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 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) Foster children – 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

Shirley Gehr – healing

Those with cancer: Cyndi Campbell, Dean Grove, Mark Reitzel, Duane Lehman, Ruthie, Martin Campbell, Ben Neideigh, Harmony Chiccarine, Grandma Edwards, Nat, Tina Miller, Carl Derr, Dorcas Kamanda (in remission), Cynthia (from NJ), Jim Royer, Adam Malik, Carol Bryner (Allen K's sister), Joan (Nancy's sister-in-law), Benedicta Fair (Ramonita's Aunt), Isaias Maldonado (Ramonita's Uncle), Richard Stauffer (Tina's brother), Missy Landis; Gail (friend of Sandy) Tracey – follow up reports on a tumor The Jackson Family Robyn Meckley – healing Linda Weber - healing Terry & Margie Urban & family – housing & health Michael Herr (Steph Edward's dad) – medical tests Rev. Dorcas's ministry in Sierra Leone

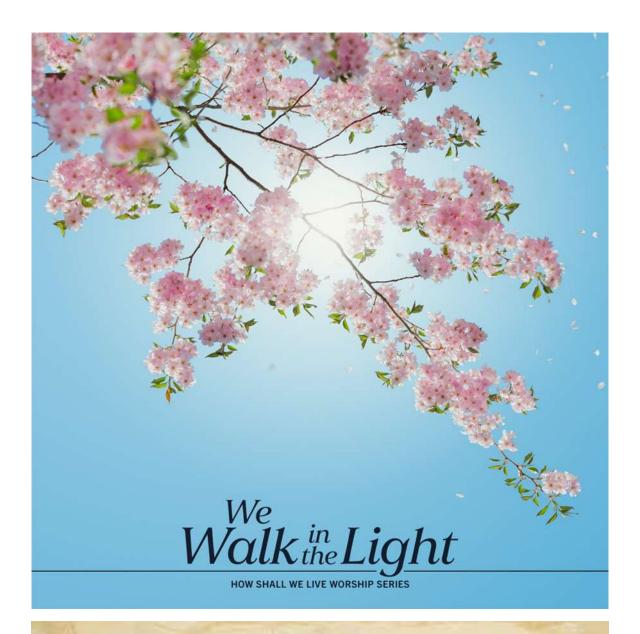
Ruthie & Gary with Dementia – friends of Amy Brenda, Dave and Mike Loechner – health Renia Perkowski – healing after pain stim. surgery Tracy & Eddie Dean – from foot & leg surgeries Denny Armstrong – kidney failure Brent Rollins – series of strokes Deb Stauffer – healing from pneumonia Carol Dronke – upcoming surgery Vickie - neurological issues & GI issues Rev. Sally Ott - spinal surgery Steve Valente – healing of broken hand TJ (Buni's granddaughter) relief from stress Daryl Hawthorne – healing after foot surgery Terry Kofroth – healing Janet Charles – back injury Family & friends of Lori Ward on her passing Tim Link and family on the passing of Kerry Dr. Louis Marotti's Family on his passing Pastor Tony Blair – healing after bicycle accident Phyllis Miller – Congestive Heart Failure

OUR PRAISES:

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

Kay Newcomer – healing from Covid

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



April 7, 2024 at 10:30 AM – 2nd Sunday of Easter

ELCOME: 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 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 are so glad that 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 worshiping online, please 'sign in' and add prayer requests by commenting on the video.

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amy Boughter & Pastor Jason

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jason & God's People

UMH #12-13

How shall we live when shadows gather?

Drawn to God's unquenchable light, we are also drawn into one another's presence.

What was hidden has been revealed; we are woven together with all Creation.

When we live in the light, as God is in the light, we are one with each other.

Let us worship God, who is our Light and Salvation.

Written by Rev. Paul Mitchell, Walla Walla, WA (ancestral homelands of the Cayuse, Umatilla, Palus, and Walla Walla), senior pastor of Pioneer United Methodist Church. He is an elder in full Connection in the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference and is involved in the United Methodist Creation Justice Movement.

*HYMN Christ Is Alive UMH #318 v. 1, 3, 4, 5

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 133; Acts 4:32-35 **Terry Kofroth**

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

Amy Boughter CHILDREN'S TIME

*HYMN Blest Be the Tie That Binds UMH #557 v. 1-3

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 20:19-31 **Terry Kofroth**

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

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*HYMN Christ Is Risen **UMH #307**

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 John 1:1-2:2 **Terry Kofroth**

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

SERMON We Walk in the Light **Pastor Jason**

*HYMN Breathe on Me, Breath of God **UMH #420**

COMMUNION: CONFESSION, PARDON & PASSING THE PEACE

All are invited to the Lord's Table to receive God's forgiveness and grace through Communion

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

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow **UMH #95** *Doxology

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH #13-14 & #895

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*HYMN Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast *HYMN

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

* You are invited to stand in body or in Spirit

UMH #304 v. 1 & 3

UMH #15

UMH #616

UMH #614

Pastor Jason

*HYMN Easter People, Raise Your Voices

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, Resumes next Sunday,

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.

YOUTH GROUP ON SUNDAYS, 5-7 PM at Faith UMC for 5th-12th graders. Each week there is dinner, games & a lesson. Sign up to be the 2nd adult and/or provide a meal. NO Youth Tonight—we resume next Sunday

GRIEFSHARE helps people process the loss of loved ones and to find support from peers. There is a video curriculum, discussion and mutual support. We will start a new group in April with a series of 13 classes (spread across 26 weeks) using a brand-new curriculum. People are also invited to go through the program a second time. We meet every other Monday from 5-6:30 PM in the first classroom in the Education Wing at Faith UMC beginning on April 15. This is open to the church and community. Contact Pastor Jason for more info or to register.

CHATTING on Mondays at 6:30 PM: This member-led, discussion group meets online at: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518?pwd=cEVDeDljeThaaWVIYjlOWmZjTm5oUT09.

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: April 18 at 5:30 PM (3rd Thursdays). We will discuss "Building Power Together." There are printed copies in the hall. These sessions are by Zoom only at: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82735304374?pwd=eDBSZHRCZVphSnh2TENDZ0xrdG0vQT09. To learn more, contact Renee Norman. The Criminal Justice & Bail Reform Team, meets online at Noon every Wednesday: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGO0LzBOelVIVXQwUk5LR2VFOT09

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 in a basket in the hall and complete sets of labels in small bags pinned to the bulletin board. Add a note and drop it in the mail to spread some joy to those who cannot get to church. If you know of someone to add to our list, see Buni.

COLLECTING ITEMS FOR YARD SALE: We can always use donations for the Youth Group tables at the yard sale held at Faith UMC on May 25. You can place items in the room across from the Youth Room. We do not take clothing. You can donate books as well in the library classroom. Thank you.

NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE: Join us and our neighbors from Wetherburn North for a neighborhood yard sale on May 25 from 7am - 1pm. Space rentals at Faith UMC are available for \$20. You may make a reservation for a space by calling 717-696-5321 or visiting www.FaithUMC.us for a link to sign up.

CARE PACKAGES FOR MILLERSVILLE STUDENTS: We are continuing our tradition of providing boxes to support college students who are part of The HUB: Millersville University Campus Ministry while they prepare for final exams in May. It has always been very much appreciated. If you wish to participate, please donate shoe boxes, post-it notes, highlighters, crackers, granola bars, microwave popcorn, hot chocolate mix, etc. by April 14. We will be assembling the care packages on April 21st at 5:00 PM. You are welcome help the youth fill and wrap the boxes.

THANK YOU for your faithful service to the Lord in every aspect of your lives as individuals and as a church family. May every part of your being be made holy as you dedicate it to God!

This includes the ways that you use your financial resources. We need to maintain a regular offering of about \$4,000 per week toward the regular budget and the debt reduction combined. Giving in the first three months has NOT met the average needed for the year. If you are able to give regularly toward our ministry—or to make a one-time donation—that goes a long way to sustaining the work that we do together to serve our community.

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

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 or you may pick a readymade sandwich. You can support our ministries while getting a discount on your sandwich! See Carol.

MEDICINE BOTTLE COLLECTION: We send prescription pill bottles to clinics in poor countries. *Please* remove all labels and sticky residue. A basket is under the table as you enter the Sanctuary.

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 WORSHIP TEAM: Do you sing, play an instrument, and make a joyful noise to the Lord? If so, please join the Faith Singers every Wednesday at 6:00 PM to learn and rehearse the worship music.

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 meal will be served on April 8. Contact Carol Kennedy if you are interested in participating in this ministry.

PRE-ANNUAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION SESSION: Wednesday, May 8, at 2 p.m. or 7 p.m.

Preparations for the 2024 Annual Conference are underway. Check out the AC2024 webpage to see the agenda and information about registration, hotels, focus groups and volunteer opportunities. And be sure to attend our Pre-Annual Conference Information Session via Zoom May 8, at 2 p.m. or 7 p.m. We'll send out Zoom access information in advance of the session.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE 2024 EPA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, May 21-23, at Wildwoods Convention Center. To see the agenda, hotel options and other information, visit the AC2024 webpage, which will be updated as more information becomes available. Also, volunteers are needed for the 2024 Annual Conference. Please complete and submit the form provided to serve as an usher, minute taker or tellers. See descriptions on the Volunteers Needed webpage. Church delegates and equalizing lay delegates should sign up ASAP. If you are interested in being an equalizing lay delegate please contact Pastor Jason or District Superintendent Freymoyer.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE & CHICKEN BBQ on May 11 from 8AM-1PM at OCUMC.

OREGON COMMUNITY UMC 150th ANNIVERSARY COMMUNITY CELEBRATION on June 22 from 2-6PM ending with a 6PM Worship Service and Dessert Reception. There will be games and activities for kids and families, food, and a worship service to celebrate 150 years of service in the community.



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 information or visit each camp's website. Families with campers in need of financial support should contact the church office.

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-6PM. Tell staff to credit Non-profit partner #10221 - Faith UMC. Write or tape partner number on bags/boxes.

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

Communion offered during worship service, followed by refreshments 1st Sundays

GriefShare Group - Every other Monday, 5:00-6:00 PM at Faith UMC (begins April 15) **Mondays**

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

Worship Team Practice, 6:00 PM

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

Bible Study led by Pastor Jason, 10:00 AM **Fridays**

Faith UMC works with IMPACT! Missions – Contact Leon Bame to help 1st & 3rd Saturdays

Servant Saturday 1st Saturdays

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, Apr 8 Faith UMC provides Grab 'N Go Meal at Zion Church, 9:00 AM prep

Thursday, Apr 11 Finance Team meeting, 6:00 PM

Monday, Apr 15 GriefShare Group - Every other Monday from 5:00 to 6:00 PM

Chatting Club via Zoom, 6:30 PM

Thursday, Apr 18 Senior Men's Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30 AM

Church & Society Team meeting via Zoom, 5:30 PM

Assemble Care Packages for Millersville Students, 5:00 PM Sunday Apr 21 Primary Election – Faith UMC is a polling place, 7 AM to 8 PM Tuesday, Apr 23

Soup & Sandwich Sale, 11 AM to 1 PM & 4 PM to 6 PM

Thursday, Apr 25 Trustees meeting, 6:00 PM

Saturday, May 25 Neighborhood Yard Sale, 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM – Reserve a space

WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, April 14 are:

GREETERS/USHERS: Donna Arnold & Leon Bame

LITURGIST: Bob Rodgers

CHILDREN'S TIME: Michelle Bame

JUNIOR CHURCH: Gwen Newell & Allen Kennedy & Angela Dillon

YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason & Ann Byers