

## **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

### **OUR CONCERNS:**

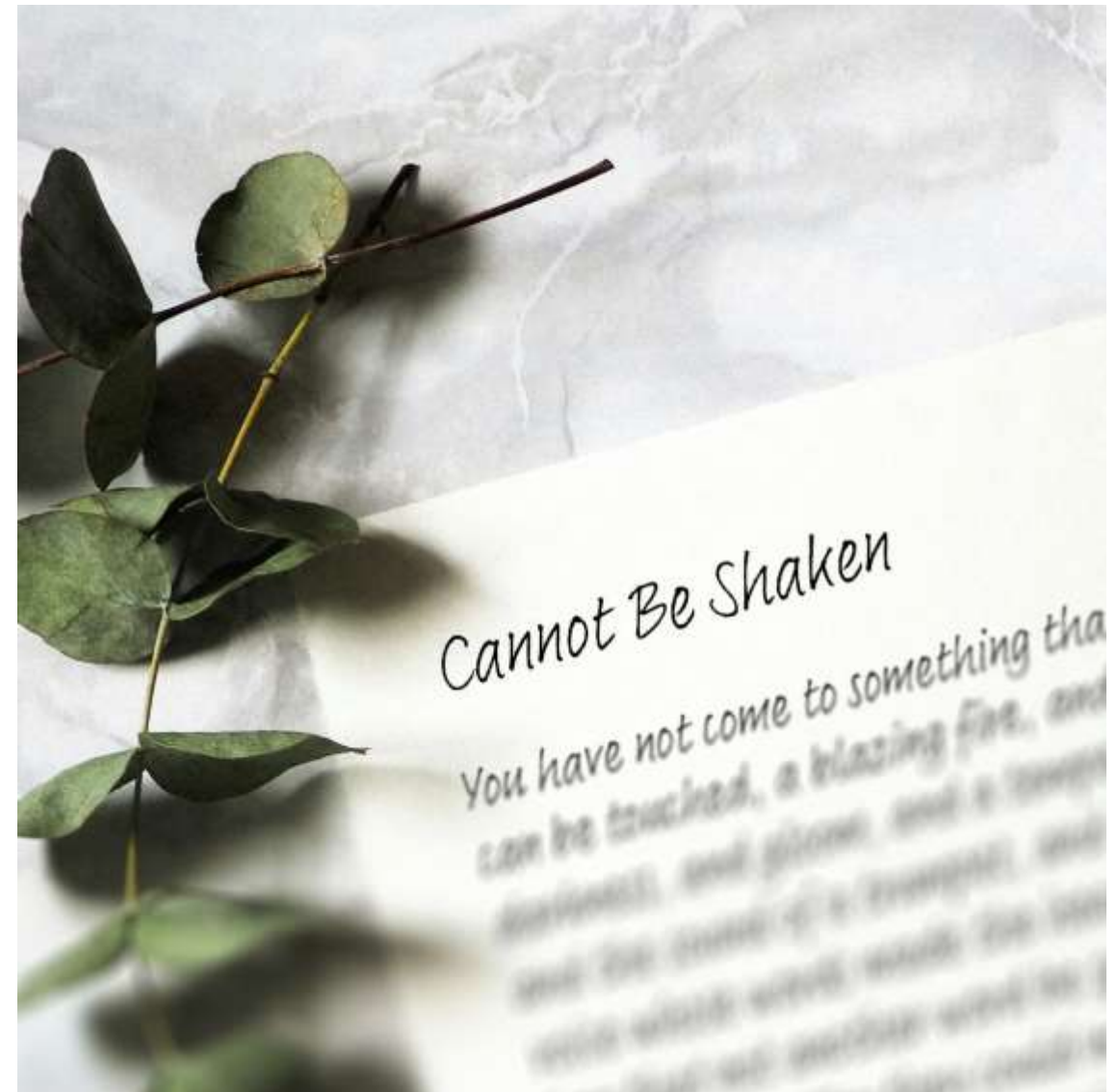
Bishop Moore-KoiKoi, DS Freymoyer & EPA  
Staff as they travel in South Korea  
Laity and Clergy of the UMC  
Unity & love in the church universal & the UMC  
Healing & peace for divisions over race, class,  
gender, sexuality, politics & fears  
Wisdom & safety for government officials globally  
President 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  
Mary Shenk for Alzheimer’s  
Alfredo Vega, Jr – safety while on active duty  
Kaylee Colón – depression & anxiety  
Kayla (Tyler’s sister)  
Shirley Gehr for health  
Mike Loechner healing from seizures  
Anne Loechner healing from brain aneurysm  
Pat Drebot (Jake’s sister) – declining health  
Gene DeLange for healing  
Destiny Eckman – brain tumor & heart issues  
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  
Diana Allia – heart condition  
Members currently in jail or returning home  
Garnett K. for health & balance issues  
Family & friends of McKenna Rose Gardner (inc.  
Pastor Shannon & Ginger Weaver) on her death  
Bob Black – for healing of lung infection  
John Dwyer family on his wife’s death  
Randy White in hospice  
Garnett’s daughter Kimberly Ann Wenger  
Brayden, healing for broken wrist  
Families dealing with custody arrangement

### **OUR PRAISES:**

Gwen (Kathy O’s friend) successful back surgery  
Jim Harbison ongoing healing from back surgery  
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](mailto:faithumc@hotmail.com)*



## ***Welcome***

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August 24, 2025 at 10:30AM – 11<sup>th</sup> 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** **Buni Harbison & Pastor Jason**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** **Pastor Jason & God’s People**  
Children of God, we gather today to encounter God.  
**We do not come expecting to be terrified or dismayed but to be welcomed and embraced.**  
We gather today to witness the gospel at work among us.  
**We come to join the assembly of the kingdom of God, to learn to live out God’s kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.**  
We gather today to declare our faith in God’s unshakeable kingdom.  
**We come with grateful hearts, trusting in the secure foundation of God’s steadfast love at work among us. Thanks be to God!**

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, March, 2025*

**\*HYMN** *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* **UMH #731**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** **Jeremiah 1:4-10** **Tim Patschke**  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

**CHILDREN’S TIME** **Amy Boughter**

**\*HYMN** *There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy* **UMH #121**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** **Psalms 71:1-6** **Tim Patschke**  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

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

**\*HYMN** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* **UMH #103**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** **Hebrews 12:18-29** **Tim Patschke**  
*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 13:10-17** **Tim Patschke**  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

**SERMON** *Cannot Be Shaken* **Pastor Jason**

**BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH** **Pastor Jason**

**\*HYMN** *We’re Marching to Zion* **UMH #733**

*\* 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:** 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.*

**PASTOR JASON IS ON VACATION from Friday, August 29 through Sunday, August 31.** If you have any pastoral care needs during that time, 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.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL at 9AM** meets in the 1<sup>st</sup> classroom in the Ed. Wing. **No Sunday School August 31.**

**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.* **Children who are 4 years old-4<sup>th</sup> grade should stay in the service until 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. **The rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders may begin attending Youth Group and graduates may still attend until August 24. 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. No Youth Group on August 31 due to Labor Day weekend.**

**FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** with Pastor Jason at 10AM in the Adult Classroom in Education Wing. **No Bible Study on Friday, August 29 due to Labor Day weekend.**

**THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM (CST)** engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. Next meeting: **September 18 at 5PM (3<sup>rd</sup> 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: Sept 3*) <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>.

**COMMUNITY MEAL:** People in need may pick up a **Grab ‘n Go Meal at Zion Lutheran** in East Pete every Monday. **Faith UMC provides sixty meals quarterly.** Our next date is Oct 27. *Contact Carol Kennedy to help.*

**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.**

**VISION MEETING with Church Council, is Sunday, Sept 14 from Noon-3PM** All members of Church Council are encouraged to attend this session after church as we spend time praying, discerning God’s call on the ministry of our congregation and community, and developing plans and strategies for how we live into that call. RSVP to Renee Norman, Michelle Bame and Pastor Jason your availability to attend so that we can plan for lunch.

**CHURCH AND SOCIETY COMMUNITY CONVERSATION on Sunday, Sept 21 from Noon-1:30PM.** Join us as we have a time of learning around **“Homelessness and Housing Insecurity in Lancaster County”** with **Duncan Hopkins** and then spend time in discussion about how we can be a part of the solution. A light meal will be provided. Please look for a sign up sheet in the hallway to RSVP so we can plan for the food and seating.

**DRESSERS NEEDED:** If anyone 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](mailto:dnewcomer48@gmail.com) or text the photo to her cell 717-682-0510.



**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](https://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.*



**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://member.gnjumc.org/default.aspx?page=3352&occurrenceId=848&profileId=1655> 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. If you sign up on the sheet in the hallway you DO NOT need to register online. If you register online, you DO NOT need to sign up in the hallway.**

**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!!

**ANNUAL FAITH UMC OUTDOOR YARD SALE is on Saturday, September 27 from 8AM to 1PM (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 through *Events* page at [www.FaithUMC.us](https://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 desserts. **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** for supporting our fundraisers at Faith UMC! **Anyone who wants to help paint lines in the field to mark spots for vendors, see Gwen & plan to help that week.**

**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.

**IN NEED OF HELP?** Contact Pastor Jason, dial **2-1-1** or visit [www.211.org](https://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 will placards on dishes during our meals to identify ingredients that may cause reactions to people who grace our tables. 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  
Nar-Anon, 7:15-8:45PM at Faith UMC  
Worship Team Practice, 6:45PM  
POWER Criminal Justice Reform Team by Zoom, Noon  
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  
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, 10AM in the Adult Classroom at Faith UMC  
Threads of Faith, 10AM

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Sunday, August 24**  
**No Adult Sunday School**  
Worship, 10:30AM, Junior Church during 10:30AM worship  
Youth Group, 5-7PM  
Choir Practice, 6:45PM  
Trustees Meeting 6PM  
**NO Bible Study**  
**NO Youth Group**  
Ladies’ Lunch at Oregon Dairy 11:30AM  
SPRC Meeting 6PM  
Threads of Faith 10AM-Noon  
**West District Day at Gretna Glen 10:30AM-3PM**  
Oregon Community UMC Community Day, 10AM-2PM  
**Vision Meeting with Church Council, Noon-3PM**  
Church and Society Community Conversation, Noon-1:30PM  
Faith UMC Annual Yard Sale, 8AM-1PM

**WORSHIP LEADERS for Next Sunday, August 31**

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Michelle Bame  
GREETERS: Lisa Baker & Marilyn Jones  
USHERS: Lisa Baker & Donna Arnold  
LITURGIST: Terry Kofroth  
CHILDREN’S TIME: Volunteer Needed  
JUNIOR CHURCH: Erich Byers & Allen Kennedy  
NURSERY: Ann Byers  
YOUTH GROUP: **No Youth Group due to Labor Day Weekend**