legislators. This is your chance to learn and speak up for fair & equitable funding for public schools.

**NATURE’S HEALING with Kathy Oberholtzer** sharing natural proven home health remedies. Join her & bring the remedies that have proven successful for you! **They meet every Tuesday at 1:30 PM** Contact Kathy for info.

**BRIDGE OF HOPE:** We will begin supporting a family moving into our neighborhood thru the [Bridge of Hope](#) program. To volunteer please contact Pastor Jason to start completing the training and clearances.



**BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY on Sat., April 5 from 8-10:30 AM.** Easter egg hunts will be at **8:30, 9:30 & 10:30 AM.** **Easter Storytime** with Pastor Jason **9 AM & 10 AM.** **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!** See Gwen Newell or Michelle Bame to help with the breakfast. See Lisa Baker to help with the egg hunt. Consider donating items to help with the breakfast or the egg hunt. Eggs and candy can be left in the hallway in the basket on the left. Confirm breakfast item donations with Gwen or Michelle. Thanks for supporting Faith UMC fundraisers!

**THE LENTEN SEASON is a 40-day season of prayer and fasting.** LENTEN DEVOTIONS are at [FaithUMC.US](https://FaithUMC.US): “40 Days of Lent” and “Are We There Yet.” Plus weekly scripture readings at <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts/?z=l&d=24&y=384>. **Holy Week will include a Maundy Thursday Service at 7PM** at OCUMC, **two Good Friday Services at Noon and 7PM**, a **Sunrise Service at 6:15AM** at OCUMC’s Pavilion, as well as **Easter Sunday Services at 9AM at OCUMC and 10:30AM at Faith UMC.**

**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. **UPDATE: As of 2/28/2025 income was about \$7,800 behind expenses**—no doubt due to winter weather preventing some from attending church. **Thankfully, we have been able to save up financial reserves to help through seasons like this. 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 <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z37Q/home>. There is a link at [FaithUMC.us](https://FaithUMC.us) or via the **QR Code**. Special gifts from IRAs, stocks, etc. can also be received.



**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 May 3 due to Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on April 5.**

**YMCA OF THE ROSES 70<sup>th</sup> GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST on April 18 at 7:30AM**, Farm & Home Center, Lancaster. Tickets: \$25 per person at <http://www.rosesymca.org/goodfriday>. Tickets are not available at the door.

**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. **WE ARE HOSTING A CLOTHING DRIVE FOR THEM THRU MID-MAY WITH BINS BY MAILBOXES!**

**COLLECTING ITEMS FOR MAY 24th YARD SALE:** General donations can be left in the purple room across from the Youth Room. You can donate books in the library classroom. *No clothing please.*

**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.*

**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.**

**EQUALIZING LAY DELEGATES:** If you want to represent the laity of the EPAUMC and help set policy and missional focus for our denomination, see Pastor Jason. You would be a delegate to the 2025-2028 Annual Conference sessions. We meet in **Wildwood, NJ for Annual Conference from May 20 at 1 PM until May 22 at Noon. Sun., May 4** is the **West District Conference at Cornwall UMC at 3 PM.** All are encouraged to attend.

**GRETNA GLEN CAMP STAFF POSITIONS:** Gretna Glen Camp is looking for a full-time Day Camp Director and other staff members for Summer 2025. Please visit <https://gretnaglen.org/serve/> to get more information.

**NEW STAFF MEMBER MEET AND GREET POTLUCK LUNCHEON on Sunday, April 6** after church hosted by SMO. What better way to show the love and welcome of our Faith UMC family to our new staff members and their families: Pianist Jessica Maldonado and Office Administrator Paula Fultz! SMO will provide hamburger barbecue and rolls, beverages, and cake. We are asking you to bring your favorite dishes as the rest of the meal! **Please sign up on the sheet in the sanctuary hallway!** Thank you on behalf of Amy, Diana, and the SMO team.

**MANDATED REPORTER/SAFE SANCTUARIES TRAINING:** You are required to attend this training annually if you have any interaction with children or youth programs or work with vulnerable adults. Please provide us with a certificate proving that you have done this training or join us **on Mon., May 5 from 6:30-8 PM.**

**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

**ONGOING EVENTS:**

<b>Sundays</b>	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 Communion offered during worship service, followed by refreshments Nar-Anon, 7:15-8:45 PM at Faith UMC
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sundays</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays</b> <b>Mondays</b> <b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>GriefShare, 5:00 – 6:30 PM</b> Bible2School in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM <b>Natures Healing, 1:30 PM</b> Bible2School in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM 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
<b>Wednesdays</b>	
<b>Thursdays</b> <b>Fridays</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays</b>	

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

<b>Tuesday, Mar 25</b> <b>Thursday, Mar 27</b> <b>Sunday, March 30</b> <b>Saturday, April 5</b>	Special Election, Faith UMC is a polling place, 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM Church Council meeting, 6:00PM “Community Conversations: Criminal Justice Reform,” Noon-1:30PM <b>Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, 8AM-10:30 AM</b> <b>with Easter Egg Hunts at 8:30, 9:30 &amp; 10:30 AM; Easter Story 9 AM &amp; 10 AM</b> <b>New Staff Member Meet &amp; Greet after church with Potluck Luncheon</b> Holy Week (Maundy Thursday at 7PM at OCUMC; Good Friday at Noon & 7 PM) YMCA 70th Good Friday Breakfast, Farm & Home Center, 7:30 AM Easter Sunrise 6:15 AM (OCUMC) & Easter Services 9 AM (OCUMC) & 10:30 AM <b>Education Justice Town Hall Meeting at Church of the Apostles UCC, 4 PM</b> West District Conference at Cornwall UMC at 3 PM <b>Safe Sanctuaries Training 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM</b> Annual Conference at Wildwood Convention Center, NJ (1 PM Tues - Noon Thurs) Annual Yard Sale
<b>April 6</b> <b>April 13-18</b> <b>Friday, April 18</b> <b>Sunday, April 20</b> <b>Sunday, April 27</b> <b>Sunday, May 4</b> <b>Monday, May 5</b> <b>May 20-22</b> <b>Saturday, May 24</b>	

**WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, March 30**

GREETERS: Donna Arnold & Leon Bame  
USHERS: Donna Arnold & Leon Bame  
LITURGIST: Tim Patschke  
CHILDREN’S TIME: Pastor Jason  
JUNIOR CHURCH: Lisa Baker & Allen Kennedy  
YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason, Diane Black, & Bryan Nelson