## **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

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

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

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)

Terry Kofroth healing for back issues

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

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

Destiny Eckman – brain tumor

Kole – brain tumor needs further treatment

Kathy Oberholtzer's mother

Sandy Patschke – recovery from eye surgery

Diana Valentine – healing

Baker & Nelson transitions into new homes

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

Elijah Hoffman for broken femur

Dale Jackman for Surgery

Kathy Oberholtzer for family concerns

Jimmie suffering from seizures (Di's Nephew) Michael - housing insecurity and addictions

Jim Harbison recovery from back surgery

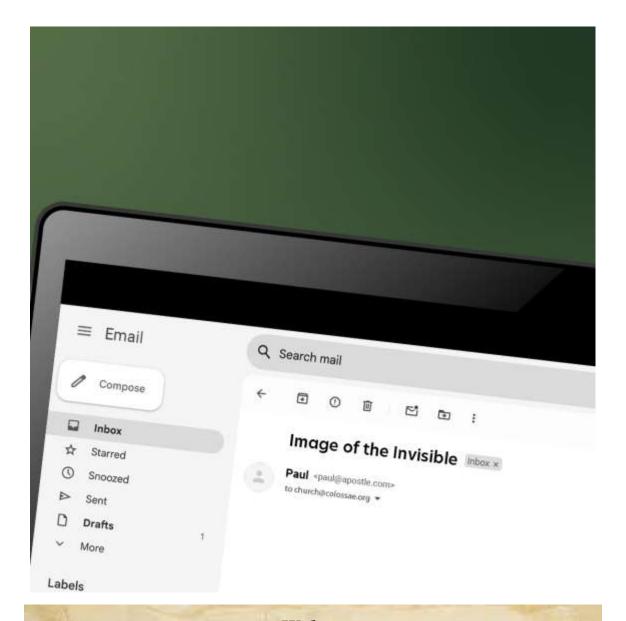
Diana Allia – heart condition

Members currently in jail or returning home

### **OUR PRAISES:**

Those celebrating weddings this 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 20, 2025 at 10:30AM – 6th 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**

\*HYMN

Buni Harbison & Pastor Jason

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jason & God's People

**MSFPW2 #77** 

Children of God, in Jesus, Love became flesh and moved into the neighborhood.

We gather to worship Christ, the image of the invisible.

In Jesus, we meet the fullness of God with no barriers to access.

We gather to worship Christ, the image of the invisible.

In Jesus, our separation from God, neighbor, self, and creation has been removed. We are free for divine and loving connection once again.

We gather to worship Christ, the image of the invisible.

Children of God, come! Come, let us worship God, whose power makes Love visible to us so that we might reflect Love to the world.

Above All

Come, let us worship Christ, Love who came to dwell among us and within us!

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, January 2025

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 10:38-42

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

\*HYMN

\*HYMN

\*I Will Trust in the Lord

UMH #464

SCRIPTURE LESSON Amos 8:1-12 Buni Harbison

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

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

\*HYMN All Who Love and Serve Your City UMH #433

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 52 Buni Harbison

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

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

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON Colossians 1:15-28 Buni Harbison

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

SERMON Image of the Invisible Pastor Jason

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH Pastor Jason

\*HYMN Turn Your Eves Upon Jesus UMH #349 (2x)

\* 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 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. During summer, the rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders may begin attending Youth Group and graduates may still attend. We still need volunteers to provide a meal for youth group each week. Please sign up on the sheet in the hallway if you are willing to help.

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Jason at 10AM in the Adult Classroom in Education Wing

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 July 23—and then every other Wednesday after that)

<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVIVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVIVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09</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 fun filled 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 <a href="www.faithumc.us">www.faithumc.us</a> and click the link in the events section. <a href="mailto:Invite">Invite</a>
a friend!

**ADULTS AND YOUTH ARE INVITED TO JOIN US ON OUR VBS ROAD TRIP!** Volunteers are always welcome. 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 in the hall or contact Carol Kennedy for opportunities to serve, lead, & have fun with children from our church and the community!

**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 date for 2025 is Oct 27. *Contact Carol Kennedy if you are interested in participating in this ministry.* 

**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.

VBS MISSION PROJECT: Each year during VBS we invite children and the congregation to support a Mission Project. This year we will be helping the Columbia Borough School District support their families in need. They have requested the following items:

- **Hygiene/Clothing/Personal Care Items:** hand sanitizer, baby wipes, deodorant (travel size), toothbrushes & toothpaste, hairbrushes/combs, hair ties, detangling spray, chapstick, kid's t-shirts (solid colors), new underwear and socks (kid's sizes)
- Snacks & Extras: granola bars, Nutri-grain bars, crackers, applesauce pouches, fruit snacks, individual
  bags of goldfish, graham crackers, veggie straws, pretzels, fidget toys, stress balls, stickers or small reward
  items

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. NOTE: The donation centers are now equipped with the necessary equipment and capacity to accept and sterilize items with padding and cushions. That includes pillows, quilts, sleeping bags, furniture items, and more.

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-Z37O/home">https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z37O/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.

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 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.

**MEALS** are being planned for Diana Valentine as she continues to heal from hand surgery and infections. There is a signup sheet in the hallway or contact Amy Boughter at 717-371-2302.

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION FOR CAROL KENNEDY ON AUGUST 10 will be here before we know it. In celebration of Carol's long and devoted service to our church, we will host a potluck luncheon on Sunday, August 10th, immediately following the service. Beef BBQ and drinks will be provided. You are welcome to bring your favorite side or dessert to share. Donations to cover the costs of the celebration and a gift for Carol may be given in the office to Paula Fultz or given to Diana Valentine or Amy Boughter directly or in their mailbox. Cash is preferred, but if you write a check, please make it payable to Amy Boughter. There are plain envelopes available in Amy's mailbox. Place your donation in an envelope; mark it "Carol's Retirement," seal it and return it as noted above. We have been blessed by Carol's dedication and love to our church family and would love to place a bench in her honor in the proposed Memorial Garden as well as providing a gift for Carol personally. There will also be a box in the church hallway to drop off cards/notes thanking Carol for her service. Thank you for joining us for the meal and for any gifts you choose to contribute.

**SPAGHETTI DINNER on Sunday, August 17 from Noon - 1:00PM (Dine In or Take Out) and again from 4 - 6:00PM (Take Out Only).** What is better than a sunny summer Sunday? A sunny summer Sunday spaghetti dinner where Faith takes the stress out of Sunday meal planning. We will be hosting a spaghetti dinner at two different times during the day. The dinner includes spaghetti (gluten free or regular as well as meat and meatless sauce options), salad, bread and dessert. You can do take out or dine in at the church fellowship hall from Noon to 1:00PM. Later in the day, there will be *take out only* dinner session available from 4:00PM to 6:00PM.

Walk-ins are welcome while supplies last, however, people are encouraged to pre-order by calling the church at 717-560-0321 or through email at <a href="Faithumc@hotmail.com">Faithumc@hotmail.com</a>. You can also sign up on the sheet in the church hallway. There is no set price for the dinners. Your donation will support the ministries of the church. You can pay by check, cash or credit when you pick up your meal. Online payments can be completed on the church web site: www.Faithumc.us. Please click <a href="Online Giving">Online Giving</a> site. Be sure to choose "Spaghetti Dinner" on that giving site.

Donations of supplies and volunteers will be needed so please mark this on your calendar! Volunteer, donation and order sheets will be out on the table beginning Sunday, July 20th.

### **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

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

**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

4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays Trustees (on even months) // Church Council (on odd months), 6PM

**Fridays** Bible Study, 10AM in the Adult Classroom at Faith UMC

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** 

Sunday, July 20 Adult Sunday School, 9AM

Worship, 10:30AM

Junior Church during 10:30AM worship

Youth Group, 5-7PM

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), 6PM

Saturday, August 2 Threads of Faith 10AM-12PM

### **WORSHIP LEADERS** for Next Sunday, July 27

GREETERS: Daryl Hawthorne & Terry Kofroth USHERS: Daryl Hawthorne & Carol Kennedy

LITURGIST: Drew Hassara

CHILDREN'S TIME: Michelle Bame

JUNIOR CHURCH: Diane Black & Julie Perkowski

NURSERY: Gwen Newell

YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason, Pastor Ian Solodky & Bryan Nelson (SIGN UP TO PREPARE A MEAL)