

PRAYER REQUESTS:

OUR CONCERNS:

Passage of wise county, state and federal budgets
and those impacted by the loss of funding
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 those affected by violence and hate
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, mental
health illnesses, anxiety and stress
All those caring for sick loved ones
Those grieving the loss of loved ones
Members currently in jail or returning home
Udobo School in Durban, South Africa
NarSarah Village and Clinic, Sierra Leone

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), Destiny Eckman; Kole;
Pat Oglesby (Laura G's sister); Eileen Landis,
Janet (friend of Lisa); Bob Black – lung cancer

Mary Shenk for Alzheimer's
Alfredo Vega, Jr – safety while on active duty
Sandy Patschke – health
Diana Allia – heart condition
Melodie Dearolf for healing of back and leg pain
Sebastian for start of rehab
Mary Ann Unangst for healing and strength
Peace for those dealing with anxiety and stress
Pastor Ian Solodky for knee injury
Joy Lane, sister of Wayne Dearolf for mass detected
Eileen Williams – muscles
Linda Philbin – motor neuropathy & cancer
Rosemary (Marilyn Jones' sister) healing
Terry Kofroth for upcoming test for continued pain
Daryl Hawthorne – knee pain and other health issues
Cheri Henry needs heart surgery; health issues; Chris
for knee problems (friends of Melodie)
Mary Hurdle - healing & transitions (friend of
Blacks)
Kathy Brandy Berry hand & shoulder pain
Jake Ruhl – continued healing
Dottie Sheaffer – infection and dementia
Bob Schroeder – recovering from heart surgery
Craig Hathaway for illness
Peggy Burley regaining strength
Ray Carpenter -- recovery from heart surgeries
Ruthie Johnson for Health
Beth (Amy's friend) -- recovery from back surgery
Garnett K. for health & balance issues
Garnett's daughter Kimberly Ann Wenger
Priscilla Rice – waiting on test results

OUR PRAISES:

All who are healing from various surgeries
All those joining us in worship

*Please submit prayer needs, praises, & updates by
note or email to the office: faithumc@hotmail.com*

SIGNS AND TIMES



Welcome

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Faith United Methodist Church



November 30, 2025 at 10:30AM – 1st Sunday of Advent

WELCOME: In this season of Advent we look heavenward for the second coming when Jesus will restore and revive all of creation and we will see God in full glory! May the Holy Spirit transform us in this time of expectation and fill each of us with joy as we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus and his return. 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

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING:
The prophet Isaiah calls to us from the past to imagine the future when God’s reign will be fully realized and recognized throughout creation. When that time comes, God “shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more” (Isaiah 2:4).
Today, we choose to live in hope, believing that the time of God’s reign has come and is coming among us. We light this candle of hope as a sign of our promise to follow the Light as we answer God’s call to transform our hope into reality today and in the days to come. *Light the first candle of the Advent wreath.*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** **Buni Harbison & God’s People**
Beloved, once again, we embark on the Advent path that points us to the coming of Jesus.
We journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.
We remember the signs and the times that heralded the arrival of the baby Jesus, God Incarnate.
We journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.
We tell the stories once again as we learn how to discern the signs and the times, watching for glimpses of God’s here-and-not-yet kingdom among us.
We journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.
Come, let us worship God who shines a light to guide us on the path to peace and flourishing for all creation.
Come, let us worship as we journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.

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

***HYMN** *Let There Be Peace on Earth* **UMW #431**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Isaiah 2:1-5** **Bob Rodgers**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN’S TIME **Pastor Jason**

***HYMN** *For the Healing of the Nations* **UMH #428**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Psalms 122** **Bob Rodgers**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

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

***HYMN** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* **UMH #206**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Romans 13:11-14** **Bob Rodgers**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

OUR OFFERINGS: OF PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS **Pastor Jason**
& BLESSING OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS
***DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* **UMH #95**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Matthew 24:36-44** **Bob Rodgers**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Signs and Times* **Pastor Jason**
***HYMN** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* **UMH #196**

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

** 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. His Sabbath is Thursday Night until Sunday morning. *Please call ahead to ensure that we are available and not in a meeting.*

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 Time”.* After worship, you will sign your children out in their classrooms in the Education Wing—except on 1st Sundays 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. *Please sign up on the sheet in the hallway if you are willing to provide a meal. THERE IS NO YOUTH GROUP ON NOVEMBER 30. Enjoy the Thanksgiving Holiday weekend with family.*

OUR GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP will meet Mondays, beginning Dec. 1, at 5PM for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one and could use support and tools for dealing with all of the emotions and struggles that come from grief. Contact Pastor Jason for more info and to register to participate.

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY WITH KATHY “Meet Yourself in the Psalms” 6-7:30PM. This is a Bible Study reading through some of the Psalms to explore how to pray more holistically. Meet in Adult Classroom.

PASTOR’S MORNING BIBLE STUDY at 10AM on WEDNESDAYS in the Faith UMC Adult Classroom, beginning on Dec. 3. *This is a change from meeting every Friday.*

THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. **Next meeting: December 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: Dec 10*) <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>.

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: Thank you for your continued generosity and faithful donations!! Extra ‘Thanks’ to all who have returned your ‘Estimate of Giving Cards’. Each one returned, gives us a better idea of how much income to expect when covering anticipated expenses. **Church Council has approved the draft 2026 General Fund Budget** with anticipated ±\$184,110 in income and ±189,212.56 in expenses which would be a **deficit of \$5,102.56**. We will update next year’s budget as we receive 2026 Conference expenses and Estimate of Giving Cards.

Our goal is to finish 2025 with at least the same reserves that we began the year. **We continue to need an average of \$4,200/week in giving towards our General Fund and mortgage** to meet that goal. Donations can be directed to General Ministry and/or the Debt Reduction/Building Fund (mortgage). You can also set up automatic gifts through your own bank, mail checks directly to the church, or at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z37Q/home> via a link at FaithUMC.us or via the QR Code.



NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS for anyone looking to join Faith UMC will be on Dec. 7 from Noon-4pm. We will have one class and then **take in new members on Dec. 14**. There will be light refreshments available as well. Please contact Pastor Jason if you would like more info and to register to participate.

CARE PACKAGES FOR MILLERSVILLE STUDENTS: We are providing boxes to support college students at The HUB: Millersville University Campus Ministry while they prepare for final exams. Thank you for your generous donations. If you enjoy gift wrapping, **please stay after worship on Nov 30 to wrap 30+ shoeboxes**.

SALEM’S LITTLE FREE PANTRY: Place donations in the box at Faith UMC. Anyone in need can come at any time to get groceries on the porch at Salem Lutheran, 26 Owl Hill Rd, Lititz.

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 next date is January 12. Contact Carol Kennedy if you are interested in participating.

SECRET SISTER forms are **due by December 7, 2025**. Please put completed forms in the box beside the Secret Sister basket. **Secret Sisters Reveal Brunch** for the 2025 participants will be on **Saturday, Dec 6, from 9-11AM**.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA is on Sat., Dec. 13 from 8-10:30AM. It is our biggest outreach and fundraiser of the year! Volunteers are needed and sign up sheets are in the hallway. We need help with **cooking** the pancakes and sausages (**starting at 6AM**). **The other volunteers can come at 7AM to help** greeting, collecting donations, **serving** the food (2 people) and drinks (2 people), **cleaning and managing** the dining area, assisting Santa (1 person), helping with the **Elf Shelf** program for the children **including wrapping presents** (4 people), etc. If you can help in any of these areas, even for a limited time, please see the sign-up sheet in the hallway or contact Michelle Bame. Even if you can only give 2 hours, that will be great!

Invite your friends and neighbors to join us for this event—there are posters available to pass out. They can enjoy the breakfast and shop for cookies, kids can shop for presents for their family via the Elf Shelf, and we will have a retelling of the Christmas Story at 9AM and 10AM with Pastor Jason.

FAITH BAKERS, we need lots of delicious homemade cookies for Faith's annual cookie sale on Sat., Dec. 13 (running together with Breakfast with Santa) from 8-10:30AM. Please put cookies in separate containers, labeling them as to type of cookie, whether gluten-free, and if they contain any nut based products. We need 4 dozen cookies of each kind so we can have lots of varieties to choose from. We have a holiday cookie reputation to live up to! **Cookie Baking will be on Friday, Dec 5 at the church from 5:30-9PM. Cookie drop off is Thursday, Dec 11 from 9AM-7PM and Friday, Dec 12 from 9-Noon. Sign up in the hallway for the type of cookies you'll bake.**

HEALTHY MASCULINITY: Redefining Strength. Saturday, Dec. 6 from 3:30PM-5PM at the Lancaster Public Library Board Room. This is a group for adult men to explore how masculinity impacts mental health, relationships, media and more, and build tools for emotional resilience and authentic connection. More info and registration is available at: <https://ywcalancaster.org/events/healthy-masculinity>

ONGOING EVENTS:
Sundays

1st Sundays
1st & 3rd Tuesdays
Mondays
Tuesdays
Tuesdays
Wednesdays
Wednesdays
Wednesdays
Every Other Wednesday
1st Wednesdays
Thursdays
Thursdays
1st Thursdays
2nd Thursdays
3rd Thursdays
3rd Thursdays
4th Thursdays
1st Saturdays
2nd Sat. (odd months)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, Nov 30
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Monday, Dec 1
Wednesday, Dec 3
Friday, Dec 5
Saturday, Dec 6
Saturday, Dec 6
Sunday, Dec 7
Sunday, Dec 7
Thursday, Dec 11
Thursday, Dec 11
Friday, Dec 12
Saturday, Dec 13
Sunday Dec 14
Saturday, January 24

WORSHIP LEADERS for Next Sunday, December 7

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Michelle Bame
GREETERS: Sydney Dohring & Marilyn Jones
USHERS: Carol & Allen Kennedy, Leon Bame
LITURGIST: Michelle Bame
CHILDREN’S TIME: Amy Boughter
JUNIOR CHURCH: Erich Byers & Colette Borden
NURSERY: Ann Byers
YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason, Pastor Ian Solodky & Bryan Nelson. **Meal Needed**

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 (*3rd Sundays are @Gretna Glen EXCEPT DECEMBER*)
Communion offered during worship service, followed by refreshments
Nar-Anon, 7:15-8:45PM at Faith UMC
Grief Share, 5PM in Adult Classroom (beginning Dec. 1)
Bible Study on Prayers and Psalms with Kathy, 6PM
Bible2School, 10:20AM-Noon
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Worship Team Practice, 6:45PM
Pastor’s Bible Study, 10AM in the Adult Classroom at Faith UMC – *New day of week!*
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
Girl Scouts once a month, 5PM-6:30PM
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
Threads of Faith, 10AM
District Meeting of AI-Anon Leaders, 10-Noon

Assemble Millersville Care Packages
NO YOUTH GROUP – Enjoy the Thanksgiving Weekend with family
Grief Share 5PM
Pastor’s Bible Study, 10AM in the Adult Classroom – *New day of week!*
Cookie Baking 5:30PM – 9PM at the church
Secret Sisters Reveal Brunch 9-11AM
Healthy Masculinity, Lancaster Public Library 3:30PM-5PM
New Member Class Noon-4PM
Secret Sister forms due
Girl Scouts 5PM-6:30PM
Cookie Drop Off 9AM-7PM
Cookie Drop Off 9AM-Noon
Breakfast with Santa & Cookie Sale, 8AM-10:30AM
New Members joining Faith UMC
Puzzle Palooza, 10-11:30AM