

PRAYER REQUESTS:

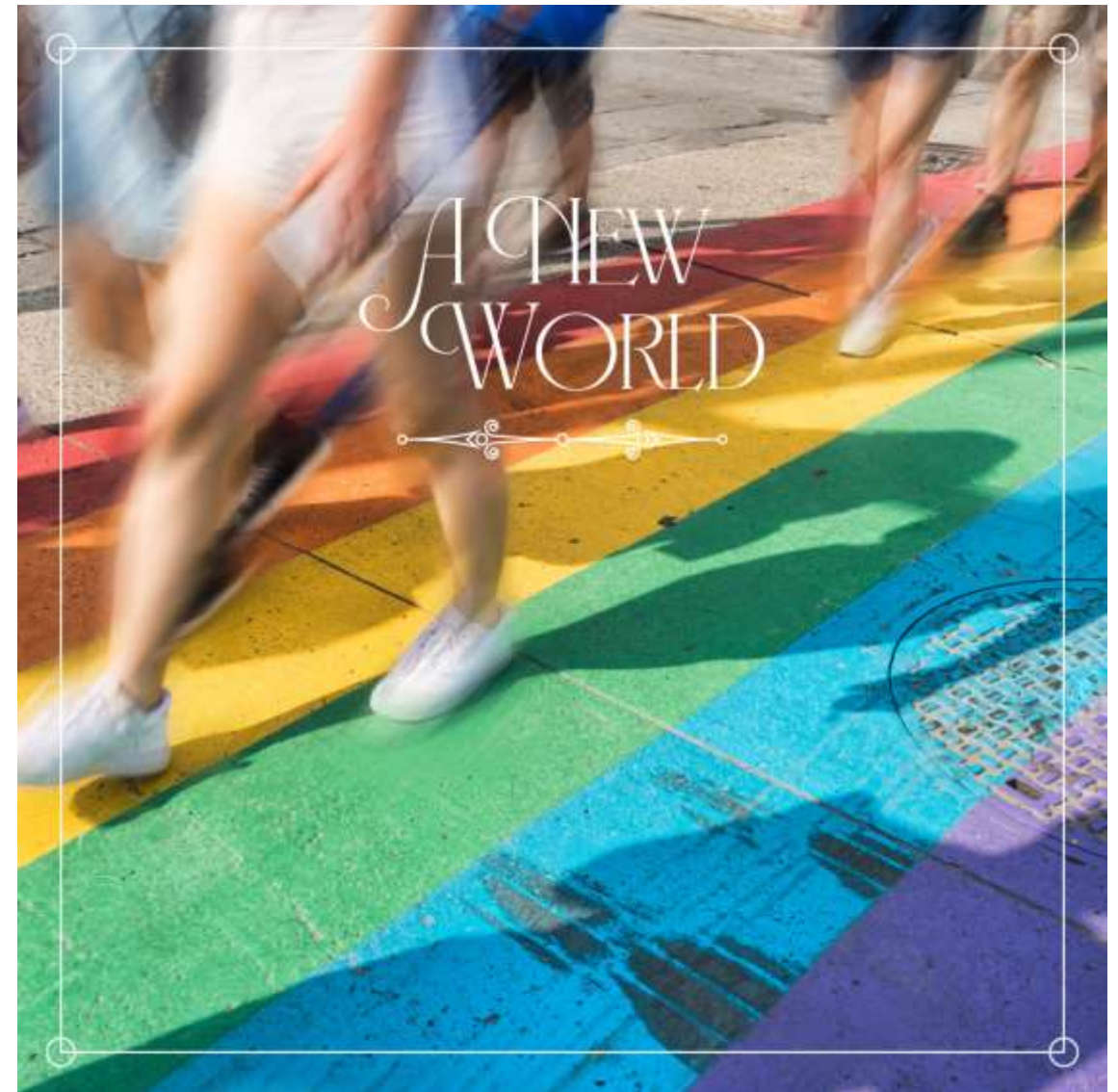
OUR CONCERNS:

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, India, and Pakistan
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, 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), Pat Oglesby (Laura G’s sister); Eileen Landis
Rosemary (Marilyn Jones’ sister) healing
Terry Kofroth healing for back & cataract surgery
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)
Shirley Gehr for healing
Mike Seiders healing from brain surgery
Tim healing from severe workplace injury
Tom & Sheila struggles with new home
Javier Robles for healing & guidance
Dennis Meck for a new car needed
Chante healing after stroke
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
Destiny Eckman – brain tumor
Kole – brain tumor needs further treatment
Ashley, Dustin and their new baby Hannah
Kathy Oberholtzer’s mother
Sandy Patschke – recovery from eye surgery
MaryAnn Unangst – healing for legs
Carolyn Olein – end of life
Daryl Hawthorne – healing after fall
Diana Valentine - healing

OUR PRAISES:

Aaliyah – brain tumor that was surgically removed
Couples preparing for marriage
Many healings for those on prayer list
Cooper Baldwin on good test results
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



May 18, 2025 at 10:30AM – Fifth Sunday of Easter

WELCOME: We worship a Risen Savior, Jesus, God’s Son & our Messiah. As a Resurrection People we gather to praise God and we go out to share the Good News. The Father has seated Jesus at His Right Hand to reign with justice & mercy and sent the Holy Spirit to minister to us powerfully. 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**
In the beginning was the Dream. **And the Dream was with God and spoke for peace.**
In the beginning was the Dream. **And the Dream was with God and spoke for justice.**
In the beginning was the Dream. **And the Dream was with God and longed for love.**
We come to worship the God of the Dream in a spirit of peace, justice, and love, longing to glimpse the promise of a holy dwelling place for all creation.
Ever-dreaming God, come to us now, in this time, opening our imaginations to your promise for us, in us, and in all you have made. We pray in the name of your Dream made flesh, Jesus the Christ. **Amen**

Written by Sally Johnson, United Methodist Creation Justice Movement

***HYMN** *This Is My Father’s World* **UMH #144**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Psalm 148** **Lisa Baker**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN’S TIME **Amy Boughter**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **John 13:31-35** **Lisa Baker**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

***HYMN** *There’s Something About That Name* **UMH #171**

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 **Acts 11:1-18** **Lisa Baker**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

***HYMN** *They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love* **TFWS #2223**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Revelation 21:1-6** **Lisa Baker**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

SERMON *A New World* **Pastor Jason**

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH **Pastor Jason**

***HYMN** *The Power of Your Love* **MSFPW #26**

*** 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 9AM meets in the 1st classroom in the Ed. Wing. **No Adult SS May 18.**

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, 5-7PM 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. No Youth Group on May 25 as you honor Memorial Day. Starting in June, the rising 5th graders may begin attending Youth Group.**

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 5-6:30PM at Faith UMC** in the Education Wing **until June 9 (except for May 26).** Information and registration is at: <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/261153>.

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

THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM (CST) engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. **Next meeting: June 19 at 5PM (3rd 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. **(May 28 & June 11):** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOeIVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>.

“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 TODAY, Sun, May 18, Noon-1:30PM in the Fellowship Hall. That session’s topic is “Immigration and Loving Our Neighbors.”** Hosted by Faith UMC’s Church and Society Team with The Rev. Jennifer Mattson as the guest speaker for the session.

NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS: We will be starting the next class to prepare folks to be the new members of our churches at Oregon Community and Faith UMC. If you are interested in participating in this class, please contact Pastor Jason. **We are tentatively scheduling the next two classes for May 25 & June 1 at Noon at Faith UMC.**

ANNUAL OUTDOOR COMMUNITY YARD SALE is on Saturday May 24th from 7AM to 2PM (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 is available 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! Anyone who wants to help paint lines in the field to mark spots for vendors, see Gwen & plan to help on Thur., May 22 at 6pm.**

ON COMMUNION SUNDAYS WE WILL BRING CHILDREN BACK TO THE SANCTUARY AS COMMUNION BEGINS so that they are with their parents. Parents can decide if they want their children to receive communion or to simply observe and learn. Please be prepared to receive your children, to turn in their numbered tags, and to sign the clipboard as they come back to you.

THANK YOU for your faithful support of our ministries through your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. Through April, we have received almost \$55,000 in offerings and fundraising income. So far, our annual expenses have totaled almost \$63,000. We began the year with a healthy balance in our checking account, however, we have had to use over \$8,000 to make up the deficit. Our goal is to have our annual income exceed our expenses so that we don't deplete our accounts. *It is normal for the balance to fluctuate as bills come in at different times*—as do gifts and some of our biggest fundraisers. However, as we approach the midpoint of the year, we wanted you to be aware of our progress.

We need an average of \$4,200 per week in giving toward the general ministry budget and our mortgage. *If you have gotten behind in your regular giving, please consider if you can catch up. If you haven't been a regular giver or have the capacity to make a special donation, please prayerfully consider how you can help to support our ministries.*



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 automatic 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**. Special gifts from IRAs, stocks, etc. can also be received. You can also mail checks directly to the church.

CALLING ALL KIDS AGES 4-10!!! Vacation Bible School is July 21-25 from 6-8PM. This year we are going on a Road Trip! Our Travelers will discover how they can trust that God is with them in all kinds of situations and know that God is always with us as we share the good news of Jesus with the world. Come and join us for a fun-filled week of skits, games, music, crafts, and snacks. Sign up now by using this link: <https://faithumclititz.mycokesburyvbs.com/> or visit our website and click the link in the events section. We can't wait to see you here!

PARTNER WITH US FOR ROAD TRIP VBS! Adults and youth are invited to join us on our Road Trip! There is a signup sheet in the hall to volunteer to help. Go to <https://faithumclititz.mycokesburyvbs.com/> or contact Carol Kennedy for opportunities to serve, lead, & have fun with children from our church and the community.

THREADS OF FAITH: If you like to knit, sew, crochet or quilt **join us 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 in our Fellowship Hall! **Next meeting is June 7.**

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!**

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 July 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 to reach the **United Way Call Center** for social services. The **Crisis Intervention Lifeline** is (717) 394-2631 or ***dial 9-8-8.***

FOOD ALLERGIES OR SENSITIVITIES? We are working to have placards on dishes during our meals to identify ingredients that may cause reactions to people who grace our tables. If you have a food allergy or sensitivity (nuts, fish, dairy, etc.) or are vegetarian or vegan, please see Buni Harbison. If you are bringing dishes to events in the future, please help us by being prepared to identify ingredients that may be allergens.

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, 9AM
Worship, 10:30AM in the Sanctuary and Facebook Live
Junior Church during 10:30AM worship
Youth Group at Faith, 5-7PM **(No Youth on May 25)**
Communion offered during worship service, followed by refreshments
GriefShare, 5PM – 6:30PM **(No GriefShare May 26)**
Nar-Anon, 7:15-8:45PM at Faith UMC
Worship Team Practice, 6:45PM
POWER Criminal Justice Reform Team by Zoom, Noon **(May 28 & June 11)**
Women’s Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30AM
Wing and a Prayer AA Meeting in the Fellowship Hall, 10AM
Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC), 6PM **(No SPRC June 5 or July 3)**
Finance Team, 6PM
Men’s Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30AM
Church and Society Team (CST) by Zoom, 5PM
Trustees (on even months) // Church Council (on odd months), 6PM
Bible Study led by Pastor Jason, 10AM
Threads of Faith, 10AM

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, May 18
Monday, May 19
Tuesday, May 20
May 20-22
Thursday, May 22
Saturday, May 24
Sunday, May 25

CST Community Conversation: Immigration Reform, Noon-1:30PM
GriefShare
Primary Election, Faith UMC Polling Place 6AM-9PM
Annual Conference at Wildwood Convention Center, NJ (1PM Tues - Noon Thurs)
Church Council, 6PM
Annual Yard Sale
[New Membership Class, Noon-1:30PM \(May 25 & June 1\)](#)
No Youth Group due to Memorial Day Weekend
Memorial Day **(No GriefShare)**
Dog Wash, 10AM – 2PM
Puzzle Palooza, 1-2:30PM
Vacation Bible School, 6 – 8PM

Monday, May 26
Saturday, June 14
Saturday, July 12
Mon-Fri, July 21-25

WORSHIP LEADERS for Next Sunday, May 25

GREETERS: Jake Ruhl & Allen Kennedy
USHERS: Jake Ruhl & Allen Kennedy
LITURGIST: Tim Patschke
CHILDREN’S TIME: Michelle Bame
JUNIOR CHURCH: Diane Black & Carol Kennedy
NURSERY: HELP NEEDED

YOUTH GROUP: NO YOUTH GROUP to honor Memorial Day Weekend