### **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

### **OUR CONCERNS:**

Bishop Moore-KoiKoi, DS Freymoyer & EPA
Staff as they travel in Tanzania
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

Civilians, leaders, and soldiers in war torn regions

Police officers and their families

Veterans and Service Members

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 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 issues Those with cancer: Cyndi Campbell, Dean Grove,

Mark Reitzel, Duane Lehman, Ruthie, Martin Campbell, 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, Janet (friend of Lisa)

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

Kathy Oberholtzer's mother

Sandy Patschke – recovery from eye surgery

MaryAnn Unangst (Julie's Mom) - healing

Diana Valentine - healing

Baker & Nelson transitions into new homes

Keith for recovery from tick bite

Chrissy & Family for healing from auto accident & prayers for motorcyclist injured

Lisa Baker's Aunt on sudden passing of her husband Jim Whelan (Lisa's uncle & Godfather)

Elijah Hoffman for broken femur

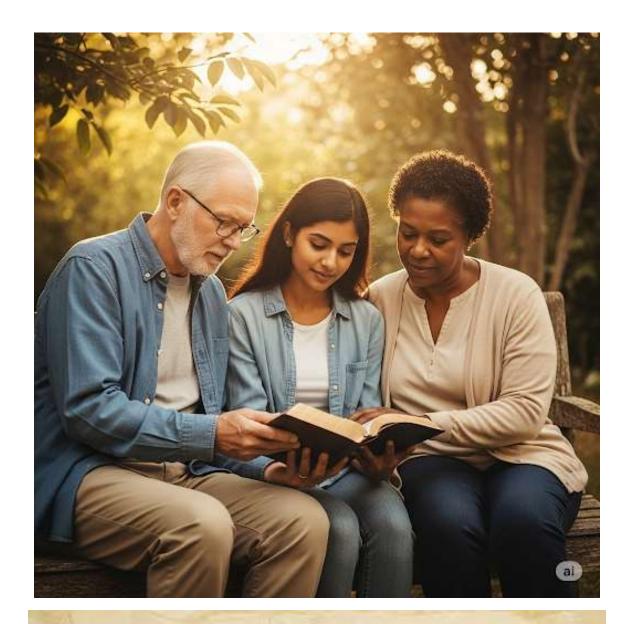
Dale Jackman for Surgery

Kathy Oberholtzer for family concerns

### **OUR PRAISES:**

Those celebrating weddings this Spring/Summer New members and guests in worship Volunteers completing projects around our church

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



## July 6, 2025 at 10:30AM – 4th Sunday after Pentecost

**ELCOME:** In this season of Pentecost, we remember Jesus' promise that the Holy Spirit would come and baptize us, empower us, & remind us of God's teachings so that we might become who we were always meant to be. As you experience the Holy Spirit's work in your life, you are welcome to engage with us 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** 

**UMH #277** 

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Buni Harbison & God's People

What do we have to boast about? The cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

And what does this cross mean for us? Everything is a new creation.

As we are being re-created and our stories are being guided by God may we testify to his good news.

May we tell the stories of Jesus and the stories of Jesus revealed in our own lives!

\*HYMN Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

CHILDREN'S TIME Amy Boughter

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE Michelle Bame

\*HYMN I Love to Tell the Story UMH #156

SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Daryl Hawthorne

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

SERMON What's Your Story? The Rev. Richard Rimert

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 The Rev. Richard Rimert

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH #13-14 & #895

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

**UMH #15** 

\*HYMN One Bread, One Body

UMH #620

\*HYMN This Is a Day of New Beginnings

**UMH #383** 

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

The Rev. Richard Rimert

\*HYMN Victory in Jesus UMH #370

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR REFRESHMENTS

\* 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

**OUR GUEST PREACHER TODAY IS THE REV. RICHARD RIMERT:** We are grateful for him bringing us the message today. He is a retired United Methodist Pastor who has served various churches across our West District. In retirement he has sometimes worshipped with us here at Faith and has family in the congregation. He and his wife are currently worshipping at Ruhl's UMC where they were married. They enjoy Longwood Gardens, Hershey Park and time with family. Pastor Rick is also an avid bicyclist.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL at 9AM** meets in the 1<sup>st</sup> classroom in the Ed. Wing.

**NURSERY** (1 year old - 3 years old) & **JUNIOR CHURCH** (4-years-old - 4th grade) are offered during the 10:30AM Worship Service. Please sign your child in before the service & get a numbered badge. *The Nursery is available at the start of the worship service*. Junior Church begins after the Children's Message during the worship service. After worship, you will sign your children out in their classrooms in the Education Wing.

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 as communion begins. Then turn in their numbered tags and sign them out on the clipboard right after the service.

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. During summer, the rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders may begin attending Youth Group and graduates may still attend. While Pastor Jason is away Pastor Ian Solodky and Bryan Nelson will lead youth group. No Youth Group on July 6 so you can celebrate Independence Day. We need people to sign up to provide the meals in July

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY AT 10AM in the Adult Classroom in Education Wing: While Pastor Jason is away, Bible Study will be lead by John Rice.

THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM (CST) engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. Next meeting: August 21 at 5PM (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. (Next meeting is not until July 16 due to vacations)

<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGO0LzBOelVIVXOwUk5LR2VFOT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGO0LzBOelVIVXOwUk5LR2VFOT09</a>.

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 funfilled week of skits, games, music, crafts, and snacks. Sign up now by using this link: <a href="https://faithumclititz.mycokesburyvbs.com/">https://faithumclititz.mycokesburyvbs.com/</a> or visit our website and click the link in the events section. We can't wait to see you here!

**ADULTS AND YOUTH ARE INVITED TO JOIN US ON OUR VBS ROAD TRIP!** Volunteers are needed to co-lead games, crafts, & snacks. You could be a puppeteer or lead a skit, provide childcare, lead a group, help decorate, and more! There are so many ways to help! Although we would love to have you here every evening July 21-25, we would appreciate any time you can give. There is a paper with brief job descriptions next to the signup sheet in the hall or go to <a href="https://faithumclititz.mycokesburyvbs.com/">https://faithumclititz.mycokesburyvbs.com/</a> or contact Carol Kennedy for opportunities to serve, lead, & have fun with children from our church and the community!

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.

**PUZZLE PALOOZA! DO YOU LOVE JIGSAW PUZZLES?** Join us at Faith UMC on **Saturday, July 12, 2025 from 1PM-2:30PM.** If you are a puzzle enthusiast, jump onto Faith's Online Giving link and pre-register your 2–4-member team for this fast-paced event! Twenty teams will vie to be crowned the Palooza champion by completing a 500-piece puzzle in the fastest amount of time. Doors open up at 12:15PM for a puzzle swap. The cost is 40.00 per team and must be paid at the time of pre-registration. Pre-register now via our "Online Giving" link at www.faithumc.us. Be sure to choose "Register Now" under "Puzzle Palooza" on the online giving site. It will then ask you to enter the name of a contact person for the team along with their email and phone number in case we need to contact you ahead of the event. *To join with another team or if you have questions, please contact Gwen at 717-696-5321 or the church office.* 

FINANCIAL UPDATE: As of May 31, we have Received over \$73,720 in offerings, fundraising proceeds, & special donations. Our Expenses have been \$77,237. That Difference is only \$3,516. We are almost at a balanced budget as we come toward the middle of the year!! Thank you for your generosity!!

We began the year with a healthy balance in our checking account that assists with cash flow as giving is balanced with bills that each come in at different times. Our goal is to have our annual income exceed our annual expenses so that we finish 2025 with at least the same reserves that we began with. We need an average of \$4,200 per week in giving toward the general ministry budget and our mortgage payments.

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 <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. You can also mail checks directly to the church.

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. Monday, July 7 we will serve the Bag 'n Go Lunch at Zion at 11AM. Prep is at 9:30AM at Faith.

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>.

**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.

**FAITH UMC WORSHIP TEAM:** We are looking to add some new musicians and singers to our worship team. So, if you sing or play guitar, bass guitar or drums we would love to have you join us. **The Worship Team meets every Wednesday at 6:45PM** to learn Sunday morning's music.

**OFFICE COMMUNICATIONS: Paula Fultz, our Office Administrator, will be in the office and responding to messages Mon-Thur, 10AM–3PM.** Normally, Pastor Jason will be on duty Mon-Thur, 10AM–5PM & Fri 10-Noon. His Sabbath is Friday at Noon -Sat. *He is on vacation June 20-July 12.* Please call ahead to ensure that we are available and not in a meeting.

**MEALS** are being planned for Diana Valentine. She had a set-back with her hand and will be getting IV antibiotics. There is a signup sheet in the hallway. Please contact Amy Boughter at 717-371-2302 if you have any questions.

**GET WELL CARDS**: Annette McClarigan's 7 year old grandson Elijah Hoffman was seriously injured in an accident – his femur was broken and he had surgery at Penn State Hershey. If you would like to lift his spirits, you may send a card to him at 95 Valley Road, Lancaster PA 17601

**PASTOR JASON ON VACATION:** Pastor Jason is on vacation until July 12. *He will be back to preach next Sunday.* If you have any pastoral care while he is away, please contact Paula in the church office during regular hours or Lay Leader Michelle Bame (717-537-5064). They will have contact information for local pastors who can provide support.

### **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

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

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays Nar-Anon, 7:15-8:45PM at Faith UMC Wednesdays Worship Team Practice, 6:45PM

Every Other Wednesday POWER Criminal Justice Reform Team by Zoom, Noon (Next Meeting July 16)

**1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays** Women's Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30AM

**Thursdays** Wing and a Prayer AA Meeting in the Fellowship Hall, 10AM 1<sup>st</sup> **Thursdays** Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC), 6PM (No Meeting July 3)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays** Finance Team, 6PM

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays** Men's Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30AM

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays Church and Society Team (CST) by Zoom, 5PM (No Meeting July 17)
4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays Trustees (on even months) // Church Council (on odd months), 6PM

Fridays Bible Study, 10AM (John Rice is teaching)

1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays Threads of Faith, 10AM

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Sunday, July 6 No Adult Sunday School

Worship with Communion at 10:30AM, refreshments to follow

No Youth Group

Monday, July 7 Bag 'n Go Lunch, Zion at 11AM, Prep at 9:30AM at Faith

Saturday, July 12 Puzzle Palooza, 1-2:30PM
VBS Workday, 9AM
Thursday, July 17 No CST Meeting
VBS Workday, 9AM
VBS Workday, 9AM

Sunday, July 20 VBS Workday, after worship, lunch provided

Mon-Fri, July 21-25 Vacation Bible School, 6 – 8PM

Thursday, July 31 Church Council (a week later than normal due to VBS)

### **WORSHIP LEADERS** for Next Sunday, July 13

GREETERS: Tim & Sandy Patschke USHERS: Tim Patschke & Allen Kennedy

LITURGIST: Lisa Baker

CHILDREN'S TIME: Michelle Bame

JUNIOR CHURCH: Erich Byers & Marilyn Caro l Kennedy

NURSERY: Diane Black

YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason, Pastor Ian Solodky & Bryan Nelson (WE NEED PEOPLE TO SIGN UP FOR

THE MEAL FOR JULY 13)