

## **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  
Mary Shenk for Alzheimer's  
Alfredo Vega, Jr – safety while on active duty  
Sandy Patschke – health

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  
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 – 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  
Kathy's family on the passing of her uncle

### **OUR PRAISES:**

The promise of the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Jesus our Christ  
All who are healing from various surgeries  
All those joining us in worship  
Friends and family gatherings during the holidays

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

## **SIGNS AND STORIES**



### ***Welcome***

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December 7, 2025 at 10:30AM – 2nd 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 worshiping online, please ‘sign in’ and add prayer requests by commenting on the video.*

**GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS** Michelle Bame

**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING**

Advent reminds us that we are people who share a story, the story of Jesus, who enacts peace by judging in favor of the poor and deciding with equity for the meek of the earth. We long for the day when “the wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them” (Isaiah 11:6).

**Today, we choose to live the story of peace, believing that true peace comes when we seek the flourishing of all God’s creation.**

We light this candle of peace as a sign of our commitment to bring Light to the places the world seeks to hide until that day when all creation lives together in harmony and abundance.

*Light the first and second candles of the Advent Wreath*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Michelle Bame & God’s People

Beloved, we gather to remember who we are, not who the world tells us to be.

**We tell the story together of the day that all the earth awaits.**

We recall the story of God’s people, how God has called us to live in peace and righteousness in a world full of conflict and twisted morality.

**We tell the story together of the day that all the earth awaits.**

We recount the story of our journey with God, the moments of God’s provision, God’s prodding, and God’s prophetic guidance.

**We tell the story together of the day that all the earth awaits.**

We gather to repent and return anew to God’s story that guides our lives to work for peace and flourishing for all God’s creation.

**We gather to tell the story of the day that all the earth awaits. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

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

**\*HYMN** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* UMH #211 v. 1-4

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** **Isaiah 11:1-10** Michelle Bame  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

**CHILDREN’S TIME** Amy Boughter

**\*HYMN** *Open My Eyes, That I May See* UMH #454

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** **Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19** Michelle Bame  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

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

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** **Romans 15:4-13** Michelle Bame  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

**\*HYMN** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* UMH #213

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** **Matthew 3:1-12** Michelle Bame  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

**SERMON** *Signs and Stories* 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 #15-16 & #895

**RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP** UMH #16  
**\*HYMN** *Let Us Break Bread Together* UMH #618  
**\*HYMN** *Fill My Cup Lord* UMH #641 (2x with Verses on Screen)  
**\*HYMN** *There is a Fountain Filled with Blood* UMH #622 v. 1, 4, 5

**BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH** Pastor Jason  
**\*HYMN** *I Sing Praises to Your Name* TFWS #2037

*\* 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-4<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays children will be brought to the Sanctuary as Communion begins.

**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.

**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.**

**OUR GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP** has started again **every Monday 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. **The next 3 sessions will be on “Surviving the Holidays” despite grief.** Contact Pastor Jason for more info and go here to register: <http://bit.ly/3MeeZax>

**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.*



**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.



**THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM** engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. **Next meeting: December 18 at 5PM (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays)**. Contact Renee Norman for more info. **Join us by Zoom at:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82735304374?pwd=eDBSZHRCZVphSnh2TENDZ0xrdG0vQT09>. The **Criminal Justice & Bail Reform Team** meets at Noon every other Wed. (*Next meeting: Dec 10*) **by Zoom at:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>.

**IN NEED OF HELP?** Contact Pastor Jason, dial **2-1-1** or visit [www.211.org](http://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*.

**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.

**LONG MEMORIAL FREE GROCERIES** for those in need every week through their Friday Night Food Ministry at 6pm. You can drive up and receive groceries to help support you through the week.

**GRAB ‘N GO COMMUNITY MEAL** for those in need at Zion Lutheran Church in East Petersburg every Monday. Faith UMC provides sixty meals quarterly. **Our next date is January 12**. Contact Carol Kennedy to help.

**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!

**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 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.**

**INVITE your friends and neighbors to join us for BREAKFAST WITH SANTA & COOKIE SALE.** There are posters available to pass out. Come enjoy the breakfast and shop for cookies, kids can shop for presents for their family via the Elf Shelf, and Pastor Jason will retell the Christmas Story at 9AM & 10AM.

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE** on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> at **Faith UMC at 7pm (or 5pm at Oregon Community UMC if that suits your schedule better)**. Families will worship together in this service of carols and a retelling of the Christmas story. We will also share in Communion. There will be refreshments in the fellowship hall after the service.

**SECRET SISTER** forms are **due by December 7, 2025**. Submit forms in the box beside the Secret Sister basket.

**ONGOING EVENTS:**

<b>Sundays</b>	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 ( <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays are @Gretna Glen EXCEPT DECEMBER</i> ) Communion offered during worship service, followed by refreshments
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sundays</b>	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays</b>	
<b>Mondays</b>	
<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>Grief Share, 5PM</b> in Adult Classroom
<b>Tuesdays</b>	Bible2School, 10:20AM-Noon
<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>Bible Study on Prayers and Psalms with Kathy, 6PM</b>
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>Pastor’s Bible Study, 10AM</b> in Adult Classroom at Faith UMC – <i>New day of week!</i>
<b>Wednesdays</b>	Bible2School, 10:20AM-1:20PM
<b>Wednesdays</b>	Worship Team Practice, 6:45PM
<b>Every Other Wednesday</b>	POWER Criminal Justice Reform Team by Zoom, Noon
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays</b>	Women’s Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30AM
<b>Thursdays</b>	Wing and a Prayer AA Meeting in the Fellowship Hall, 10AM
<b>Thursdays</b>	Girl Scouts once a month, 5PM-6:30PM
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays</b>	<b>Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC), 6PM</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays</b>	<b>Finance Team, 6PM</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays</b>	Men’s Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30AM
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays</b>	<b>Church and Society Team (CST)</b> by Zoom, 5PM
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays</b>	<b>Trustees</b> (on <i>even</i> months) // <b>Church Council</b> (on <i>odd</i> months), 6PM
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays</b>	Threads of Faith, 10AM
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. (odd months)</b>	District Meeting of AI-Anon Leaders, 10-Noon

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

<b>Sunday, Dec 7</b>	<b>New Member Class Noon-4PM</b>
<b>Sunday, Dec 7</b>	Secret Sister forms due
<b>Thursday, Dec 11</b>	Girl Scouts 5PM-6:30PM
<b>Thursday, Dec 11</b>	Cookie Drop Off 9AM-7PM
<b>Friday, Dec 12</b>	Cookie Drop Off 9AM-Noon
<b>Saturday, Dec 13</b>	<b>Breakfast with Santa &amp; Cookie Sale, 8AM-10:30AM</b>
<b>Sunday Dec 14</b>	<b>New Members joining Faith UMC</b>
<b>Wednesday, Dec 24</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Candlelight service at Oregon Community UMC, 5:00 PM</b>
	<b>Christmas Eve Candlelight service at Faith UMC, 7:00 PM</b>
	Refreshments following the service
<b>Saturday, Jan 24</b>	Puzzle Palooza, 10-11:30AM
<b>Sunday, Feb 8</b>	Chili Dinner (eat in / take out)

**WORSHIP LEADERS for Next Sunday, December 14**

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Michelle Bame  
GREETERS: Tim & Sandy Patschke  
USHERS: Tim Patschke & Allen Kennedy  
LITURGIST: Daryl Hawthorne  
CHILDREN’S TIME: Michelle Bame  
JUNIOR CHURCH: Lisa Baker & Marilyn Jones  
NURSERY: Carol Kennedy  
YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason, Pastor Ian Solodky & Bryan Nelson. **Meal Needed.**