

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 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 & family concerns
Sandy Patschke – health
Baker & Nelson transitions into new homes
Elijah Hoffman for broken femur
Dale Jackman for Surgery
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
Tyler'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 10, 2025 at 10:30AM – 9th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME: 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 worshipping 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**

Beloved, we gather today as inheritors of faith in God’s salvific work, a faith handed down to us over generations that we claim and proclaim today in this community.
By faith, we follow God’s call as we journey toward a better country.
By faith, our grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, neighbors, and friends shared God’s love with us, a love that longs to draw us all as members of the Body of Christ.
By faith, we follow God’s call as we journey toward a better country.
By faith, we remember the story today, the story of God’s desire for all creation to be reconciled to God and one another.
By faith, we follow God’s call as we journey toward a better country.
By faith, we carry the faith forward, building a community of belonging, provision, and care as we journey with God toward a better country.
By faith, we gather to nourish and encourage one another on the journey toward a better country as we build God’s already-but-not-yet kingdom here and now. Amen.

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

***HYMN** *Shine, Jesus, Shine* **TFWS #2173**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Isaiah 1:1, 10-20** **Michelle Bame**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN’S TIME **Pastor Jason**

***HYMN** *Take My Life, and Let It Be* **UMH #399**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Psalms 50:1-8, 22-23** **Michelle Bame**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

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

***HYMN** *Soon and Very Soon* **UMH #706**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16** **Michelle Bame**
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 **Luke 12:32-40** **Michelle Bame**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Desire a Better Country* **Pastor Jason**

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH **Pastor Jason**
***HYMN** *In Christ Alone (My Hope is Found)* **MSFPW3 #138**

*** 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

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A RETIREMENT CELEBRATION POTLUCK LUNCHEON AFTER CHURCH TODAY TO HONOR CAROL KENNEDY’S SERVICE AS OUR OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR. WE HAVE PLENTY OF FOOD AND WOULD LOVE TO HAVE EVERYONE STAY. YOU CAN WRITE A NOTE TO CAROL AND PLACE IT IN THE BOX IN THE HALLWAY.

OFFICE COMMUNICATIONS: Office Admin, Paula Fultz, 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.

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—except on the First Sundays when children will be brought to the Sanctuary as Communion begins.

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 (3rd Thursdays).** **Join us by Zoom at:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82735304374?pwd=eDBSZHRCZVphSnh2TENDZ0xrdG0vQT09>. Contact Renee Norman for more info. The **Criminal Justice & Bail Reform Team** meets at Noon every other Wed. (*Next meeting: Aug 20*) <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOeIVIVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>.

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.*

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.**

SALEM’S LITTLE FREE PANTRY: We are excited to announce that Faith UMC will be partnering with Salem Lutheran of Kissel Hill, the home church of Paula Fultz (our Office Administrator). We will help them provide groceries to families in need. Stay tuned for details on this wonderful opportunity to support our neighbors and community.

FINANCIAL UPDATE: We have a balanced budget as we wrap up summer! As of July 31, we have **received \$105,712** in offerings, fundraising proceeds, & special donations. **Our expenses were \$106,049.** That **difference is only -\$337. 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.*



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.**

WEST DISTRICT DAY AT GRETNA GLEN on Saturday, September 6, 2025 from 10:30 AM-3:00 PM
This is a time for our West District United Methodist community to gather for fun and fellowship. Laity, clergy, family, and friends of folks from the EPAUMC West District are all welcome to join us at Gretna Glen Camp!
Come when you can. Leave when you have to. The address is 87 Old Mine Road, Lebanon, PA 17042.

We will worship together, enjoy lunch, and then have a variety of optional camp activities for all ages (boating, fishing, singing, crafts, plunger-chucking, etc....or just sit and visit awhile). We will have golf carts available to shuttle people, as needed. We want everyone to be able to participate. There is a good-sized parking lot, but carpooling might be helpful. **On the day of the event, we will be accepting donations to support scholarships to Gretna Glen Retreats and Events via cash, check, or electronic giving. *This event, however, is a free gift to all that attend.***

You will be able to register at <https://www.epaumc.org/west-district/> so that we can plan for food and staffing for the event. You can also sign up in Hallway and Pastor Jason will register our church as a group.

OREGON COMMUNITY UMC COMMUNITY DAY on Sat., Sept 13 from 10AM-2PM (1214 Creek Road, Lititz, PA by the Oregon Dairy). We will be selling Chicken BBQ, hotdogs, and baked goods. There will be a free bounce house, yard games, face painting and music. This is a fun free event for the whole family!!

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—by calling Joetta at 717-371-0112.

DRESSERS NEEDED: If you or anyone you know has a gently used dresser(s) that you would like to donate, please send a photo of the dresser to Diane Black at dnewcomer48@gmail.com or text the photo to her cell 717-682-0510. She will let you know if the need for the dressers still exists and pickup arrangements.

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.

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 Communion offered during worship service, followed by refreshments
1st Sundays	Nar-Anon, 7:15-8:45PM at Faith UMC
1st & 3rd Tuesdays	Worship Team Practice, 6:45PM
Wednesdays	POWER Criminal Justice Reform Team by Zoom, Noon
Every Other Wednesday	Women’s Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30AM
1st Wednesdays	Wing and a Prayer AA Meeting in the Fellowship Hall, 10AM
Thursdays	Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC), 6PM
1st Thursdays	Finance Team, 6PM
2nd Thursdays	Men’s Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30AM
3rd Thursdays	Church and Society Team (CST) by Zoom, 5PM
3rd Thursdays	Trustees (on even months) // Church Council (on odd months), 6PM
4th Thursdays	Bible Study, 10AM in the Adult Classroom at Faith UMC
Fridays	Threads of Faith, 10AM
1st Saturdays	

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, August 10	Adult Sunday School, 9AM Worship, 10:30AM, Junior Church during 10:30AM worship Youth Group, 5-7PM
Wednesday, August 13	Choir Practice, 6:45PM
Thursday, August 14	Finance, 6PM
Saturday, August 16	Spaghetti Dinner Prep 8AM
Sunday, August 17	Spaghetti Dinner, Noon-1PM & 4-6PM

WORSHIP LEADERS for Next Sunday, August 17

GREETERS: Donna Arnold & Leon Bame
USHERS: Donna Arnold & Leon Bame
LITURGIST: Lisa Baker
CHILDREN’S TIME: Michelle Bame
JUNIOR CHURCH: Diane Black & Allen Kennedy
NURSERY: Marilyn Jones
YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason, Pastor Ian Solodky & Bryan Nelson **(SIGN UP TO PREPARE A MEAL)**