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 sisterin-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), Heather Williams

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.

Javier Robles for healing & guidance

Dennis Meck for a new car needed

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

Rosemary Ford – Healing from surgery

Families struggling with day-to-day issues, raising children, relationships, working full time

Family of Bill Logan, Sr. on his death

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



Welcome

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Faith & Oregon Community United Methodist Churches



April 18, 2025 at 7:00 PM - Good Friday

ELCOME: We come together to worship God: Father, Son & Holy Spirit. We mourn the execution of Jesus, the King of Kings, who humbly offered his life so that we would know we are loved. May we reflect on what a wondrous love this is—and may receive God's grace through it. 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

Pastor Jason

UMH #286 v. 1, 2

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN

Pastor Jason & God's People

On this Holy Friday, we follow Jesus through a sham trial and up the hill to Golgotha, all the while questioning: My God, my God, where are you?

We follow the women who held vigil at the foot of the cross, all the while despairing:

My God, my God, where are you?

We come near to Jesus as soldiers mock him, all the while crying out:

My God, my God, where are you?

We sit in grief and dismay, once again confronted with the horrible reality of sin and evil in our world that people just like us would crucify Love Incarnate. And all the while, God sits with us, saying:

My child, my child, I am here.

Come, let us worship God who, even on this day, is never far from us. Amen.

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

*HYMN Beneath the Cross of Jesus **UMH #297**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: What pain and sorrow we must bring to you Father. Yet what love you pour out on us! Forgive us for how we've let sin corrupt us, contrary to your created purpose. Cause us to see that when we avoid your Son and seek our own ways we are no better than those who sought to silence him. Cause us to see that our greed, anger, distrust, vanity, and pride are the same things that caused His crucifixion. Transform our hearts, our minds, our whole nature to live in full commitment to Christ our Redeemer, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SILENT PERSONAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF PARDON		Pastor Jason
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Luke 22:39-44	Bob Rodgers
HYMN	Go to Dark Gethsemane	UMH #290 v. 1
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Matthew 26:47-56	Diana Valentine
*HYMN	Ah, Holy Jesus	UMH #289 v. 1, 2, 3
SCRIPTURE LESSON SCRIPTURE LESSON	Mark 14:61-64 John 18:33-37	Buni Harbison
HYMN	Go to Dark Gethsemane	UMH #290 v. 2
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Mark 15:6-15	Pastor Jason

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

SCRIPTURE LESSON	John 19:5	Bob Rodgers
SCRIPTURE LESSON	John 10:17-18	200 Hougels
*SPECIAL MUSIC	Via Dolorosa	Jessica Maldonado
SCRIPTURE LESSON SCRIPTURE LESSON	Luke 23:26 Luke 23:27-31	Diana Valentine
HYMN	Were You There	UMH #288 v. 1, 2
SCRIPTURE LESSON SCRIPTURE LESSON	Luke 23:33-34 Luke 23:39-43	Buni Harbison
PRA	YER – SILENT PRAYER & LORD'S PRA	YER
SCRIPTURE LESSON	John 19:25-27	Pastor Jason
HYMN	Were You There	UMH #288 v. 3, 4, 5
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SCRIPTURE LESSON John 19:28-34 **Bob Rodgers HYMN** What Wondrous Love Is This UMH #292 v. 1, 2

SILENT PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 19:38-42 *HYMN UMH #292 v. 3, 4 What Wondrous Love Is This

HOMILY Do Not Be Far from Me **Pastor Jason HYMN** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross UMH #298 v. 1, 2

Jessica Maldonado

*BENEDICTION **Pastor Jason**

You are welcome to come forward and to pray by the altar or to pray in your seats. You are invited to depart as you feel led. Please depart in silence. Offering Plates are by the doors for those who would like to make an offering to the ministries of the church. You can also donate online to any of the churches.

* You are invited to stand in body or in Spirit

Pianist: Jessica Maldonado **AV Tech:** Dennis Meck **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 1st 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. No Youth Group Easter Sunday.

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: May 15 at 5:00 PM (3rd Thursdays). Join us by Zoom at: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82735304374?pwd=eDBSZHRCZVphSnh2TENDZ0xrdG0vOT09. To learn more, contact Renee Norman. The Criminal Justice & Bail Reform Team, meets online at Noon every other Wed. (Apr 30 & May 14): https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGO0LzBOelVIVXOwUk5LR2VFOT09.

"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.

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.

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.

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-Z37O/home. There is a link at FaithUMC.us or via the **QR Code.** Special gifts from IRAs, stocks, etc. can also be received.

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 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!

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.

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.

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.

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.

EASTER SUNDAY will include a Sunrise Service at 6:15AM at OCUMC's Pavilion followed by breakfast in Fellowship Hall, as well as 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

1st Sundays Communion offered during worship service, followed by refreshments

1st & 3rd Tuesdays Nar-Anon, 7:15-8:45 PM at Faith UMC 1st Wednesdays Women's Lunch 11:30 AM at Oregon Dairy 3rd Thursdays Men's Lunch 11:30 AM at Oregon Dairy

Mondays **GriefShare**, 5:00 – 6:30 PM except April 21 & May 26

Tuesdays Nature's Healing, CANCELLED (You may call Kathy to set up a one-to-one)

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

1st Saturdays Threads of Faith, 10 AM - Noon

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, April 20 Easter Sunrise 6:15 AM (OCUMC)

Easter Breakfast 7:00 AM following worship

Easter Services 9 AM (OCUMC) & 10:30 AM (Faith UMC)

No Sunday School, Junior Church or Youth Group

Thursday, Apr 24 Trustees Meeting 6 PM **Tina Miller Funeral 2 PM** Saturday, Apr 26

Sunday, April 27 Education Justice Town Hall Meeting at Church of the Apostles UCC, 4 PM

Assembling Millersville University Care Packages 5 PM

Sunday, May 4 West District Conference at Cornwall UMC at 3 PM

Monday, May 5 Mandated Reporter/Safe Sanctuaries Training 6:30-8 PM

Sunday, May 18 Community Conversation: Immigration and Loving our Neighbors, at Noon May 20-22 Annual Conference at Wildwood Convention Center, NJ (1 PM Tues - Noon Thurs)

Saturday, May 24 Annual Yard Sale / Book Sale 7 AM – 1 PM

Saturday, June 14 Dog Wash 10 AM – 2 PM Saturday, July 12 Puzzle Palooza 1 - 2:30 PM Mon-Fri July 21-25 Vacation Bible School 6 – 8 PM

WORSHIP LEADERS for This 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

WORSHIP LEADERS for Next Sunday, April 27

GREETERS: Daryl Hawthorne & Terry Kofroth

USHERS: Darvl Hawthorne & Jake Ruhl

LITURGIST: Drew Hassara

CHILDREN'S TIME: Michelle Bame

JUNIOR CHURCH: Erich Byers & Julie Perkowski YOUTH GROUP: Diane Black & Carol Kennedy