

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
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 pain stim. surgery
Tracy and Eddie Dean (Pastor Jason's cousins) for
healing from foot surgery and broken leg
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
Tom Chapman – Gastritis & gall bladder surgery
Family of Betty Bolger on her passing
The Hackman Family after fire and death

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*



Welcome

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February 4, 2024 at 10:30 AM – 5th 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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Michelle Bame & God's People

People of God, welcome! Surely God is in this place! **We come to worship and to rest in God's presence.** Breathe deep for the goodness of God surrounds us. **The Holy One who sustains the universe is near.** When we are tired, worn down, and carrying heavy burdens, God is with us. **God strengthens us that we might help carry one another's burdens.** So, let us join together in wonder and thanksgiving for God's love that lifts us up on wings like eagles. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

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

*HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

UMH #103

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 40:21-31

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

Terry Kofroth

CHILDREN'S TIME

Amy Boughter

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

Michelle Bame

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

*Offertory Prayer

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 147:1-11, 20c

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

Terry Kofroth

*HYMN

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

UMH #349 (Repeat 2x)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

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

Terry Kofroth

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (UMH #895)

Michelle Bame

*HYMN

God of the Ages

UMH #698

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 1:29-39

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

Terry Kofroth

SERMON

Paying Attention

Mike Shifflet

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

*HYMN

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

UMH #526

* 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

OUR GUEST PREACHER TODAY IS MIKE SHIFFLET: We are grateful for him bringing us the message today. He and his wife Paula are part of the Oregon Community UMC where they lead the weekly Wed. Bible Study and also serve on the Conference Committee on Native American Ministry (CONAM). They have also helped with our Breakfast with Santa as well.

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 tonight due to retreat. The next Gretna Glen trip is Feb 18 (3:30-7 PM).**

GRIEF SHARE 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=cEVDeDljeThaaWVIYjQWmZjTm5oUT09>.

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

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

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=K2ZiZGQ0LzBOelVlVXQWUk5LR2VFQT09>

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.

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.

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.*

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.

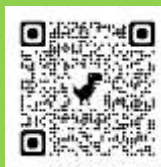
TOOLS FOR MINISTRY: February 24 at Salem UMC, 140 N Penn St, Manheim, PA 17545. Registration and workshop descriptions coming soon! **Mark your calendar now!** There will be workshops for leaders who serve as Trustees, on Finance, Church Council, SPRC, etc. There will also be training on ministry for Seniors and Youth, how to get grants and low-cost technology, trainings on creative outreach, etc. **Stay tuned for more info!**

LITITZ DAY OF PRAYER: Friday, March 1, 2024 at 7:00 PM with music beginning at 6:30 pm. St. Paul Lutheran Church, 200 W Orange St, Lititz. Featured Speaker: William Zee, attorney. A free-will offering will be taken in support of Warwick Release Time Program. Special Music by: Lititz Moravian Trombone Choir & St James Folk Group.

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-Z37Q/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.



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.

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**. *Contact Carol Kennedy if you are interested in participating in this ministry.*

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.

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

Wednesdays

Thursdays

Fridays

1st & 3rd Saturdays

1st Saturdays

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, Feb 4

Youth Retreat at Gretna Glen, Return Sun. at Noon
NO Youth Group Feb 4 at 5:00 PM

Monday, Feb 5

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

Wednesday, Feb 7

Thursday, Feb 8

Saturday, Feb 10

Sunday, Feb 11

Ladies' Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30 AM – RSVP to Sandy Patschke
Finance meeting, 6:00 PM

Wreath Making Class, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM – sign up in the hall
SOUPER Bowl Sunday – Wear your favorite jersey & bring canned soup
Communion during worship followed by refreshments

Membership Class, noon

Wednesday, Feb 14

Thursday, Feb 15

Ash Wednesday service at Oregon Community UMC, 7:00 PM
Senior Men's Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30 AM RSVP to Mike Bitner
Church & Society meeting *via Zoom*, 5:30 pm

Saturday, Feb 17

Sunday, Feb 18

Monday, Feb 19

Prep for Spaghetti Dinner, 8:00 AM
Spaghetti Dinner, 5:00 -7:00 PM
Roadmap For Justice: POWER Interfaith Convention in Harrisburg

Thursday, Feb 22

Saturday, Feb 24

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

TOOLS FOR MINISTRY at Salem UMC, Manheim

WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, Feb 11 are:

GREETERS/USHERS: Janet & Beverly Charles

LITURGIST: Bob Rodgers

CHILDREN'S TIME: Michelle Bame

JUNIOR CHURCH: Gwen Newell & Allen Kennedy & Angela Dillon

YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason & Byers Family