

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
Loechner’s health and car accident
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
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
Families dealing with custody arrangement
Family of Pat Drebot (Jake’s sister) on her death
Alan Strait – declining health
Melodie Dearolf for healing of back and leg pain
Carter & Ramonita to find an apartment

OUR PRAISES:

Brayden for successful surgery
Gwen (Kathy O’s friend) successful back surgery
Jim Harbison ongoing healing from back surgery
New members and guests in worship
*Please submit prayer needs, praises, & updates by
note or email to the office: faithumc@hotmail.com*



Welcome

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August 31, 2025 at 10:30AM – 12th 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 worshiping online, please ‘sign in’ and add prayer requests by commenting on the video.

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS Michelle Bame

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Michelle Bame & God’s People
Children of God, when we witness the needs of strangers and listen to the struggles of our friends, remember:
Let mutual love continue.
When we hear the struggles of those in prison and recognize the suffering of people near and far, remember:
Let mutual love continue.
When temptations to hoard more money, more power, and more influence surround us on every side, remember:
Let mutual love continue.
As we gather for worship, remember: God is here among us, surrounding us with love and forming us to live in love everywhere we go.
We choose to cooperate with God’s love today and every day so that mutual love will continue wherever we go and whatever we do. Amen.

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

***HYMN** O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing UMH #57

SCRIPTURE LESSON Jeremiah 2:4-13 Buni Harbison
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN’S TIME Amy Boughter

***HYMN** How Firm a Foundation UMH #529

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 81:1, 10-16 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** A Mighty Fortress is Our God UMH #110

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 14:1, 7-14 Buni Harbison
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

OUR OFFERINGS: OF PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS Michelle Bame
***DOXOLOGY** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH #95

SCRIPTURE LESSON Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Buni Harbison
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

SERMON Love In the Flesh Rev. Jeff Raffauf
***HYMN** The Heart of Worship MSFP&W2 #71
***BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH** Rev. Jeff Raffauf
*** 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

WE WELCOME THE REV. Dr. JEFF RAFFAUF AS OUR GUEST PREACHER TODAY. He is a retired Elder in the UMC and served at West Lawn UMC before his retirement and helped them develop many thriving ministries. We are thrilled to have him share a good word with us.

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 Monday, September 1. 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 1st classroom in the Ed. Wing. **We are meeting 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-4th 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. **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.

THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM (CST) engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. **Next meeting: September 18 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: 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.*

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. There is a potluck lunch with hamburger barbecue provided.

EPAUMC ADJOURNED SESSION OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE on Saturday, Sept 20 from 9:45AM-12:30PM in Philly. Information and Registration is found at: <https://www.epaumc.org/sas2025/>. All Lay Delegates, Equalizing Lay Delegates and Clergy are expected to attend as we pass resolutions on our Annual Budget, Clergy Leave Policies, etc.

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.***

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.

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.*



WEST DISTRICT DAY AT GREтна 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 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 Friday, October 24 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!

TRUNK OR TREAT at Faith UMC on Sat., Oct 25. Start to plan to decorate your vehicles, look for deals on candy, and / or be ready to sign up to help Lisa Baker with various games, activities and food for this fun event.

HOLIDAY CRAFT BAZAAR at OCUMC on Sat., Nov. 15 from 8AM – 1PM. Vendors can rent a table to sell craft items in the Fellowship Hall. To reserve a table call Joetta at 717-371-0112. Be sure to invite your friends.

FOOD ALLERGIES OR SENSITIVITIES? We will have 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
1st Sundays	POWER Criminal Justice Reform Team by Zoom, Noon
1st & 3rd Tuesdays	Women’s Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30AM
Wednesdays	Wing and a Prayer AA Meeting in the Fellowship Hall, 10AM
Every Other Wednesday	Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC), 6PM
1st Wednesdays	Finance Team, 6PM
Thursdays	Men’s Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30AM
1st Thursdays	Church and Society Team (CST) by Zoom, 5PM
2nd Thursdays	Trustees (on even months) // Church Council (on odd months), 6PM
3rd Thursdays	Bible Study, 10AM in the Adult Classroom at Faith UMC
3rd Thursdays	Threads of Faith, 10AM
4th Thursdays	
Fridays	
1st Saturdays	

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, August 31	Adult SS, 9AM; Worship, 10:30AM; Junior Church during 10:30AM worship NO Youth Group due to Labor Day
Monday, Sept 1	Labor Day
Wednesday, Sept 3	Ladies’ Lunch 11:30AM Oregon Dairy Choir Practice, 6:45PM 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
Thursday, Sept 4	
Saturday, Sept 6	
Saturday, Sept 6	
Saturday, Sept 13	
Sunday, Sept 14	
Sunday, Sept 21	
Saturday, Sept 27	

WORSHIP LEADERS for Next Sunday, September 7

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Buni Harbison
GREETERS: Tim & Sandy Patschke
USHERS: Tim Patschke, Jake Ruhl & Allen Kennedy
LITURGIST: Daryl Hawthorne
CHILDREN’S TIME: Amy Boughter
JUNIOR CHURCH: Diane Black & Colette Borden

NURSERY: Carol Kennedy
YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason, Pastor Ian Solodky & Bryan Nelson