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 For gentle and honest campaigns & election Safety for Trump and Harris as they campaign 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 Reform for Education Funding, Criminal Justice, and Foster Care Systems Teachers, Students, Families & Campus ministries 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 Udobo School in Durban, South Africa NarSarah Village and Clinic, Sierra Leone Eileen Williams – muscles Bradley McGowan – ALS Linda Philbin – motor neuropathy & healing Jean Neideigh – healing (MS) Noah Boughter, Sophie and family Heather Lindsey Jake Ruhl – hip and shoulder pain

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), Jim Royer,
Adam Malik, Joan (Nancy's sister-in-law), Isaias
Maldonado (Ramonita's Uncle), Missy Landis;
Gail (friend of Sandy), Hector Rosado, Tim
(Marilyn J's nephew)
Terry & Margie Urban & family – housing & health

Terry & Margie Urban & family – housing & health Ruthie & Gary with Dementia – friends of Amy Denny Armstrong – kidney failure Carol Dronke – healing

Daryl Hawthorne – healing after shoulder surgery Terry Kofroth – healing from back surgery Bob & Phyllis Miller – healing

Bishop Schol, DS Freymoyer & EPAUMC Staff Laity and Clergy of the UMC

For unity & love in the church universal & the UMC Paul (Jake's nephew) – healing for heart & kidneys Pat Prebot (Jake's sister) – healing for broken hip Lexi Compton – treatment for tumor on spine (which has shrunken 50% in size)

Dolly Bankert – severely bruised knee
Ron Lunn – health issues and new start in NJ
Joshua Bitner – Crohn's Disease
People who are unhoused in extreme heat
Bishop Cynthia Moore-KoiKoi who is appointed to
Eastern PA and Greater New Jersey Conferences

MaryAnn Unangst – healing Dottie Sheaffer – healing Family of Carol Bryner (Allen K's sister) on her passing

Diana Valentine – healing after surgery Don Campbell – healing

OUR PRAISES:

Lorraine Smith – Bursitis

God's loving presence in the midst of struggles Those who have seen healings from prayer

Please submit prayer needs, praises, & updates by note or email to the office: <u>faithumc@hotmail.com</u>



Welcome

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Faith United Methodist Church



August 18, 2024 at 10:30 AM – 13th Sunday after Pentecost

ELCOME: Each Sunday we gather together to worship as a communal activity where individuals become one in the Christ. We learn of God together through Scripture and discernment. We support and pray for one another in the journey. We submit together to obey God's call on our lives. May the Spirit of God inspire & fill us as we worship together today! 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 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

Michelle Bame & Pastor Jason

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jason & God's People

Disciples of Christ, have you come today to receive a good word?

Yes! We come to receive a good word and blessing to carry with us into the world.

God blessed Solomon in a dream. Are you ready to dream?

Yes! We come to dream of God's blessings we will carry with us into the world.

God blesses us when we worship together. Are you ready to worship?

Yes! We come to worship God together as we share in the good word of God's grace.

Then, come! Let us worship with rejoicing!

Praise be to God who gives us wisdom and draws us together as the family of God! Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, May 2024

*HYMN God of Love and God of Power UMH #578

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 Bob Rodgers

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

CHILDREN'S TIME Pastor Jason

*HYMN Blessed Be Your Name MSFPW 3 #163

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 111 Bob Rodgers

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

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

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON Numbers 6:22-27 Bob Rodgers

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

*HYMN Go Forth for God UMH #670

SCRIPTURE LESSON Ephesians 1:1-14 Bob Rodgers

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

SERMON Benediction Pastor Jason

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH Pastor Jason

*HYMN God Be with You till We Meet Again

* 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

UMH #672

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.

YOUTH GROUP ON SUNDAYS, 5-7 PM at Faith UMC for 5th-12th graders. Each week there is dinner, games & a lesson. Any students are invited to join us—you don't have to be a member of one of our churches. Sign up to be the 2nd adult and/or provide a meal in the hall or by contacting Pastor Jason. We need a second adult to chaperone and provide a meal on August 25. Youth wishing to help with the spaghetti dinner on Aug 18th may arrive at 3pm or 5pm.

YOUTH AT GRETNA GLEN: Fall Fun Day is October 20th from 12:00-4:00 with Youth Group Night immediately following from 4:00-5:30 PM. Families are invited to come and be a part of the Fall Fun Day. November 17th is Youth Group Night from 3:30-7:00pm. Please sign up in the church hallway or by contacting Pastor Jason if you will be attending. We need adults who are willing to drive and chaperone for these monthly events for 2024. We will not be using the van from another church, so help is needed.

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 meet every other Monday from 5-6:30 PM in the first classroom in the Education Wing at Faith UMC. Our next meetings are August 26 & September 9. This is open to the church and community. Contact Pastor Jason for more info or to register.

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: September 19 at 5:00 PM (3rd Thursdays). Join us 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 other Wed. (Aug 21 & Sept 4): https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVIVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09. Reimagine Justice Lancaster meets online at Noon on Tuesdays of the opposite weeks at: https://verainstitute.zoom.us/j/92512144651

LANCASTER COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY DESIGN SCHEMATICS LISTENING SESSION: There is a listening session scheduled for Wednesday 8/21 from 6:30-8 PM at the Lancaster County Government Building (150 North Queen) in Room 102/104. This is to allow for public comment on the draft of the schematic design for the prison / jail. The public can learn more through the project website (http://lccf-pa.com) and provide comments via LCCF@lancastercountypa.gov. The LCCF Draft Design Presentation and Schematic Design Report are posted at https://lccf-pa.com/document-center/.

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.

SUB SALE: We have \$7 certificates from S. Clyde Weaver for a delicious made-to-order sub at any of their locations with over 7+ varieties on sub rolls, bread or wraps. Support our ministries & get a discount! See Carol.

PET PANTRY MISSION PROJECT: We are supporting the Pet Pantry of Lancaster Co who care for animals and their humans during times of greatest need, providing lifesaving resources through caring community-driven programs. See the Faith-a-Gram or the poster in the hall for their wish list and consider donating needed items.

FAITH FRIENDSHIP MINISTRIES is a Faith based group home in Mountville, PA that houses adults with disabilities and mental illnesses. They need craft supplies for their activity department: t-shirts, white baseball hats, tie dye supplies, stickers, holiday stickers, holiday craft supplies for all holidays, poster board, tissue paper, glitter, sequins, yarn, and any other craft supplies anyone wants to donate.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS are due August 30. The link and information are available at: https://www.epaumc.org/charge-conferences/. There are forms for SPRC, Church Council, Trustees, Finance Team, Auditors, and Lay Leaders to complete. Please contact Pastor Jason to get help accessing the reports.

THANK YOU for your faithfulness to our ministries—through your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. As of July 9, giving and fundraisers for our general ministries has raised \$89,146, with \$95,080 in expenses. That \$6,000 deficit is smaller than it was in May when it was over \$9,000. So, we are making progress. Thankfully, due to generous end of year giving, we carried a surplus into 2024, which has enabled us to pay our expenses and still have funds in our general ministry account (\$17,697). We have also been able to raise \$18,328 toward debt reduction to be used for our mortgage payments on the Fellowship Hall and Education Wing, and that debt reduction account now has \$13,860 to be used for those bills after making our monthly payments throughout the year.

We need to maintain a regular weekly income of \$4,100 per week toward the regular budget and the debt reduction combined in order to meet our expenses without depleting the accounts. We are currently averaging only \$3938 in income, including fundraisers. 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.



THREADS OF FAITH: If you like to knit, sew, crochet or quilt, we would like to invite you to Threads of Faith! Whether experienced or just learning, you are welcome to join us from 10am - Noon the first Saturday of each month for fun, fellowship and crafting! Bring your sewing machines and supplies and work on your projects or start a new one while we chat and share talents in our brightly lit, spacious room with plenty of outlets! Our next gathering will be Sat., Sept 7. Signups appreciated but walk-ins welcome! We look forward to meeting you all!

TAKE-OUT SPAGHETTI DINNER TODAY, 5-7 PM: Dinner will be spaghetti (gluten-free available) with meat sauce, a salad, bread, & a sweet treat. There is also a meatless sauce option available. Pay what you want. Donations may be made on our website, www.FaithUMC.us under "Online Giving," or when you pick up your meal. All donations support the ministries of the church.

COLLECTING ITEMS FOR YARD SALE: We can use donations for the Youth Group tables at the yard sale held at Faith UMC on Saturday, Sept. 28. There is an area in the room across from the Youth Room for your yard sale donations. *We do not take clothing. Books can be donated in the 2nd classroom.* **Items may be donated after August 25.** Thank you.

YARD SALE: Saturday September 28 from 8:00 AM. to 1:00 PM. Volunteers and baked goods will be needed. Watch for signup sheets. You can rent a 20'x20' space for \$20. Proceeds benefit our ministries. To reserve a space click: https://forms.gle/uChbsWVYThMgZkf46. Questions? Call/text Gwen @ 717-696-5321. Payments are due when you arrive. Cash or checks only. Checks may be made payable to Faith UMC. This outside event will be held rain or shine, and all monies are non-refundable. Reservations will be taken through Sept 26, 2024.

BIBLE2SCHOOL will be meeting at Faith UMC beginning in September. **Volunteers are needed** to assist on Tuesdays or Wednesdays for 60 - 90 minutes. *Please contact Pastor Jason if you would like to help.*

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.

REVERBERATE 2024 will take place on Sunday, September 15th, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm (with food trucks from 4:00 to 6:00 pm) in Long's Park, and Water Street Mission would love for us to join them. This free, one-night event will feature powerful testimonies from members of our community, joyful fellowship, and worship from various denominations. It's an opportunity to unite Lancaster County believers in worship to lift one another up.

MEDICINE BOTTLE COLLECTION: We send *small* 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.

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 before they unload.* Write or tape partner number on bags/boxes.

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*.

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.

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 Communion offered during worship service, followed by refreshments **Mondays** GriefShare Group - Every other Monday, 5:00-6:30 PM at Faith UMC

1st & 3rd Tuesdays Nar-Anon, 7:15-8:45 PM at Faith UMC Wednesdays Worship Team Practice, 6:00 PM

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 & Threads of Faith (next meeting Sept 7)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, Aug 18 Take-out Spaghetti Dinner, 5:00 to 7:00 PM (prep volunteers begin at 3:00 PM)

Tuesday, Aug 20 Nar-Anon meeting in Welcome Center, 7:15 to 8:45 PM

Thursday, Aug 22 Trustees meeting, 6:00 PM

Monday, Aug 26 GriefShare Group - Every other Monday from 5:00 to 6:30 PM

Thursday, Aug 29 Church Council meeting, 6:00 PM

Wednesday, Sept 4 Ladies' Lunch at Oregon Dairy – RSVP to Sandy Patschke

Thursday, Sept 5 SPRC meeting, 6:00 PM

Saturday, Sept 7 Threads of Faith, 10:00 AM to Noon

Saturday, Sept 28 Faith UMC Yard Sale, 8AM – 1 PM – space rentals available

WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, August 25 are:

GREETERS/USHERS: Janet & Beverly Charles

LITURGIST: Buni Harbison

CHILDREN'S TIME: Michelle Bame

JUNIOR CHURCH: Gwen Newell & Allen Kennedy YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason & Volunteer Helper Needed