

PRAYER REQUESTS:

OUR CONCERNS:

Bishop Moore-KoiKoi, DS Freymoyer & EPA
Staff as they lead us
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, Iran, 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
Eileen Williams – muscles
Terry Kofroth
Craig & Nancy Hathaway
Peggy Burley regaining strength
Beth (Amy's friend) – recovery from back surgery
Garnett for health & balance issues

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 & liver cancer; Priscilla Rice – lung
cancer; Craig friend of Bob Lawrence
Kathy, friend of Natalie, who had a stroke
Tom Boehm and Sheila Scriven – home and healing
Sandy Patschke – health and recovery from fall
Alex's (a friend of Bryan) grandmother in hospice
Vickie (friend of Natalie), strength after heart attack
Dixie & Denny recovering from falls & knee surgery
Kathie Rittenhouse recovery from surgery
Patte Lund, friend of Diana, multiple myeloma
Diana Valentine healing, hand surgery & back issues
Kathy Brandyberry healing from kidney stones
Melodie Dearolf back issues & pain
Marilyn Jones' daughter's significant other Larry
healing from liver cancer
Bob Black healing after surgery for liver cancer
Priscilla Rice complications from cancer
Kathy Oberholtzer daughter's friend Rob struggling
with bladder cancer
Natalie Statler friend lost his wife in accident
Chris Street's cousin Jan Kohlmoir in ICU
Becky Mowrey - inner ear surgery
Pastor Trevor Webster & Christiana UMC during this
transition as he comes to serve here July 1
For a new Pastor to be selected for Christiana UMC
Transition planning between churches
Toni living with a new family and continued healing
Jacob Ruhl hospitalized
Pastor Jason transition to Millersville UMC
Brittany's 11 yr old son Tanner who will be having a
full spinal fusion June 24.
Eastlake Community Church, in Moneta, VA (Gayle
Saunders hometown). 1 person passed away, 22
injured, 11 went to the hospital after a storm

OUR PRAISES:

All who are healing from various surgeries and
mental health treatments
*Please submit prayer needs, praises, & updates by
note or email to the office: faithumc@hotmail.com*



Welcome

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Faith United Methodist Church



June 21, 2026 at 10:30AM – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME: We are all welcomed into this sacred space by God revealed as Father Creator, the Living Word Incarnate as Jesus the Son, & the Holy Spirit that indwells all Creation. You are welcome to engage with us 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're 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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who have wandered far from home. Come, all who have remained nearby, yet found your hearts growing distant.

The mercy of God is greater than our wandering. The mercy of God is greater than our resentment.

God does not meet us with control, but with compassion. God does not wait for us to earn love but welcomes us with grace.

Like a father watching the road, God longs for reconciliation. We come to worship the God whose love never lets us go. Come, let us return to God, whose mercy comes before merit!

Written by The Rev. Peter Wolfgang

*HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

UMH #400

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 15:11–32 (The Prodigal Son)

Drew Hassara

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Michelle Bame

*HYMN

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

UMH #348

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

UMH #895

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

Pastor Peter

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hosea 11:1-9 (God's Compassion, Israel's Ingratitude)

Drew Hassara

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

SERMON

Mercy Before Merit

Pastor Peter

*HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

UMH #384

*CLOSING PRAYER & SENDING FORTH

Pastor Peter

Merciful God, we confess that we often confuse love with control. We try to manage people instead of understanding them. We seek to earn what can only be received as grace. We wander from you in rebellion, and we turn from others in resentment. Yet you remain faithful. When we run away, you watch for our return. When we harden our hearts, your mercy endures. When shame tells us we are unworthy, your love calls us home. Forgive us, restore us, and teach us to live as your children. Give us hearts that choose relationship over control, compassion over judgment, and mercy over merit. Help us to welcome those who have strayed from us in our own lives. Amen

** You are invited to stand in body or in Spirit*

Pianist: Jessica Maldonado AV Tech: Dennis Meck, Sr. Ministers: The People of God

GUEST PASTOR: We welcome The Rev. Peter Wolfgang to bring us the message today. He serves as Associate Pastor of Community UMC. He previously served as Senior Pastor of other vibrant community focused UMCs in Ohio. He is also a friend and fellow Trustee of Ross Street UMC with Pastor Jason. His partner Dyan and he work together on various projects seeking to follow Jesus in making the world a better and gentler place.

OFFICE COMMUNICATIONS: Melodie Dearolf will be in the office 11AM- 2PM Mon.-Thurs. Submit info for the Faith-a-Gram & Bulletin by Wed., 12PM.

PASTOR JASON WILL BE ON VACATION from June 18-28 in preparation for his transition to Millersville Community UMC. If you have pastoral care needs during that time, contact Melodie in the office during regular hours or Michelle Bame (717-537-5064). *They'll contact other local pastors or Pastor Jason as needed.*

THE REV. TREVOR WEBSTER WILL BEGIN SERVING FAITH UMC ON JULY 1. He anticipates his normal hours on duty will be Monday-Thursday, as well as Sundays. **PASTOR TREVOR AND HIS FAMILY WILL JOIN US FOR HIS FIRST SUNDAY, JULY 5,** at Faith and Oregon Community UMC. We encourage you to come out and meet your new pastor and to welcome him as he begins his ministry among us. ***There will be refreshments after the service. Communion is moved to July 12.***

SIGN UP SHEETS: 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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9AM with Michelle Bame in the Education Wing at Faith UMC.

NURSERY (1-3 years old) & **JUNIOR CHURCH** (4-years-old - 4th grade) are offered during the 10:30AM Worship Service. Please sign your child in on arrival & get a numbered badge. *The Nursery is available at 10:30AM. Junior Church students 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 back to the Sanctuary for Communion. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for these programs.** We provide lesson plans. For more info, contact Lisa at 717-615-6707 or lisa.baker2294@gmail.com.

YOUTH GROUP ON SUNDAYS, 5-7PM for 5th-12th graders. Each week there is dinner, games & a lesson. **Please sign up on the sheet in the hallway to provide a meal. We are looking for additional adults to assist Bryan Nelson and Pastor Trevor with the ministry. Please sign up in the hallway to chaperone or bring a meal.**

FOOD TRUCKS: On the 4th Wednesday of each month from 4-7PM we will have a different food truck at Oregon Community UMC. Invite friends! Upcoming dates: **June 24 (Tri County Barbecue), July 22 (Pappy's BBQ), Aug 26, Sept 23 and Oct 28 (Chuck Wagon Grill).** **This is a great way to engage with our neighbors.**

SAVE THE DATES FOR UPCOMING OCUMC EVENTS:

- Monday, July 13 - Line Dancing with Nancy from 7-9PM. \$5 per person
- Sunday, July 26 – Sundae Sunday after Church to meet Pastor Trevor
- Saturday, August 22 – Back-To-School Bash w/ School Supplies and Fun Events for Families
- Saturday, September 12 – Community Day and Chicken BBQ
- Saturday, October 24 – Fall Festival
- Saturday, November 14 – Holiday Bazaar - Picture with Turkey, kid crafts, Santa letter writing, etc.

TUESDAY EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY from 6-7:30PM. Meet in the Parlor.

PASTOR'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY at 10AM on **WEDNESDAYS** in the Faith UMC Adult Classroom.

POST A REVIEW OF FAITH UMC to spread the word about your church. Many people seeking a church home look at websites & online reviews. You can post on your favorite review site or via Google: <https://g.page/r/CcgWhgsaiJaBEBM/review>.

ONLINE WORSHIP is now available on YouTube.com instead of Facebook at @FaithUMCLititz and via our website under Online Worship. We are not broadcasting to Facebook any longer—although a link is there.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOVE AND SUPPORT: *We are so grateful for the last 15 years serving Faith UMC and for you inviting us to be a part of your lives. We have loved serving alongside you in so many ministries and walking with you in times of joy and struggle. Thank you for the celebration on Sunday—and so many kind words, gifts, and tokens of your love. We could not have asked for a better church family. – Pastor Jason and Julie*

NEW DIRECTORIES: We are updating our church directory by **July 5** to help our new pastoral family and all who are new to Faith UMC. Fill out an “Info Update” form found in the red pads and hallway. **We will take pictures on June 21 & 28.** You may also submit a printed picture to the office or email a digital copy.

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING: Everyone who works with children and other vulnerable people through the ministries of our church **must ANNUALLY complete training to identify and report abuse as a Mandatory Reporter.** There is an online training that is available: <https://www.reportabusepa.pitt.edu/>. We need a certificate of completion to be turned into the church office by the end of June and clearances updated within the last 5 years.

ROCK AND ROLL YOUR WAY INTO ADULT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL every Friday, July 17-Aug 7, 11AM -2PM (ages 50 and older). We will have Bible devotions inspired by Beatles songs, such as *All You Need Is Love*—plus a light lunch, fellowship, games, a craft, and maybe even a little singing! Come share in faith, fun, and friendship. We look forward to seeing you there! Sign-up sheet in hallway or by calling the church office at (717) 560-0321 to reserve your seat, space is limited. See Michelle or Buni to help run the program.

GERMAN MADE CAR SHOW AT FAITH UMC on Sat., Aug. 8, 9AM-2PM (*Rain or Shine*). It will include German cars on display, plus food trucks and music. Cars will compete for awards. \$20 to show your car (register by Aug. 1) or \$25 the day of the show. **Registration and payment links are posted at FaithUMC.US under Events.** Contact Charlie at 717-665-6152, Melodie in the office, or use the sign-up sheet in the hallway to volunteer.

WEST DISTRICT DAY AT GREтна GLEN CAMP on Sat., Aug. 29, 10:30AM-3PM. Our West District UMC community will gather for fun, fellowship and food for ALL AGES. Laity & clergy from the West District are welcome! Come when you can, leave when you must. The address is 87 Old Mine Road, Lebanon, PA 17042. **Registration info to be announced. This is a free event, but donations to Retreat Scholarships are appreciated.**

SALEM’S LITTLE FREE PANTRY 26 Owl Hill Rd Lititz: Place donations in the box at Faith. They accept canned goods (tuna, chicken, soup, vegetables, fruit), cereal, shelf stable milk, peanut butter, jelly, boxed macaroni & cheese, ramen noodles, rice, spaghetti sauce & pasta.

LONG MEMORIAL PROVIDES FREE GROCERIES every Friday Night at 6pm. *Volunteers Needed.*

GRAB ‘N GO COMMUNITY MEAL at Zion Lutheran Church in East Petersburg every Monday for those in need. Faith UMC provides sixty meals quarterly. **Our next meal will be Sept 1st.** Contact Carol Kennedy to help. **We are looking for a volunteer or a pair of volunteers to take the lead on this ministry.**

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.

JOIN “EXERCISE IN LOVE” Tuesdays & Thursdays at 2:15 p.m. in the Library at *Long Memorial UMC.* Everyone can benefit from this fitness program. Contact Sara Stokes at 717-492-4363 for more info.

FINANCIAL UPDATE: As of April 30, we have received gifts of \$64,327 and incurred \$72,998 in expenses. Our Checking Account = \$27,453.55 and Mortgage/Debt Reduction Account = \$2,671. We have almost \$67,785 saved in other restricted funds. Our current debt on our mortgage is approx. \$383,000.

To meet our Budget, we need an average of \$3,430/week towards our General Ministry Fund and \$770/week towards our Mortgage / Debt Reduction through 2026. 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.

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 or through Online Giving at: www.FaithUMC.US



WORSHIP LEADERS for June 28, 2026

GREETERS: Wayne & Melodie Dearolf USHERS: **2 Volunteers Needed**

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Buni Harbison LITURGIST: Michelle Bame CHILDREN’S TIME: Michelle Bame

JUNIOR CHURCH: Lisa Baker & Allen Kennedy NURSERY: Gwen Newell

YOUTH GROUP: Bryan Nelson & Lisa Baker **Need 1 more Volunteer**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, June 21

Rev. Peter Wolfgang Preaches, 10:30AM in the Sanctuary and online on YouTube Junior Church during 10:30AM worship // NO Youth Group - due to Father’s Day

Women’s Bible Study 6PM

Pastors Bible Study in the Adult Classroom, 10AM with John Rice teaching

Worship Team 6PM

Tri County Barbecue Food Truck at OCUMC, 4-7PM

Trustee’s Meeting, 6PM

Pastor Rick Rimert Preaches, 10:30AM in the Sanctuary and online on YouTube Junior Church during 10:30AM worship

Youth Group, 5-7PM

Pastors Bible Study in the Adult Classroom with John Rice, 10AM

Ladies’ Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30AM

Worship Team, 6PM

SPRC Meeting, 6PM

NO Threads of Faith, Happy 4th of July!

Welcome the Rev. Trevor Webster on his first Sunday at Faith UMC, refreshments after the service. Communion moved to Sunday, July 12

NO Youth Group due to Independence Day Weekend

Line Dancing with Nancy at Oregon Community UMC, 7-9PM. \$5 per person

Finance Meeting, 6PM (rescheduled from June 18)

Adult VBS, 11AM-2PM: Lunch provided. 4 weeks of learning & fun

Pappy’s BBQ Food Truck at OCUMC, 4-7PM

West District Day at Gretna Glen, 10:30 AM-3:00 PM

ONGOING EVENTS:

Sundays

Adult Sunday School, 9AM

Worship, 10:30AM in the Sanctuary and YouTube Live (Communion on 1st Sundays)

Junior Church during 10:30AM worship

Youth Group at Faith, 5-7PM

Communion offered during worship service, followed by refreshments (**July 12 is next**)

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

Women’s Bible Study in Parlor, 6-7:30PM

Pastor’s Bible Study in the Adult Classroom, 10AM

Worship Team Practice, 6:00PM

Ladies’ 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 (*no meetings over the summer*)

Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC), 6PM

Oregon Community UMC Church Council, 6:30PM

Men’s Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30AM

Finance Team, (even months), 6PM (**June meeting moved to July 16**)

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

Threads of Faith, 10AM (**July 4 meeting cancelled**)

District Meeting of Al-Anon Leaders, 10-Noon

1st Sundays

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

Tuesdays

Wednesdays

Wednesdays

1st Wednesdays

Thursdays

Thursdays

1st Thursdays

2nd Thursdays

3rd Thursdays

3rd Thursdays

4th Thursdays

1st Saturdays

2nd Sat. (odd months)