## **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

### **OUR CONCERNS:**

Bishop Moore-KoiKoi, DS Freymoyer & EPA
Staff as they travel in South Korea
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 and the Middle East

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

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 – health Diana Valentine – healing

Baker & Nelson transitions into new homes

Elijah Hoffman for broken femur

Dale Jackman for Surgery

Kathy Oberholtzer for family concerns

Jimmy suffering from seizures (Di's Nephew)

Michael - housing insecurity and addictions Jim Harbison recovery from back surgery

Diana Allia – heart condition

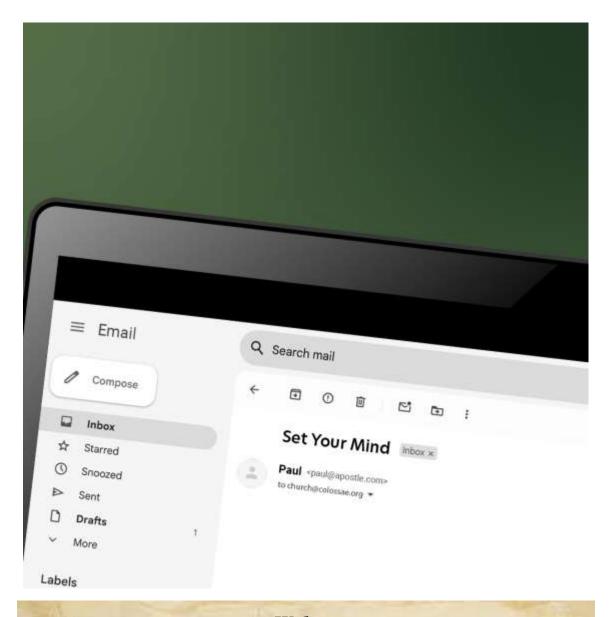
Members currently in jail or returning home

Garnett K. for health & balance issues

Amanda's Nanny & Aunt Karen for safe travels

### **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



## August 3, 2025 at 10:30AM – 8th Sunday after Pentecost

ELCOME: We come together to worship the Creator God who spoke all things into existence, whose Spirit fills us and invites us into righteous and loving relationship, and who came among us in human flesh as Jesus the Rabbi and Savior. You are welcome to engage with us and our loving God 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**

Michelle Bame & Pastor Jason

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor Jason & God's People Children of God, we gather as people who have received new life in Jesus Christ.

We come to set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.

The world tries to distract us with anxious rumors, worrisome lies, and misleading half-truths.

We come to set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.

In this place, we gather to remind, remember, and renew our commitment to dwell in the love of Christ.

We come to set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.

Children of God, come! Let us worship God, who clothes us in new life and renews us in grace.

Come, let us worship as we set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.

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

\*HYMN **UMH #140** Great is Thy Faithfulness SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 107:1-9, 43 **Bob Rodgers** This is the Word of the Lord — **Thanks be to God! CHILDREN'S TIME Amy Boughter** \*HYMN Change My Heart, Oh God **TFWS #2152** SCRIPTURE LESSON Hosea 11:1-11 **Bob Rodgers** This is the Word of the Lord — **Thanks be to God!** 

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE **Pastor Jason** 

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 12:13-21 **Bob Rodgers** 

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

\*HYMN Seek Ye First **UMH #405** 

Colossians 3:1-11 SCRIPTURE LESSON **Bob Rodgers** 

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

**SERMON** Set Your Mind **Pastor Jason** 

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** 

\*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

\* You are invited to stand in body or in Spirit

\*HYMN Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast \*HYMN For the Bread Which You Have Broken

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH \*HYMN

Give Thanks

Pastor Jason

**UMH #15** 

**UMH #616** 

**UMH #614** 

**TFWS #2036** 

**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 5th 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: https://us02web.zoom.us/i/82735304374?pwd=eDBSZHRCZVphSnh2TENDZ0xrdG0vOT09. To learn more, contact Renee Norman. The Criminal Justice & Bail Reform Team meets online at Noon every other Wed. (Next meeting is August 6—and then every other Wednesday after that) https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGO0LzBOelVIVXOwUk5LR2VFOT09.

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.

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.

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.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE:** As of June 30, we have received \$89,341 in offerings, fundraising proceeds, & special donations. Our expenses were \$91,440. That difference is only -\$2,099. We are almost at a balanced budget as of the middle of the year!! Thank you for your generosity!! We also have a healthy balance in our checking and savings account for various purposes including capital projects and a reserve for cash flow. Our goal is to 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 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.

SMO (Shepherding/Missions/Outreach) will be wrapping up the VBS Mission and delivering the collected items on Monday, August 4th to Columbia School District. Let me just say, that you have knocked it out of the park! For a small church, you have amazing heart!!! During this season, we have also partnered with church member, Eileen Williams, to support our brothers and sisters living at Kadima Nursing and Rehabilitation. Eileen reached out seeking BINGO prizes and you have answered the call! Because this is an ongoing need, we will continue to collect items and deliver to Eileen to share with her community. Donations may be dropped in the box inside the main entrance across from the church office. Items requested: Bars of soaps, body wash, shampoo, hand mirrors, crossword books, word search books, color pencils, pens, adult coloring books, deodorants, eye glass cloths, tissues, brushes, toothpaste and toothbrushes. Thank you for your kind and generous support. I am awed by the generosity of our Faith Family!! Questions: See Diana Valentine or Amy Boughter

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—please sign up on the sheet in the halls so we know that you are coming and what you are bringing to the potluck. 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 is also be a box in the church hallway to drop off cards/notes thanking Carol for her service.

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. 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 Faithumc@hotmail.com. 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 Online Giving site. Be sure to choose "Spaghetti Dinner" on that giving site. Donations of supplies and volunteers will be needed. Sign-up sheets and pre-order sheets are out on the table.

UPCOMING: SALEM'S LITTLE FREE PANTRY: We are excited to announce that Faith UMC will be partnering with Paula Fultz's (our church secretary) home church, Salem Lutheran of Kissel Hill, to provide grocery staples to families in need. Stay tuned for details on this wonderful opportunity to support our neighbors and community.

**EXCITING UPDATE**: Our neighborhood family has moved into their new home and are looking forward to start this new chapter. On Wednesday, Faith and Oregon Community churches joined hands to help move furniture from the church to the house. Meals were provided and we look forward to supporting this young family as they acclimate to a new home. Questions: See Diane Black who is spearheading this mission.

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.

TRIVIA NIGHT COMPETITION at OCUMC on Saturday, October 25 from 6PM-8PM. You can come out and bring a team with you to compete at answering trivia questions created by Pastor Jason. The team that earns the most points after 4 rounds will get the prize. Everyone is welcome. There is no cost to play, but we will have hotdogs, pizza and drinks to sell for dinner/snacks. A sign-up sheet for teams will be available as we get closer. Challenge your friends, family and coworkers to come and compete with you or against you!

**HOLIDAY CRAFT BAZAAR at OCUMC** on Saturday, November 15 from 8AM – 1PM. Please mark this on your calendar. Vendors can rent a table to sell craft items in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up for a table if you are interested—and invite your friends and colleagues to do so.

### **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

1st & 3rd 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

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:** 

4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays

Sunday, August 3 Adult Sunday School, 9AM

Worship with Communion, 10:30AM, Junior Church during 10:30AM worship

Youth Group, 5-7PM

Ladies' Lunch 11:30AM at Oregon Dairy Wednesday, August 6

Choir Practice, 6:45PM

Thursday, August 7 SPRC, 6PM

### WORSHIP LEADERS for Next Sunday, August 10

GREETERS: Jim & Buni Harbison USHERS: Jim & Buni Harbison LITURGIST: Michelle Bame

CHILDREN'S TIME: Michelle Bame

JUNIOR CHURCH: Lisa Baker & Marilyn Jones

NURSERY: Julie Perkowski

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