

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

### OUR CONCERNS:

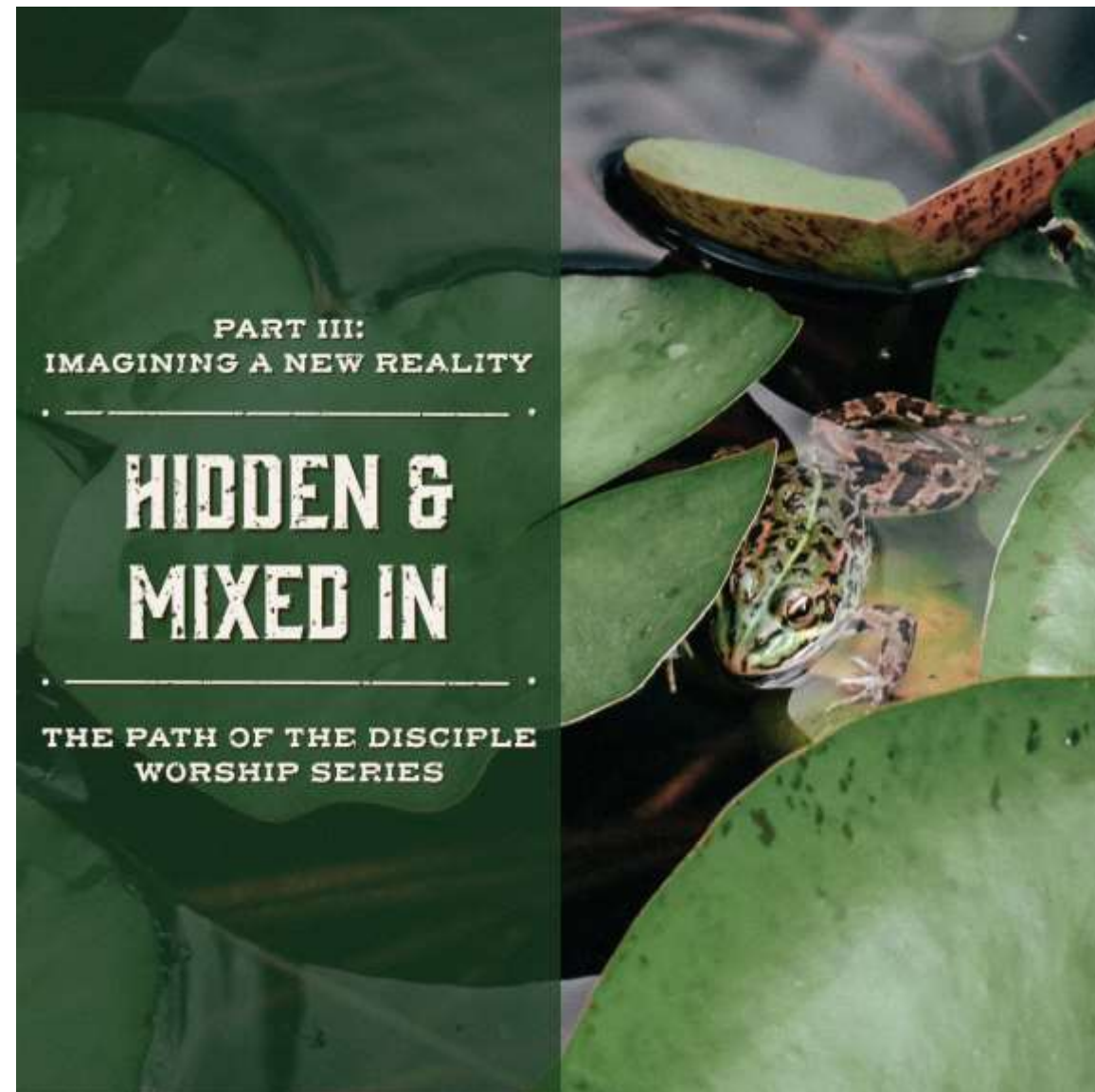
Wisdom & safety for government officials globally  
President Joe Biden and VP Kamala Harris  
Veterans and Service Members  
Civilians, leaders, and soldiers in war torn regions  
For peace & wisdom in areas of conflict  
Police officers and their families  
Folks harmed in interactions with police  
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  
Refugees & huddled masses yearning to be free  
Security and immigration reform  
People who are hungry and unhoused  
Prisoners, Prison Leadership & Judges  
Education Funding, 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

Those with cancer: Cyndi Campbell, Dean Grove,  
Mark Reitzel, Kerry Link, John Rathvon, Duane  
Lehman, Lori, Linda Mutzel, Sophia Serio,  
Ruthie, Martin Campbell, Ben Neideigh,  
Harmony Chiccarine, Grandma Edwards, Nat,  
Tina Miller, Carl Derr, etc.

Sarah Kuzmenko – Migraines  
Ukrainian people and their nation  
Margie Urban – health  
Noah Boughter, Sophia and family  
Heather Lindsey  
Theo Wenger – healing for kidneys  
Jake Ruhl – hip pain  
Jo Ann Steinmetz – healing  
Shirley Gehr – healing  
The Jackson Family  
Robert T. Perkowski – healing  
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  
Jeff Johns & family – healing for mom  
Linda Weber - healing  
Bobbi Ann Stone – healing  
Tiffany & those caring for her  
Evelyn (Janet Charles' aunt) – healing & Carl, her  
son who cares for her  
Terry & Margie Urban & family – housing problems  
Downtown Ministry to continue in a new form  
Michael Herr (Steph Edward's dad) – medical tests  
Craig Muir – healing after surgery  
Ron Lunn – healing  
Marilyn Onest – healing after surgery  
Jim Royer – healing  
Jeff Johnson – healing after heart attack  
Carl Derr – healing after surgery  
Shannon Edwards – healing after truck wreck  
Janet and Beverly Charles – travel to Europe  
Kerry & Tim Link – on the passing of Tim's father

### OUR PRAISES:

God's presence through illness, struggle & loss  
Grace and forgiveness from God  
Good friends that offer prayers  
*Please submit prayer requests (& updates) by note or  
email to the office: [faithumc@hotmail.com](mailto:faithumc@hotmail.com)*



## Welcome

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# Faith United Methodist Church



July 30, 2023 at 10:30 AM – 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**W**ELCOME: We come together to worship the triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit who created, redeem and restore all things. 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

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jason & God's People

We come to worship the Triune God who creates, redeems, and sustains us all.

**We come to worship God who never leaves us and yet whose purposes often seem hidden.**

As the bulb hides the flower, as the seed hides the tree, as the cocoon hides the butterfly, so too does God bring forth life even when we cannot see it.

**We gather today to learn how to watch, wait, and anticipate the season when God's unrevealed work will come into the open.**

As silence gives way to song, as night gives way to dawn, as the past flows through the present into the future, so too does God tirelessly persist in bringing about the abundant life of the kingdom of heaven.

**We gather today to learn how to join in God's dance as partners who prepare for the season when God's unrevealed work comes into the open.**

As our end meets our beginning, as our time meets infinity, as our doubt meets our believing, so too does God meet our brokenness with persevering love, unfolding a new reality of flourishing for all creation.

**We gather today to learn how to love as God loves so that we may be part of bringing God's unrevealed work into the open. Amen.**

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, January 2023.*

*Inspired by Natalie Sleet, "Hymn of Promise" (Nashville: United Methodist Publishing House, 1989), 707.*

### \*HYMN

Hymn of Promise

UMH #707

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 21:1-17

Terry Kofroth

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

### CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Jason

### VBS SONGS

Manna in the Morning  
Forever and Ever, Amen

On Screen

### 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

#### \*Offertory Prayer

### \*HYMN

Seek Ye First

UMH #405

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-48

Terry Kofroth

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

## SERMON

Hidden & Mixed In

Pastor Jason

## BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

### \*HYMN

Pass It On

UMH #572

\* You are invited to stand

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

**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.

**PASTOR JASON** is on vacation from Friday, Aug. 4 through Sunday, Aug. 13. For Pastoral Emergencies, contact Michelle Bame (717) 537-5064 or the Church Office (717) 560-0321. They'll contact the Pike's Mission Link Clergy.

**MEMBERSHIP CLASS:** 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.

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

**JUNIOR CHURCH** for children age 3 years through 4th grade **is taking a break for the summer & will resume in September.** Adults willing to be part of a teaching rotation for Junior Church in the fall should contact the office or Pastor Jason. Activity bags are hanging in the hall. Feel free to bring one into the sanctuary for use during the service and leave it in your seat when you leave so that we may replenish the supplies.

**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. **Students who completed 4<sup>th</sup> Grade can now attend.** Additional help is needed for Sunday evenings—especially while Pastor Jason is away. Please sign up in the hall.

**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: July 31 & August 14.**

**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>. **No meeting Aug 7.**

**FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY at 10AM in Faith UMC Fellowship Hall.**

**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.

**THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM IS HOSTING Letters to My Daughters,** a virtual monthly study companion that will examine the intersection of faith and advocacy as it relates to the social conditions of women and girls. Letters to My Daughters will explore models of advocacy informed by the lived experiences of the mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, cousins, and mentors who nurture us. This study is intended to serve as a guide for people of faith looking to integrate their prayer with their public witness. Letters to My Daughters will explore the spiritual, theological, and social components of what it means for people of faith to pursue gender justice. **This session will be hosted at Faith UMC by Renee Norman and Buni Harbison on Monday, August 7 at 7pm. Please arrive by 6:45pm** as this is a live viewing session. Contact Renee Norman for more information.

**"NO WAY HOME"** Film Screening at Community Mennonite Church, 328 W. Orange, Lancaster City on August 15 from 6-9pm. This film is about the impact of gun violence and the legal system through the story of a Philadelphia woman and her son. The Church and Society Team invite you to come out to learn more and engage in a conversation on this important topic. More info at <https://www.facebook.com/events/2281769052010289>



**OFFERINGS:** Thank you for your gifts that support our ministries. Gifts can be directed to **General Ministry and the Debt Reduction / Building Fund**. Mark preferences in the memo line & 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](https://www.faithumc.us) or via the **QR Code**. You can also **mail** 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.**



**THE FINANCE TEAM IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS** to be Treasurer (sign checks, prepare budget, monitor income & expenses, report to Finance Team) or a Tax Form Preparer. Contact the office to help.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Twenty-five children participated in a fun filled week of skits, Bible stories, games, music, crafts, and snacks. We learned how God provides our daily bread--and our other needs as well. Thank you to all our volunteers! **We are continuing the Food Drive through August if you would like to contribute.**

**CHURCH AND VBS FAMILY PICNIC: July 30 after worship. Everyone is invited!** The church will provide the food & beverages. No need to bring anything. We will be eating in the fellowship hall or you may take your food outside. Bring your lawn chairs and spend some time visiting & playing yard games.

**SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVEAWAY: JULY 30, 1:00 - 3:00 PM while supply lasts.** Faith UMC invites you to enter through the second set of glass doors. Then take a walk down the hall and select from spiral bound notebooks, binders, glue, pens, pencils, scissors, highlighters, and much more while supplies last. These supplies were donated by Walmart to benefit our local school students. Feel free to bring your lawn chairs and spend some time visiting & playing yard games as well. Please note that we will not be ready for the giveaway until 1PM. **Volunteers are needed to be in the Welcome Center to provide our guests with bags and instructions, also for setup on July 29.**

**REVIVAL MEETING SUNDAY EVENINGS, JULY 9 – AUGUST 16, 7:00 PM at The Grove** (2766 Newport Road, Manheim, PA) **hosted by Ruhl's UMC.** Join with us for an evening worship service followed by ice cream.

**LUMINA's COMMUNITY DAY CAMP** is Monday July 31 to Friday August 4 from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. **Volunteers are needed.** Free field trip to Going Bananas on Wednesday! Volunteer at: [myvbs.org/LUMINA23](https://myvbs.org/LUMINA23)

**LUMINA IS SEARCHING FOR A PART TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**, to enhance their exposure and ministries. They need strong computer and communication skills (bilingual in Spanish would be an asset), comfort with website and Facebook page management, and willingness to organize and prepare ministry materials. A driver's license and Safe Sanctuary clearances are required. This is NOT a remote position. Pay would start at \$13-14/hour depending on the candidate's experience, and may increase up to \$15/hour after 90 days, depending on the candidate's performance. Schedule will include at least two 4-hour days but not more than 20 hours weekly.

**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. **Volunteers needed.**

**FAITH UMC T-SHIRTS:** There is a signup sheet in the hall to determine how many people are interested in purchasing new shirts. This is not a commitment to getting one nor is it a guarantee of us being able to get them even if you do sign up. Please contact Diana Valentine with any questions. (717) 283-6099 Thank you.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP PROVIDE & SERVE REFRESHMENTS** on the first Sunday each month. There is a signup sheet in the hall. The goodies do not have to be homemade. See Diana Valentine for info.

**MEDICINE BOTTLE COLLECTION PROJECT.** We are once again sending empty prescription pill bottles to clinics in underprivileged countries that use them to provide medication. **Please remove all labels and sticky residue.** There is a collection basket under the table as you enter the Sanctuary.

**NECKTIES & T-SHIRTS NEEDED** for the crafts that we will have for sale at Breakfast with Santa next December. Place any **men's neckties** that you no longer want, in the box in the entryway. Place **T-shirts** in the box under the table in the hallway. They need to be clean with no paint, oils stains, or holes. Any questions, see Buni.

**COMMUNITY AID will donate \$.13 to Faith UMC for every pound of clothing, shoes, electronic, toys, & household goods (excluding furniture) donated** at their retail store located at 31 Rohrerstown Road, Lancaster. The donation center entrance is on Good Drive and is open Monday – Saturday 9am – 6 pm. **Our partner number is 10221.** Make sure to tell the staff to credit your donations to a Nonprofit Partner - Faith United Methodist Church. It is helpful to tape a note with our partner number to the outside of the bag or place it inside each bag.

**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.

#### 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 – *taking a break for the summer*  
Youth Group at Faith, 5-7 PM

##### **1st Sundays Mondays**

Communion offered during worship service, followed by refreshments (**Except August**)  
GriefShare Group - Every other Monday from 5:00-6:00 PM at Faith UMC  
Chatting Club via Zoom, 6:30 PM **No meeting August 7**

##### **Tuesdays**

Nar-Anon meeting - Every other Tuesday from 7:00-9:00 PM at Faith UMC  
Worship Team Practice, 6:30 PM

##### **Wednesdays**

Wing and a Prayer AA Meeting in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM

##### **Thursdays**

Bible Study led by Pastor Jason, 10:00 AM

##### **Fridays**

##### **1st & 3rd Saturdays**

Faith UMC works with IMPACT! Missions – Contact Leon Bame to help

##### **1st Saturdays**

Servant Saturday

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

##### **Saturday, July 29**

**Set up for Picnic & School Supply Giveaway, 4:00 PM**

##### **Sunday, July 30**

**Church & VBS family picnic, Noon**  
**School Supply Giveaway, 1-3PM (while supplies last)**  
**Youth Group, 5-7PM**

Revival Meeting at The Grove, 7:00 PM

##### **Monday, July 31**

GriefShare Group - Every other Monday from 5:00 to 6:00 PM  
Chatting Club via Zoom, 6:30 PM

##### **Wednesday, August 2**

Ladies' Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30 AM – RSVP to Sandy Patschke

##### **Thursday, August 3**

SPRC meeting, 6:00 PM

##### **Saturday, August 5**

Faith UMC Parking Lot in use, 12:30 PM to 5:00 PM

##### **Monday, August 7**

**Letters to My Daughters**, a virtual monthly study in the Fellowship Hall, 7:00 PM

##### **Tuesday, August 8**

Nar-Anon meeting in the Fellowship Hall, 7:00 -9:00 PM

##### **Thursday, August 10**

Finance Team meeting, 6:00 PM

##### **Sunday, August 13**

SMO (Shepherding, Missions, & Outreach) meeting, 11:45 AM

##### **Thursday, August 17**

Senior Men's Lunch, 11:30 AM

Church & Society Team meeting, 5:30 PM

##### **Sunday, August 20**

**Spaghetti Dinner, 5:00 – 7:00 PM**

##### **Thursday, August 24**

**Church Council meeting, 6:00 PM**

##### **Saturday, August 26**

**Visioning meeting, 8:00 – 11:30 AM**

#### WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, August 6 are:

GUEST PREACHER: Joseph Sollenberger

GREETERS/USHERS: Donna Arnold & Leon Bame

LITURGIST: Lisa Baker

CHILDREN'S TIME: Amy Boughter

JUNIOR CHURCH: *Will resume in September*

YOUTH GROUP: Michelle Bame & Carol Kennedy