

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, the
Middle East, Nigeria, Venezuela, Syria,
Somalia, Yemen, etc.
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
Sebastian for start of rehab
Mary Ann Unangst for healing and strength
Peace for those dealing with anxiety and stress
Eileen Williams – muscles
Linda Philbin – motor neuropathy & cancer

Those with cancer: Cyndi Campbell, Dean Grove,
Mark Reitzel, Duane Lehman, Ruthie, Martin
Campbell, Dorcas Kamanda, 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), Kole; Pat Oglesby (Laura G's sister);
Eileen Landis, Janet (friend of Lisa); Bob Black
– lung cancer; Priscilla Rice – lung cancer; Craig
friend of Bob Lawrence

Terry Kofroth for upcoming test for continued pain
Daryl Hawthorne – knee pain and other health issues
Craig & Nancy Hathaway
Peggy Burley regaining strength
Ray Carpenter – heart surgeries and broken femur
Ruthie Johnson for Health
Beth (Amy's friend) – recovery from back surgery
Garnett for health & balance issues
Garnett's daughter Kimberly Ann Wenger
Kathy, friend of Natalie, who had a stroke
Shelda Costello – healing from broken femur
Tom Boehm and Sheila Scriven – home and healing
Sandy Patschke – health and recovery from fall
Alex's (a friend of Bryan) grandmother in hospice
Buni Harbison – healing for rotator cuff surgery
Rich (Daryl's brother) recovering from a stroke
Jake Ruhl healing from infection
Allen Kennedy, healing from surgery
Amy Weaver, healing from surgery for masses in
both lungs
Vickie (friend of Natalie) healing after a heart attack
Wayne Dearolf's Uncle Bob Burkhardt, admitted to
hospital with mini strokes; Wayne's cousins & family
on the passing of Michael Dearolf on Feb 16
Dalton Hogan - Melodie & Wayne's 3-week-old
grandson, recovery from GI surgery
Randy Rineer-hernia surgery
Family & Friends of Dottie Sheaffer on her passing
Dixie & Denny recovering from falls

OUR PRAISES:

All who are healing from various surgeries
The season of Lent and learning deeper disciplines

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



Welcome

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February 22, 2026 at 10:30AM – 1st Sunday in Lent

WELCOME: We gather together to worship God: The Father, The Son, & the Holy Spirit. 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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jason & God's People

Today, we follow Jesus into a wilderness full of isolation, fatigue, hunger, thirst, and temptation.

We follow, trusting in God's mercy.

We witness Jesus resist the siren calls of sensationalism, notoriety, and misuse of power for selfish gain.

We recognize God's mercy at work in the face of temptation.

We notice the angels who tend Jesus, messengers of care in a harsh and lonely place.

We pay attention to God's merciful presence that did not abandon Jesus and does not abandon us now.

We come to the wilderness together, clinging to the truth that we are not alone—God is with us.

We gather to worship God, whose unfailing mercy journeys with us into the wildernesses of our lives.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

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

*HYMN

Take My Life, and Let It Be

UMH #399

CHILDREN'S TIME

Michelle Bame

*HYMN

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

UMH #128

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH #895

OUR OFFERINGS: OF PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

*HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

UMH #451

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 6:19-34

Daryl Hawthorne

This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Where is Your Treasure?

Pastor Jason

*HYMN

God Will Take Care of You

UMH #130

** 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: Melodie Dearolf will be in the office 11AM- 2PM Monday to Thursday. Submit info for the Faith-a-Gram and Bulletin by Wednesday 11AM. Melodie will be out of the office Feb 25. Pastor Jason will be on duty Sunday-Thursday (10AM-5PM) in addition to evening meetings, classes, choir, etc. His Sabbath is Friday until Sunday morning. *Please call ahead to ensure that we are available and not in a meeting.*

LENTEN SEASON: Lent began with the Ash Wednesday Service. This began a 40-day season (plus Sunday Celebrations) in preparation for Easter as we remember Jesus' 40 days of prayer and fasting in the wilderness. **Holy Week** will include a **Maundy Thursday Service on April 2 at 7PM at Oregon Community UMC**, two **Good Friday Services at Noon and 7PM**, an **Easter Sunrise Service on April 5 at 6:15AM at Oregon Community UMC's Pavilion**, two **Easter Sunday Services at 9AM at OCUMC and 10:30AM at Faith UMC.**

40 DAYS OF GIVING: During the 40 days of Lent, we are invited to grow closer to God through prayer, reflection and sacrifice. This year, we also invite you to join in by collecting food for those in need. If you are able to donate one item each day of Lent, together we can make a powerful difference in the lives of families in our community. Small acts of faithfulness, multiplied by many hands, become a great blessing. Let us walk this Lenten journey with hearts open to give and serve. There are lists of items to collect on the tables in the hallway.

NEW STUDY DURING ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9AM; *Outlive Your Life* by Max Lucado is new study, led by Michelle Bame. Rooted in Acts 1 and 2, this series explores the truth that God created each of us to make a meaningful difference. The study is planned as a four-week session, followed by time to discuss one or more service projects. Each gathering includes a short video and some light homework that we'll talk through the following week, so the full journey may run six to eight weeks. **Michelle has workbooks available.** It's inspiring to consider that we're not only invited but commissioned to leave the world better than we found it.

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 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. **Please sign up on the sheet in the hallway if you are willing to provide a meal. We will go to Gretna Glen on Sun., March 15th meeting at Faith UMC at 3:30PM and return by 7PM.**

OUR GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP meets **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. Contact Pastor Jason for more info and register at: <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.

SIGN UP SHEETS: There are several spaces where you can volunteer to support our ministries. You can **sign up in the hallway** to provide a **meal for youth**, help as a **greeter or usher**, **nursery & junior church helper**, serve on **altar guild** resetting the paraments in the front of the church, or providing **refreshments** on Communion Sunday.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help in nursery and junior church. We are on a rotation, based on our volunteers' availability. We provide lesson plans. For more info, contact Lisa at 717-615-6707 or lisa.baker2294@gmail.com.

CAR SHOW: We are tentatively planning a Car Show Fundraiser in August at Faith UMC. Charlie Parmer is leading this event. Our next planning meeting is **Thurs., April 9th at 6:30PM.** Contact Charlie at 717-665-6152 if you are interested in being a part of the planning team for this "fun"draiser event!

CHURCH RECORDS: We are currently updating our church records. Information cards are available on the information table outside the office. **If you are new here, we would love for you to fill one out so we can get to know you better. If you have been here, please fill one out with any updated info.** Please return completed cards to the office mailbox. **Photos will be updated or taken as needed.** Thank you for helping us stay connected!

BRIDGE OF HOPE: There will be a check-in meeting for the team **at 6PM on March 16 at Faith UMC.** Please pencil this in—and reach out to Diane Black to confirm your availability.

FINANCIAL UPDATE: In 2026, we will need an average of \$3,430/week in giving towards our General Ministry Fund and \$770 towards our Mortgage/Debt Reduction. As you consider what to give, we recommend ¾ of your offering being allocated to the General Ministry Fund and ¼ of your gifts to the Mortgage/Debt Reduction Fund. For example, if you give \$100 per week, we recommend \$75 to General Ministry and \$25 to Mortgage/Debt Reduction.

You can set up automatic gifts through your own bank, mail checks directly to the church, place an offering in the plate on a Sunday, or donate online by scanning the QR Code, clicking www.FaithUMC.US → “Online Giving” or go to <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z37Q/home>.



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*.

SALEM’S LITTLE FREE PANTRY: Place donations in the box at Faith. The pantry accepts canned goods (tuna, chicken, soup, vegetables, fruit), cereal, shelf stable milk, peanut butter, jelly, boxed macaroni & cheese, ramen noodles, rice, spaghetti sauce & pasta. Pantry is 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.

WEST DISTRICT TOOLS FOR MINISTRY 2026 on February 28, 2026 at Salem UMC: Manheim. \$10 registration. This is a training opportunity for laity and clergy. Sessions will provide innovative ideas on how to expand ministries beyond the church walls, prepare you for various leadership roles in the church, and offer networking opportunities. Light refreshments available. Pre-registration is encouraged, but walk-ins will be welcome. **Workshop list and registration at:** <https://www.epaumc.org/news/2026-tools-for-ministry/>.

LUMINA KIDS’ NIGHT MEALS on February 23, March 2 & 9. We still need volunteers for March 2 & 9. You can carpool to New Creation UMC, 10 W Farnum St., Lancaster or meet there by 6:45PM to serve the meal. *People have signed up to cover all the supplies—Thank You!!* There is a bin to drop off the non-perishables. Coordinate drop off of refrigerated food items with Marcia. Contact Marcia to volunteer at 717-799-5048.

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY is on Saturday, March 21 from 8-10:30AM. There will be Egg Hunts at 8:30, 9:30 & 10:30AM. There will also be a telling of the Easter Story at 9:15AM and 10:15AM.

THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. **Next meeting: March 19 at 5PM (3rd Thursdays).** Contact Renee Norman for info. **Join us by Zoom at:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82735304374?pwd=eDBSZHRCZVphSnh2TENDZ0xrdG0vQT09>.

THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE & BAIL REFORM TEAM Next meeting: **March 4 at Noon (every other Wednesday).** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVlXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>.

DO YOU HAVE ANY JEWELRY THAT YOU NO LONGER WEAR? Maybe some that is broken? Please give it to the jewelry room that we will have during the May yard sale. There is a table in the purple room to put it.

WORSHIP LEADERS for March 1st

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Buni Harbison

GREETERS: Jim & Buni Harbison

USHERS: Jim & Buni Harbison / Kathy Oberholtzer

LITURGIST: Terry Kofroth

CHILDREN’S TIME: Pastor Jason

JUNIOR CHURCH: Lisa Baker & Carol Kennedy

NURSERY: **Volunteer Needed**

YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason & Bryan Nelson

YOUTH GROUP MEAL: **Volunteer Needed**

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 meal will be March 2.** Contact Carol Kennedy to help. **We are looking for a volunteer or a pair of volunteers to take the lead on this ministry.**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, Feb. 22

“Diapers and Wipes” Baby Shower for Ortiz Family, Noon in Fellowship Hall.
Youth Group, 5-7PM

Monday, Feb 23

Grief Share, 5PM

Tuesday, Feb. 24

Bible Study with Kathy, 6PM

Wednesday, Feb 25

Pastor’s Bible Study, 10AM

Worship Team Practice, 6PM

Trustees Meeting, 6PM

Thursday, Feb 26

Tools for Ministry at Salem UMC, 8AM-Noon

Saturday, Feb. 28

Ladies Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30AM

Wednesday, March 4

Threads of Faith 10-12PM

Saturday, March 7

Youth to Gretna Glen, 3:30-7PM (last Gretna Glen Youth Night of the year)

Sunday, March 15

Bridge of Hope Check in Meeting, 6PM

Monday, March 16

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny 8-10:30AM & Egg Hunts 8:30, 9:30 & 10:30AM

Saturday, March 21

Maundy Thursday Service, 7PM at OCUMC

Thursday, April 2

Good Friday Services, Noon & 7PM

Friday, April 3

Sunrise Service, 6:15AM at OCUMC Pavilion

Sunday, April 5

Easter Services: 9AM at OCUMC & 10:30AM at Faith UMC

Thursday, April 9

Car Show Team Meeting 6:30PM

Sunday, April 19

Spaghetti Dinner from Noon-2PM (Eat-In or Take-Out) and 5-7PM (Take-Out)

ONGOING EVENTS:

Sundays

Adult Sunday School, 9AM - **Outlive Your Life** by Max Lucado

Worship, 10:30AM in the Sanctuary and Facebook Live

Junior Church during 10:30AM worship

Youth Group at Faith, 5-7PM (**March 15 at Gretna Glen from 3:30-7pm**)

Communion offered during worship service, followed by refreshments

Nar-Anon, 7:15-8:45PM at Faith UMC

Grief Share, 5PM in Adult Classroom

Bible2School, 10:20AM-Noon

Bible Study on Prayers and Psalms with Kathy, 6PM

Pastor’s Bible Study, 10AM at Faith UMC

Bible2School, 10:20AM-1:20PM

Worship Team Practice, 6:00PM

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

Oregon Community UMC Church Council, 6:30PM

Men’s Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30AM

Church and Society Team by Zoom, 5PM

Finance Team, 6PM

Trustees (on even months) // Church Council (on odd months), 6PM

Threads of Faith, 10AM

District Meeting of AI-Anon Leaders, 10-Noon

1st Sundays

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

Mondays

Tuesdays

Tuesdays

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Every Other Wednesday

1st Wednesdays

Thursdays

Thursdays

1st Thursdays

2nd Thursdays

3rd Thursdays

3rd Thursdays

3rd Thursdays

4th Thursdays

1st Saturdays

2nd Sat. (odd months)