

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

**OUR CONCERNS:**

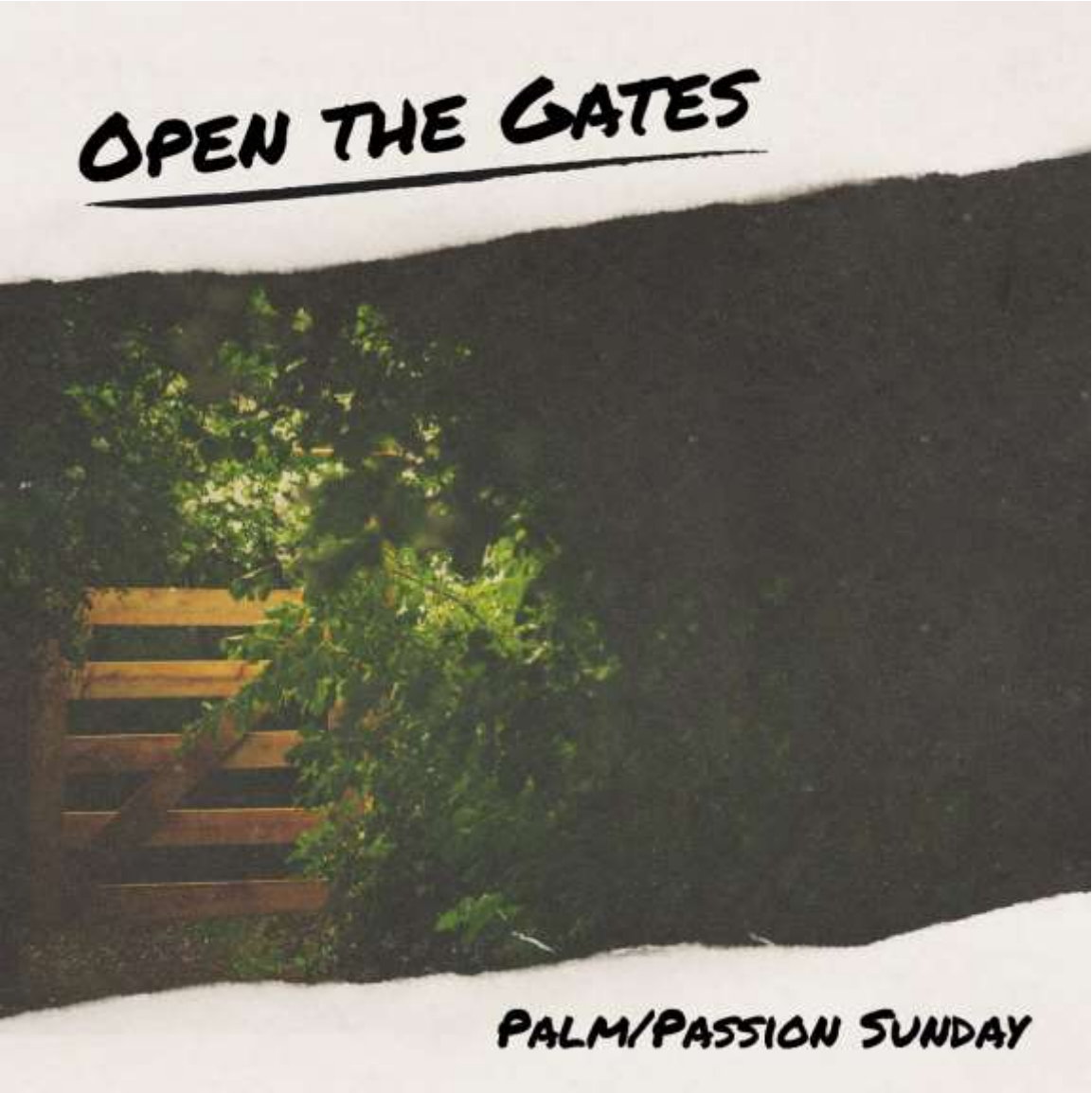
Bishop Moore-KoiKoi, DS Freymoyer & EPA Staff  
Laity and Clergy of the UMC  
Unity & love in the church universal & the UMC  
Healing & peace for divisions over race, class, gender, sexuality, politics & fears  
Wisdom & safety for government officials globally  
President Donald Trump and VP JD Vance  
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), Pat Oglesby (Laura G’s sister)  
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  
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  
Gwen (Kathy O’s friend) healing after back surgery  
Pat Drebot (Jake’s sister) – declining health  
Gene DeLange for healing  
Michael – struggling with addiction  
Penny – hospitalized with infection  
Families struggling with day-to-day issues, raising children, relationships, working full time

**OUR PRAISES:**

Many healings for those on prayer list  
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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April 13, 2025 at 10:30 AM – Palm Sunday

**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 worshiping 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**  
Today, we join Jesus in the final ascent to Jerusalem, knowing the depths we will descend on our journey through Holy Week. **Open the gates of righteousness, that we may come worship God!**  
We join the disciples in declaring that Jesus, riding on a donkey, is our Ruler, the One who will bring peace and salvation for all. **Open the gates of peace, that we may come worship God!**  
We join with the bystanders who questioned and wondered who this Jesus really is, who feared the consequences of angering the powers that be. **Open the gates of truth, that we may come worship God!**  
The journey through Holy Week brings us face-to-face with the stark reality of sin and God’s faithfulness to save. **Open the gates of salvation, that we may come worship God whose steadfast love never fails!.**  
*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, September 2024.*

**\*HYMN** *This is the Day* **UMH #657**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** **Luke 19:28-40** **Terry Kofroth**  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

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

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** **Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29** **Terry Kofroth**  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

**\*HYMN** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* **UMH #278**

**CHILDREN’S TIME** **Michelle Bame**

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

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

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** **Psalms 31:9-16** **Terry Kofroth**  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

**\*HYMN** *All Glory, Laud and Honor* **UMH #280**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** **Isaiah 50:4-9a** **Terry Kofroth**  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

**SERMON** *Open the Gates* **Pastor Jason**

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

**\*HYMN** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* **UMH #474**

**\* 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

**OFFICE COMMUNICATIONS:** Paula Fultz, our 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 for the 2025-26 School Year.** 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 16 & 30): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVXQWUk5LR2VFQT09>.

**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>. We will meet to discuss the remaining chapters on Mon., May 5 at 5pm. Contact Renee Norman for more info.

**“COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS: Pursuing the Common Good”** is a new opportunity from our Church and Society Team (CST) to gather to learn about timely issues in our community and to have civil, kind and honest conversations. Our next session will be **on Sun, May 18, Noon-1:30pm**. That session’s topic is **“Immigration and Loving Our Neighbors.”** Hosted by: Faith UMC’s Church and Society Team.

**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. **Those who had already registered should have received a book and an email with registration information from Bridge of Hope. If you need copies of your clearances that we have on file, let us know.**




**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.**

**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 Fellowship Hall (Sign up in the hallway so that we can prepare seating and food); **a Good Friday Prayer Vigil from Noon-3PM** with guided prayers in the Faith UMC Sanctuary; **and a Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7PM at Faith UMC; an Easter 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. 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.**

**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!**

**ANNUAL OUTDOOR COMMUNITY YARD SALE is on Saturday May 24th from 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM (RAIN or SHINE).** We have **Yard Sale spaces for rent that are 20’x 20’ in the grass for \$20.** Pre-registration to rent a space is required, with payment due the day of the event. On-line space registration through [www.FaithUMC.us](http://www.FaithUMC.us) or contact 717-696-5321. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!** Please see the sign-up sheet in the hall to help the day of the event or to donate deserts. **Donation of gently used items (*no clothing*)** can be brought to the purple Sunday School room across from the Youth room to be sold by the youth to support their upcoming events. **Donation of books, and puzzles** can be dropped off in the 2nd Sunday school room. **THANK YOU** for supporting our fundraisers at Faith UMC!

**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: 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.

**CARE PACKAGES FOR MILLERSVILLE STUDENTS:** We will provide care boxes to college students who are part of The HUB: Millersville University Campus Ministry while they prepare for final exams in May. It has always been very much appreciated. **Please donate** shoe boxes, Post-it notes, highlighters, crackers, granola bars, microwave popcorn, hot chocolate mix, candy, etc. **by April 20.** We will be **assembling the care packages on April 27th at 5:00 PM.** You are welcome to help the youth fill and wrap the boxes.

**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:**  
**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  
Communion offered during worship service, followed by refreshments  
Nar-Anon, 7:15-8:45 PM at Faith UMC  
**GriefShare, 5:00 – 6:30 PM**  
Bible2School in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
**Natures Healing, 1:30 PM**  
Bible2School in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM - 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  
Threads of Faith, 10 AM - Noon

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**  
**Sunday, April 13**  
**Monday, April 14**  
**Thursday, April 17**

Palm Sunday  
DRT 6:30-8 PM via Zoom  
**Maundy Thursday at 7 PM at OCUMC**  
Men’s Lunch 11:30 AM at Oregon Dairy  
CST Meeting via Zoom 5:00 PM

**Friday, April 18**

YMCA 70th Good Friday Breakfast, Farm & Home Center, 7:30 AM  
**Good Friday “Drop In” Prayer Vigil from Noon-3 PM** in Faith UMC Sanctuary  
**Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7 PM** at Faith UMC  
**Easter Sunrise 6:15 AM (OCUMC)**  
**Easter Services 9 AM (OCUMC) & 10:30 AM (Faith UMC)**  
**Education Justice Town Hall Meeting at Church of the Apostles UCC, 4 PM**  
West District Conference at Cornwall UMC at 3 PM  
**Mandated Reporter/Safe Sanctuaries Training 6:30-8 PM**  
**Community Conversation: *Immigration and Loving our Neighbors*, at Noon**  
Annual Conference at Wildwood Convention Center, NJ (1 PM Tues - Noon Thurs)

**Sunday, April 20**

**Annual Yard Sale / Book Sale 7 AM – 1 PM**  
Dog Wash 10 AM – 2 PM  
Puzzle Palooza 1 - 2:30 PM  
Vacation Bible School 6 – 8 PM

**Sunday, April 27**  
**Sunday, May 4**  
**Monday, May 5**  
**Sunday, May 18**  
**May 20-22**  
**Saturday, May 24**  
**Saturday, June 14**  
**Saturday, July 12**  
**Mon-Fri July 21-25**

**WORSHIP LEADERS for *Easter Sunday, April 20***  
GREETERS: John & Priscilla Rice  
USHERS: John Rice & Allen Kennedy  
LITURGIST: Buni Harbison  
CHILDREN’S TIME: Amy Boughter  
JUNIOR CHURCH: No Junior Church & YOUTH GROUP: No Youth Group