

PRAYER REQUESTS:

OUR CONCERNS:

Wisdom & safety for government officials globally
President Joe Biden and VP Kamala Harris
Veterans and Service Members
Civilians, leaders, and soldiers in war torn regions
For peace & wisdom in areas of conflict
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
Healing & peace for divisions caused by race, class, gender, sexuality, politics & fears
All affected by natural disasters, esp. Syria & Turkey
Stewardship of our environment & climate
Eradication of deadly diseases—incl. COVID-19
Refugees & huddled masses yearning to be free
Security and immigration reform
People who are hungry and unhoused
Prisoners, Prison Leadership & Judges
Cash Bail and Prison Reform
Schools, education and foster care reform
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
Bishop Schol, DS Freymoyer & EPAUMC Staff
Laity and Clergy of the UMC
The UMC, Conference Delegates and Bishops as we find our way forward in the Holy Spirit
Rev. Dorcas, her eyes & ministries in Sierra Leone
Udobo School in Durban, South Africa
Campus Ministries
Dottie Sheaffer – healing for back & eyes
Eileen Williams – muscles
Bradley McGowan – ALS
Linda Philbin – motor neuropathy
Rosemary (Marilyn Jones' sister) – healing
Michelle Rathvon Mitterer – healing from strokes
Chuck Flory – ALS
Annette McClarigan – health, sons & family
Jean Neideigh – healing (MS)
Gene Onest – health issues
Don Campbell – health
Terry Kofroth – healing
Angela, Maria and Becky – to be healthy & thrive
Izabel, Oaklee, Carson, Matthew & their parents

Those with cancer: Cyndi Campbell, Dean Grove, Mark Reitzel, Kerry Link and her father-in-law, Joe, John Rathvon, Duane Lehman, Lori, Barb Royer, Linda Mutzel, Sophia Serio, Ruthie, Martin Campbell, Ben Neideigh, Harmony Chiccarine, Grandma Edwards, etc.
Ed Kelly (Mike Bitner's Son-in-Law) – healing after removal of brain tumor
Kuzmenko family – health and transitions
Sarah Kumzenko – Migraines
Ukrainian people and their nation
Margie Urban – health & healing from infection
Noah Boughter, Sophia and family
Heather Lindsey
Theo Wenger – healing for kidneys
Jake Ruhl – hip pain
Jo Ann Steinmetz – healing
Megan and Josh – Jackie Black's grandkids
Shirley Gehr – healing
Denise Herr (Steph Edward's mom) - healing
The Jackson Family
Jay Byerly – healing
Jenita Beth Perkowski – testing and healing
Robert T. Perkowski – healing
Kay Newcomer – healing & peace
Robyn Meckley – healing
Jim Harbison – chronic pain and recovery
Veronica Eckman – housing
Children – to know they are not alone in struggles
Darius
Alan Price – Buni's father's health
Buni Harbison – healing from hip surgery
Daryl Hawthorne – healing from hip surgery
Jeff Johns & family – healing for mom
Linda Weber - healing
Bobbi Ann Stone – healing after knee surgery
Tiffany & those caring for her
Evelyn (Janet Charles' aunt) – healing & Carl, her son who cares for her
Terry Urban & family – housing problems

OUR PRAISES:

Successful Bible2School Program for 2nd-4th graders
God's presence through illness, struggle & loss
Grace and forgiveness from God
Veronica Eckman – answered prayers for finances

Please submit prayer requests (& updates) by note or email to the office: faithumc@hotmail.com



Welcome

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Faith United Methodist Church



April 30, 2023 at 10:30 AM – 4th Sunday of Easter

WELCOME: We come together to worship God. Today we remember and testify to the resurrection of Jesus, God's Son and our Messiah. He chose to come and live among us, willingly died on the cross for us, and then rose from the dead to redeem our souls. The Father has seated the Son at His Right Hand and sent the Holy Spirit to minister to us powerfully. You are welcome in this sacred space in the presence of the Holy and Loving God no matter who you are; from where you have come; what experiences, struggles or gifts you bring; or the questions, doubts & beliefs you carry. Together, we seek to learn and live out our Faith. 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 & Pastor Jason**

A TIME FOR CENTERING & PRAYER **Pastor Jason**

***HYMN** **UMH #334**
Sweet, Sweet Spirit

***CALL TO WORSHIP** **Pastor Jason & God's People**

The GREAT FATHER above a SHEPHERD CHIEF is. **I am His and with Him I want not.**

He throws out to me a rope, and the name of the rope is love and He draws me to where the grass is green **and the water is not dangerous, and I eat and lie down and am satisfied.**

Sometimes my heart is very weak and falls down but He lifts me up again and draws me into a good road.

His name is WONDERFUL.

Some time, it may be very soon, it may be a long, long time, He will draw me into a valley.

It is dark there, but I'll be afraid not, for it is between those mountains that the SHEPHERD CHIEF will meet me and the hunger that I have in my heart all through life will be satisfied.

Sometimes he makes the love rope into a whip, **but afterwards, He gives a staff to lean upon.**

He spreads a table before me with all kinds of foods. **He puts His hand upon my head and all the "tired" is gone.** My cup he fills till it runs over. **What I tell is true. I lie not.**

These roads that are "away ahead" will stay with me through this life and after.

Afterwards, I will go to live in the Big Teepee and sit down with the SHEPHERD CHIEF forever. Amen.

Adapted from "A Native American Interpretation of the 23rd Psalm," <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/a-native-american-interpretation-of-the-23rd-psalm>. This interpretation of Psalm 23 was taken down by Isabel Crawford, a late nineteenth-century Baptist missionary to the Kiowa Indians in Oklahoma.

***HYMN** **MSFPW #26**
The Power of Your Love

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Tim Patschke**
Acts 2:42-47
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

***HYMN** **UMH #557**
Blest Be the Tie That Binds

CHILDREN'S TIME **Michelle Bame**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Tim Patschke**
Psalm 23
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

***HYMN** **UMH #128 v. 1-3**
He Leadeth Me

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

***Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Pastor Jason
UMH #95

***Offertory Prayer**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Peter 2:19-25

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

Tim Patschke

***HYMN**

Be Still My Soul

UMH #534

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Pastor Jason

THE LORD'S PRAYER & BLESSING OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS

UMH #895

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 10:1-10

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

Tim Patschke

SERMON

Guardian of the Soul

Pastor Jason

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

***HYMN**

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

UMH #381

*** You are invited to stand**

Worship Musicians: Jody & Anthony Wiker **AV Tech:** Dennis Meck, Sr.

Pastor: The Rev. Jason Perkowski **Ministers:** The People of God

WORSHIP SERVICES ARE ALSO BROADCAST on Facebook & our website.

OFFICE COMMUNICATION: Hours vary. Carol Kennedy, Office Admin, checks messages in the office on weekdays. Pastor Jason is with family from Noon Friday until Sunday & may not respond to non-emergencies then.

MEMBERSHIP: If you are interested in learning more about the UMC and our local churches, and are considering becoming a member, we invite you to contact Pastor Jason for info to join in a new membership class on **Sunday, April 30, May 7 & 14 at noon.** *We will meet in the first classroom in the Education Wing.*

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL at 9:00 AM led by Michelle Bame meets in the 1st classroom in the Education Wing.

JUNIOR CHURCH for children age 3 years - 4th grade **during the 10:30AM Worship Service.** **Please sign your child in before the service and get a badge** with matching numbers. Children are dismissed to Jr. Church after the Children's Message. **After worship, pick up kids in the Education Wing, 3rd classroom on the right.** *(Adults willing to be part of a teaching rotation for Junior Church should contact the office or Pastor Jason).*

YOUTH GROUP, SUNDAYS, 5-7 PM at Faith UMC for 5th-12th graders. Sign up in the hall to be the 2nd adult and/or to provide a meal. Contact Pastor Jason for more info.

CONFIRMATION CLASS for Youth at Faith UMC, 7:30-9 PM every other Monday. **Meetings: May 1 & 15.**

GRIEFSHARE GROUP to help people find support and process the loss of loved ones meets every other Monday from 5-6 PM at Faith UMC. **Next Meetings: May 1 & 15.**

CHATTING VIA ZOOM on Mondays at 6:30 PM: This member-led, discussion group meets online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518?pwd=cEVDeDljeThaaWVlYjIjQWmZjTm5oUT09>.

BIBLE STUDY on WEDNESDAYS at 6:30 PM led by Mike at Oregon Community UMC.

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY at 10AM in Faith UMC Fellowship Hall: We explore the scriptures for the upcoming sermon. You can prepare by exploring the scriptures printed in the bulletin and Faith-a-Gram.

THE FINANCE TEAM IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS to serve as Treasurer (sign checks, prepare budget, monitor income & expenses, report to Finance Team) and/or a person to serve as the Tax Form Preparer. Please let Pastor Jason, Gwen Newell, or Jim Harbison know if you are willing to serve.

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.**

THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM of Faith & Oregon Community UMCs are exploring how we can engage in improving our community by standing up against injustice and the forces of wickedness. If interested in learning more, contact Pastor Jason or Renee Norman. **Our next meeting is May 4 at 5:30PM at Faith UMC.** If you are interested in learning more about **Bail Reform**, feel free to join the weekly **Wednesday Zoom Session at Noon:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZiZGQ0LzBOeVlVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>

MEDICINE BOTTLE PROJECT: We collect empty prescription pill bottles for clinics overseas to package medications. **Remove labels & residue.** The collection basket is under a table as you enter the Sanctuary.

FINANCE UPDATE: Thank you for your gifts that support our ministries locally and throughout the world. **Please consider if you are able to make gift** to support our shared ministries. Gifts can be directed to **General Ministry and the Debt Reduction / Building Fund.** Mark preferences in the memo line or on an envelope. You can set up recurring gifts through your own financial institution or at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z37Q/home>. There is a link at FaithUMC.us or via the **QR Code.** You can also **mail a check** or **place an offering in the plate.** **We are also able to receive gifts from various sources: Required Minimum Distributions** from tax deferred **Retirement Accounts** (of those over 73 years of age), **Stocks, Bonds, Investments, Foundations, IRAs etc.** Note: Any distribution from a self-directed IRA to a charity is not considered taxable income (regardless of age).



SAVE THE DATE!! FAITH COMMUNITY DAY & CHICKEN BBQ IS SATURDAY, MAY 13. Chicken BBQ, sides, baked goods, yard sale, and book sale. \$8.00 for a half chicken or \$10.00 for a meal deal (includes 2 sides and a drink). We will have activities for the kids (parent-monitored). Eat some good food, pick up a couple of books, and support our youth! Signup sheets are in the hall. **You may donate yard sale items or books.**

NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE: Join us and our neighbors from Wetherburn North for a neighborhood yard sale on **MAY 27 FROM 7AM – 1PM. Space rentals at Faith UMC are available** by calling 717-696-5321 or visiting our website at www.FaithUMC.us to sign up online. Stop by for food and baked goods while you shop.

THE 2023 EASTERN PA ANNUAL CONFERENCE will meet **May 18-20 All who were previously elected as Lay Delegates (and Equalizing Lay Delegates) in the prior Quadrennium are still serving in this capacity through 2024 since we have not had a new General Conference.** Please register at [2023 Annual Conference | Eastern PA Conference of the UMC \(epaumc.org\)](http://2023 Annual Conference | Eastern PA Conference of the UMC (epaumc.org)).

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT FAITH UMC: JULY 24–28, 6-8 PM. We are excited to invite you to a **Food Truck Party!** Students (ages 4 – 10) and volunteers may register at faithumclititz.mycokesburyvbs.com. There is also a signup sheet for volunteers in the hall or contact VBS Director, Carol Kennedy. *VBS crafts are looking for clean plastic icing containers, with lids, for our kids crafts. If you have any questions, please see Marilyn Jones or Buni.*

MANDATED REPORTER/SAFE SANCTUARIES TRAINING: You are required to attend this training **annually if you have any interaction with children or youth programs.** Please provide us with a certificate proving that you have done this training or plan to join us on **Thursday, June 1 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm for training led by Pastor Jason —for youth & adults.** If you are not able to attend that day and need to schedule a different time please let Pastor Jason know and we can explore options.

PRAYER SHAWLS AVAILABLE: Perhaps you or someone you know would appreciate the comfort of a prayer shawl or quilt. **Please help yourself to one from the rack in the hall** and sign the sheet attached to the rack. **You are invited to knit or crochet prayer shawls or to donate yarn for this ministry.** Each month we deliver prayer shawls and lap quilts to nursing homes, hospice centers, hospitals, etc. Thanks for your support!

SUMMER CAMP: REGISTER TO ATTEND A UMC CAMP THIS SUMMER—OR VOLUNTEER AS A COUNSELOR / SUPPORT STAFF. Visit <https://www.epaumc.org/ministry/camp-retreat> for more info or visit each camp's website. There is info in the hallway. **For financial support please contact our church office.**

SERVANT SATURDAY: On the first Saturday of each month, incl. **May 6**, show God's love to the people around you by finding a way to give of your time, talents and treasure. Use your imaginations to find ways to give by yourself or with others. **DOWNTOWN MINISTRY:** We also provide meals & personal care items for people who are unhoused in Lancaster City on Servant Saturdays. **Meet at 2pm to cook a hot meal** at Faith UMC, and then **go downtown to deliver it.** To help, contact Diana at 717-283-6099.

ONGOING EVENTS:

Sundays

Adult Sunday School, 9:00 AM
Worship, 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary and Facebook Live
Junior Church during 10:30 AM worship
Youth Group at Faith, 5-7 PM.

1st Sundays

Mondays

Communion is offered during worship service, 10:30AM
GriefShare Group - Every other Monday from 5:00-6:00 PM at Faith UMC
Chatting Club via Zoom, 6:30 PM
Confirmation Class - Every other Monday from 7:30-9:00 PM at Faith UMC
Worship Team Practice, 6:30 PM

Wednesdays

Thursdays

Fridays

1st & 3rd Saturdays

1st Saturdays

Bible Study at Oregon Community UMC, 6:30-7:30 PM
Wing and a Prayer AA Meeting in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM
Bible Study led by Pastor Jason, 10:00 AM
Faith UMC works with IMPACT! Missions – Contact Leon Bame to help
Servant Saturday & Downtown Food Ministry, 2PM

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, Apr 30

New Members Class begins, Noon (also May 7 & 14)
Assemble Care Packages for Millersville Students, 5:00 PM

Monday, May 1

GriefShare Group, 5:00 to 6:00 PM
Chatting Club via Zoom, 6:30 PM
Confirmation Class, 7:30-9:00 PM

Wednesday, May 3

Thursday, May 4

Saturday, May 6

Sunday, May 7

Tuesday, May 9

Wednesday, May 10

Thursday, May 11

Saturday, May 13

Tuesday, May 16

Th – Sat, May 18 – 20

Saturday, May 20

Sunday, May 21

Thursday, May 25

Saturday, May 27

Ladies' Lunch at Oregon Dairy - RSVP to Sandy Patschke
Church & Society Team meeting at Faith UMC, 5:30 PM
Servant Saturday/Deliver food & personal items to unhoused folks downtown, 2 PM
District Conference at West Willow UMC, 1:30 PM
Pre-Annual Conference Special Session via Zoom, 3:00 PM
Pre-Annual Conference Special Session via Zoom, 7:00 PM
Finance Team meeting, 6:00 PM
Faith Day Chicken BBQ, Games, Book Sale & Yard Sale
Primary Election, Faith UMC is a polling place
Annual Conference at Philadelphia Expo Center at the Oaks, in Oaks, PA
Pastor Jason Ordination at Philadelphia Expo Center at the Oaks, 10:30 AM
Confirmation of Youth into full membership, 10:30 AM Worship Service
Church Council meeting, 6:00PM
Neighborhood Yard Sale – Space rentals & food available, 7 AM-1 PM

WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, May 7 are:

WORSHIP MUSIC: Jody & Anthony Wiker and the Faith Singers

GREETERS: Daryl Hawthorne & Terry Kofroth

USHERS: Jake Ruhl & Terry Kofroth

LITURGIST: Michelle Bame

CHILDREN'S TIME: Amy Boughter

JUNIOR CHURCH: Carol Kennedy & Julie Perkowski

YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason & *volunteer needed*