

PRAYER REQUESTS:

OUR CONCERNS:

Peace in Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine
For peace & wisdom in areas of conflict
Wisdom & safety for government officials globally
President Joe Biden and VP Kamala Harris
Healthy and gentle campaigns and election process
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
Healing & peace for divisions caused by race,
class, gender, sexuality, politics & fears
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
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
Udobo School in Durban, South Africa
Campus Ministries
Dottie Sheaffer – healing for back & eyes
Eileen Williams – muscles
Bradley McGowan – ALS
Linda Philbin – motor neuropathy & healing
Rosemary (Marilyn Jones' sister) – healing
Chuck Flory – ALS
Annette McClarigan – health, sons & family
Jean Neideigh – healing (MS)
Angela, Maria and Becky – to be healthy & thrive
Children – to know they are not alone in struggles
Noah Boughter, Sophie and family
Heather Lindsey
Theo Wenger – healing for kidneys
Jake Ruhl – hip and shoulder pain

Those with cancer: Cyndi Campbell, Dean Grove,
Mark Reitzel, Kerry Link, Duane Lehman, Lori,
Ruthie, Martin Campbell, Ben Neideigh,
Harmony Chiccarine, Grandma Edwards, Nat,
Tina Miller, Carl Derr, Dorcas Kamanda,
Cynthia (from NJ), Jim Royer, Adam Malik,
Carol Bryner (Allen K's sister), Joan (Nancy's
sister-in-law), Benedicta Fair (Romanita's Aunt)

Shirley Gehr – healing
The Jackson Family
Robyn Meckley – healing
Linda Weber - healing
Terry & Margie Urban & family – housing & health
Michael Herr (Steph Edward's dad) – medical tests
Dave Fisher – car accident
Sandy Patschke – healing after a fall & back
Principal Rilatt, his family and his recovery
Terry Kofroth – healing and back surgery
Rev. Dorcas – eyes, cancer surgery, & Sierra Leone
Gail's cancer-friend of Sandy
Ruthie & Gary with Dementia – friends of Amy
Brenda, Dave and Mike Loechner – health
Bob Perkowski – shoulder & neurosurgery on back
Renia Perkowski – healing after surgery for back
George (Ella Buchanan's brother) – health
Jason & Julie Perkowski & their 3 foster boys
Kim – home was broken into and is afraid
Tracey – follow up reports on a tumor
Deb Stauffer – healing from pneumonia
Diana Valentine – bone infection in foot
Bev Charles – Diabetes
Kevin Bodder – healing from work accident
Carol Dronke – upcoming surgery
David Williams – flu
Tom Chapman – Gastritis
Family of Betty Bolger on her passing
The Hackman Family

OUR PRAISES:

Approval from Conference Loan Board to refinance
Priscilla – successful defibrillator replacement
Healing of Baby Bentley & Maleek
Love and support of Faith UMC Family
God's faithful love that is new every morning
God's presence through illness, struggle & loss
Beauty of nature & sunshine
The Promise of Heaven
God is in control & walks with us through everything
*Please submit prayer needs, praises, & updates by
note or email to the office: faithumc@hotmail.com*

WEEK 4 // AMONG YOUR OWN PEOPLE



BECOMING THE PEOPLE OF GOD WORSHIP SERIES

Welcome

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January 28, 2024 at 10:30 AM – 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

WELCOME: We gather together to worship the God who calls us—who spoke everything into creation, who spoke from the mountain tops and the burning bush, who spoke through the law and the prophets, who speaks into our spirit as the Holy Spirit, and who is the Word made flesh. So, you are welcome 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. Together, we listen to hear God speak to us anew as individuals and as community.

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jason & God's People

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart in the company of the upright in the congregation. **Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.**

The works of God's hands are faithful and just; all God's precepts are trustworthy.

They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

God's works extend to you and me and the whole community as the Spirit nurtures gifts and graces in each of us. **Great are the works of the Lord, whose love and grace endures forever!**

God raises up some to be prophets to help us follow God's voice, yet all are called to lead by following.

We affirm the gifts of those who are called to be truth-tellers in our midst, helping us all to answer the call to be truth-doers. Great are the works of the Lord! Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, August 2023

*HYMN

I Surrender All

UMH #354 v. 1, 3, 4, 5

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Buni Harbison

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Michelle Bame

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

Pastor Jason

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

*Offertory Prayer

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 111

Buni Harbison

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

*HYMN

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

UMH #127

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Buni Harbison

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

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

UMH #895

*HYMN

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

UMH #404

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 1:21-28

Buni Harbison

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

SERMON

Among Your Own People

Pastor Jason

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

*HYMN

Lord, Speak to Me

UMH #463 v. 1, 3, 5

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

Pianist: Dolly Bankert **AV Tech:** Dennis Meck, Sr & Keagan Meck

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

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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL at 9:00 AM meets in the 1st classroom in the Ed. Wing.

JUNIOR CHURCH for 3-year-olds - 4th grade during the 10:30AM Worship Service. Please sign your child in before the service & get a numbered badge. 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.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS: Meet on Feb 11 at Noon. If you are interested in learning more about the UMC and our church, and are considering membership, contact Pastor Jason.

YOUTH GROUP ON SUNDAYS, 5-7 PM at Faith UMC for 5th-12th graders. Each week there are dinner, games & a lesson. Sign up to be the 2nd adult and/or to provide a meal. For more info or to help, please contact Pastor Jason. **No Youth Group on Feb 4 due to retreat. The next Gretna Glen trip is Feb 18 (3:30-7 PM).**

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: February 5 & 19.**

CHATTING on Mondays at 6:30 PM: This member-led, discussion group meets online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518?pwd=cEVDeDljeThaaWVIYjIjQWmZjTm5oUT09>.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY at Oregon Community UMC, 6:30 PM.

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

YOUTH WINTER RETREAT: On Feb. 2-4 the Youth will go to Gretna Glen for the Winter Blast Youth Retreat. Please sign up by the Youth Bulletin Board. Permission Slips are needed. Cost is \$120, but \$60 will be covered from Youth Fundraisers. **Payment is due now. Meet at Faith UMC at 6PM on Friday, Feb 2 and return to Faith UMC by Noon on Sunday, Feb 4. Pastor Jason will email additional info for registration & packing.**

THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. **Next meeting: Feb 15 at 5:30 PM (3rd Thursdays).** **These sessions will now be by Zoom only at:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82735304374?pwd=eDBSZHRCZVphSnh2TENDZ0xrdG0vQT09>. To learn more, contact Renee Norman. **Roadmap For Justice: POWER Interfaith Convention in Harrisburg on Feb 19.** To be a part of the team working on **Bail Reform & Representation for persons accused of crimes**, join the Zoom Session at Noon every Wednesday: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOeIVIVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>

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.**

SEND A CARD TO HOMEBOUND PEOPLE: There are cards and address labels in the hall. Add your thoughts and prayers, maybe include a special memory, and drop it in the mail. Getting "snail mail" is always a delight; spread some joy to those who cannot get to church. If you know of someone to add to our list, please see Buni. In addition to individual cards and labels, there are complete sets of labels in small bags pinned to the bulletin board.

CHILI FUNDRAISER: Are you cold...or just a little CHILI? Join us **TODAY after worship until 2pm** for our first ever Chili Bar FUNdraiser! You will get a base (rice, spaghetti or tater tots), your choice of beef or vegan chili, toppings, side of garlic bread or corn bread and a dessert. Eat in or take out. Meals are by donation.

SUB SALE: We have certificates from S. Clyde Weaver for \$7.00. Pick up a delicious made-to-order sub at any of their locations. You have 7+ varieties of sandwiches available on a sub roll, bread or wrap. See Carol.

T-SHIRT PAYMENTS DUE NOW. If you ordered a Faith UMC t-shirt please make sure to get your payment to Diana Valentine ASAP. Cost is \$18.00 for size SM - XL, \$22.00 for size XXL or XXXL

THE STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE THANKS ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED to our annual Staff Appreciation gifting that occurred in December! Through January, you can conveniently write a Note of Appreciation to staff members via the SPRC Basket on the tables in the hall. Thanks, Becky Mowrey, SPRC Chair.

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.*

COMMUNITY MEAL: People in need may pick up a **Grab 'n Go Meal at Zion Lutheran Church in East Petersburg every Monday.** Several churches in the area support this ministry. **Faith UMC provides fifty Grab 'n Go Meals quarterly. Our next date to provide a meal is tomorrow.** We will be packaging the meal at Faith UMC at 9:00 AM. *Contact Carol Kennedy if you are interested in participating in this ministry.*

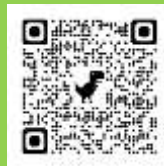
CALLING ALL CRAFTERS FOR SPRING/EASTER WREATH MAKING at Faith UMC on **Sat., Feb. 10, 9AM-1PM.** Cost is \$40.00 to cover the cost of supplies and instructor's time—due by Wed., Feb 7. Bring small wire cutters, and/or scissors if you have them. Samples are on display near the sign-up sheet. Pre-registration required and spaces is limited. This craft is not appropriate for children. **For more info, email/text Amy Boughter at thamno@live.com or 717-371-2302** (incl. your name in text).

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY is Feb 11th. Wear your favorite football jersey to church and bring some canned soup to share with our local food bank.

THANK YOU for your faithful giving toward our ministries through your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness! Our church is growing in attendance for worship, Bible Studies and ministries. New people are exploring how they can connect with us. Thank you for being such a welcoming and loving congregation!

Because of your faithful giving that has demonstrated the financial health of our congregation, **we were also successful in getting a loan to refinance our current mortgage** at a significantly lower interest rate along with funds for some capital repairs and improvements. Thank you!!

Gifts can be directed to **General Ministry and/or 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-Z370/home>. There is a link at FaithUMC.us or via the **QR Code.** You can also **mail** or **place an offering in the plate.** Special gifts from IRAs, stocks, etc. can also be received. Contact the church office for more info.



MEDICINE BOTTLE COLLECTION PROJECT: We are 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.

FAITH UMC WORSHIP TEAM: Do sing, play an instrument, and make a joyful noise to the Lord? If so, then we have an opportunity for you! **The Faith Singers meet every Sunday at 9:00 AM (new day & time)** to learn Sunday morning's hymns, praise and worship songs, and anthems designed to enhance the worship experience. We want you to share with us in this opportunity! We will welcome you with open arms, open hearts, and open voices. *If you are interested in sharing special music, please contact Pastor Jason as well. Other forms of artistic expression in the services are also welcomed—so if you want to share a drama, share the gospel through art or poetry, or other means please contact us.*

COMMUNITY AID will donate \$.13 to Faith UMC for every pound of clothing, shoes, electronic, toys, & household goods (excluding furniture) donated at 31 Rohrerstown Road Mon–Sat, 9am – 6 pm. **Tell staff to credit Non-profit partner # 10221 - Faith UMC.** Write or tape partner number on bags/boxes.

PASTOR JASON ON HALF-TIME PATERNITY LEAVE UNTIL EASTER: Pastor Jason & Julie have welcomed three boys into their home through foster care. Pastor Jason will continue to preach, lead the Youth Ministry & Grief Share, teach Bible2School & Friday Bible Study, and provide pastoral care. **If committees want Pastor Jason to attend meetings, contact him in advance. For pastoral needs, call, email or text with a detailed message for Pastor Jason. He will primarily be available when the boys are in school.** Sundays are focused on worship service and youth ministry. **So, 9am-3pm Monday-Thursdays are the best time to reach him.**

ONGOING EVENTS:

Sundays

Adult Sunday School, 9:00 AM
Worship Team Practice, 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 (Gretna Glen on Feb 18)

1st Sundays Mondays

Communion offered during worship service, followed by refreshments **moved to Feb 11**
GriefShare Group - Every other Monday, 5:00-6:00 PM at Faith UMC.
Chatting Club *via Zoom*, 6:30 PM

Tuesdays

Bible2School in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Nar-Anon - Every other Tuesday, 7:00-9:00 PM at Faith UMC

Wednesdays

Bible2School in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Bible Study at Oregon Community UMC, 6:30PM

Thursdays

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

Fridays

Bible Study led by Pastor Jason, 10:00 AM

1st & 3rd Saturdays

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

1st Saturdays

Servant Saturday

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, Jan 28

Chili Bar Fundraiser, 11:45 AM – 2 PM – Eat in or Take out

Monday, Jan 29

Faith UMC provides Grab 'N Go Meal at Zion Lutheran Church, 9:00 AM prep

Thursday, Feb 1

SPRC meeting, 6:00 PM

Fri – Sun, Feb 2-4

Youth Retreat at Gretna Glen, Meet at Faith Fri. at 6PM / Return Sun. at Noon

Monday, Feb 5

NO Youth Group Feb 4 at 5:00 PM

GriefShare Group - Every other Monday from 5:00 to 6:00 PM

Chatting Club *via Zoom*, 6:30 PM

Wednesday, Feb 7

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

Thursday, Feb 8

Finance meeting, 6:00 PM

Saturday, Feb 10

Wreath Making Class, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM – sign up in the hall

Sunday, Feb 11

Membership Class, noon

Wednesday, Feb 14

Ash Wednesday service at Oregon Community UMC, 7:00 PM

WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, Feb 4 are:

GUEST PREACHER: Mike Shifflet

GREETERS/USHERS: Jake Ruhl & Allen Kennedy

LITURGIST: Buni Harbison

CHILDREN'S TIME: Amy Boughter

JUNIOR CHURCH: Gwen Newell & Colette Borden

YOUTH GROUP: NO Youth Group due to retreat