PRAYER REQUESTS:

OUR CONCERNS:

Peace in Israel, Palestine, Ukraine & Russia 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 Jean Neideigh – healing (MS) Ben Neideigh – healing after a fall Noah Boughter, Sophie and family Heather Lindsey Jake Ruhl – hip and shoulder pain 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

Those with cancer: Cyndi Campbell, Dean Grove,
Mark Reitzel, Duane Lehman, Ruthie, Martin
Campbell, Ben Neideigh, Harmony Chiccarine,
Grandma Edwards, Nat, Tina Miller, 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 Jones' nephew), Meleny Fisher (friend
of Daryl), Geneva (sister of Larry Landis)

Lexi Compton – treatment for tumor on spine (which has shrunken 50% in size)

Bishop Moore-KoiKoi, 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 Drebot (Jake's sister) – healing heart & kidney Dolly Bankert – torn meniscus and ruptured ligament Dottie Sheaffer – healing after a hip surgery

Andrea – neck & back pain

Nancy – healing

MaryAnn Unangst – transition to new apartment Joshua Bitner – healing after surgery Bobbi Ann Stone – healing for eye Hank Kloiber – healing after heart attack Linda Philbin – motor neuropathy & lung cancer Family of Michelle Bame on the passing of her mother Sarah McMullin

Pat Oglesby (Laura Gehman's sister) – declining health

OUR PRAISES:

God's loving presence in the midst of struggles Those who have seen healings from prayer Opportunities for education and dedicated teachers and professors

Doris & Don Brandt – healing after a car accident

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



October 6, 2024 at 10:30 AM – 20th Sunday after Pentecost & World Communion Sunday

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

Buni Harbison & Pastor Jason
Pastor Jason & God's People

*CALL TO WORSHIP

How good and pleasant it is for Christians to live together in unity!

Open the doors and shout greetings to the church across the pike in East Petersburg.

How good and pleasant it is for Christians to live together in unity!

Carry greetings across the railroad tracks to those we never meet.

How good and pleasant it is for Christians to live together in unity!

Send messages and e-mails to Good Christian Friends in Africa and Asia, South America and Europe!

How good and pleasant it is for Christians to live together in unity!

Extend your hand of fellowship to both the shelters and the mansions, to the projects and the gated communities. How good and pleasant it is for Christians to live together in unity!

Reach out your arms to gather in the little ones and the not-so-little, the vulnerable and the ones who think they have to do it all on their own. **How good and pleasant it is for Christians to live together in unity!**

Remember that we are one huge family! **How good and pleasant it is for Christians to live together in unity!** *Adapted from Safiyah Fosua, The Africana Worship Book, Year B (Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 2007), 237.*

*HYMN Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing UMH #400

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 51 Bob Rodgers

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

CHILDREN'S TIME Amy Boughter

*HYMN Grace Greater than Our Sin UMH #365

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 103 Bob Rodgers

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

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE Pastor Jason

*HYMN There's a Wideness in God's Mercy UMH #121

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 19:1-10 Bob Rodgers

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

SERMON Guilt & Grace Pastor Jason

COMMUNION: CONFESSION, PARDON & PASSING THE PEACE UMH #12-13

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

*Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP
*HYMN Amazing Grace UMH #15
UMH #378

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Pastor Jason

UMH #95

UMH #13-14 & #895

*HYMN You Are My King (Amazing Love) MSFPW 2 #82

* 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. *John Rice is filling in as teacher for Michelle. We hope to have you join us each week for this interactive study and discussion.*

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 someone to provide a meal on October 6.

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 and to then help chaperone during the Youth Group Night following. Please let Pastor Jason know if you are coming and will be transporting your students directly there (and home). 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 Oct* 7 & 21. This is open to the church and community. Contact Pastor Jason for more info or to register.

BIBLE2SCHOOL is meeting at Faith UMC on Tuesdays for 3rd Grade and on Wednesdays for 4th and 2nd Grade students from Reidenbaugh Elementary. **Volunteers are needed** to assist on Tuesdays or Wednesdays for 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.

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

SOUP SALE: Orders will be ready for **pick up on Saturday October 12th from 10am-12pm** at Faith UMC. If you haven't pre-ordered already walk-in purchases for quarts will be available while supply lasts. If you would like to volunteer to *help fill quarts on Friday, October 11th at 5:30 or help during the pickup time on the 12th, please sign up* in the hall or contact Lisa Baker at 717-615-6707.

THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. Next meeting: October 17 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. (*Oct. 16 & 30*): https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVIVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09. Reimagine Justice Lancaster meets online at Noon on Tuesdays of the opposite weeks (*Oct 8 & 22*) at: https://verainstitute.zoom.us/j/92512144651

ATTENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS & MEMBERS OF FAITH UMC: Our Charge Conference is scheduled for Saturday, Oct 19 at 9:00AM at Lititz, UMC. Please make every effort to attend.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY: On November 3, we would like to honor all of our loved ones that have passed away since last year. VETERANS DAY: On November 10 we would like to honor all of our church members and their family who have served in the armed services. Please email/drop off a photo of your loved ones to the church no later than the Monday before each service (Oct 28 / Nov 4). Include their full name, date of birth/death, and for veterans their military branch and rank. We will display a slideshow honoring them during the service. If you sent us photos for service members last year, we have those on file; please just let us know if you want them to be included and if their rank has changed. We may also have obituary photos on file—contact us if you want them used.

FAITHFUL RESPONSES IN THE REAL WORLD is our current sermon series. We will address various topics and how we address them in a way that is faithful to the Scriptures and our walk with God, realizing that we are *called to be in the world but not of the world* (John 17:4-7). So, we will explore how to respond to illness and grief, parenting, challenging issues in our communities, career opportunities, finances, etc. If there are topics that you would like to see addressed in this series, please contact Pastor Jason by email, phone, text message or a note in the prayer basket (which can be anonymous). This would be a great series to invite your friends and family to hear as they seek Godly advice on the real life situations and struggles.

PUZZLE PALOOZA! DO YOU LOVE JIGSAW PUZZLES? Are you looking for screen-free fun with your family? Are you looking for a wholesome, slightly competitive activity to do with your friends on a Saturday? Join us at Faith UMC on Saturday, October 19, 2024 from 3:00pm to 4:30pm (check-in at 2:30pm). Get your team of 2-4 together and let's race to complete a 500-piece puzzle. The winning team gets a prize along with bragging rights! ALL teams get to keep their puzzles after the event. Pre-registration is required. Only 20 teams will be able to participate. The cost is \$40 per team, due at time of registration. There are registration forms in the hall or go to www.FaithUMC.us under "Events & Activities" to find a registration form or under "Online Giving" to register & pay online. No refunds available if a team cannot make the event. You will still receive your puzzle to keep. Individual team member substitutions are allowed.

TRUNK OR TREAT: Come and join us **Sat., Oct. 26th for our Trunk or Treat event from 6-8pm!** Decorate your car trunks and hand out candy to the kids in our community. We will have pumpkin decorating, lawn games, free hot dogs, etc. **Volunteers are needed.** If you would like to be a part of the trunk brigade or to volunteer to help with the kitchen, dining room, games or pumpkin decorating, please contact Lisa Baker at 717-615-6707 or **sign up in the hall by TODAY**. We especially need another 5-10 cars to be decorated and handing out candy.

THANK YOU for your faithfulness to our ministries—through your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. 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.



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.

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.

THREADS OF FAITH: If you like to knit, sew, crochet or quilt, we would like to invite you to Threads of Faith! Join us from **10am - Noon the first Saturday of each month** for fellowship and crafting! Work on your projects while we chat and share talents in our Fellowship Hall! **Our next gathering will be Sat., November 2.**

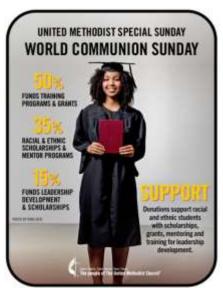
FAITH FRIENDSHIP MINISTRIES is a faith-based group home in Mountville, PA that houses adults with various disabilities. They could use craft supplies for their activity department: t-shirts of all sizes, white baseball hats, tie dye supplies, stickers, holiday stickers, holiday craft supplies for all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

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.

IMPACT! MISSIONS is a Christian Housing Ministry that helps create warm, safe, and dry homes to be sold to lower-income families and does repairs on homes for existing homeowners without means to the do the work themselves. Impact! Missions needs volunteers who are willing to use their skills to help restore these houses. Leon Bame volunteers on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays and would love to have some people from Faith & Oregon Community UMC join him. For more information contact Leon at 717-344-9924 or leonshel37@gmail.com. IMPACT MISSION LUNCH CREW needs volunteers on Thursdays, 10AM-Noon. Volunteer for 1 or more Thursdays a month (or some Wednesdays). Help make bagged lunches for Impact volunteers at Christ UMC, 935 E. Walnut St., Lancaster. Contact Sue Grimm Mattox at sgrimm1028@gmail.com or 717-575-6414



WHAT IS WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY?

World Communion Sunday is a denomination-wide celebration emphasizing the value of education and training. We commemorate this day by giving generously to support young adults and to make a global impact for Christ. Half of the offering benefits World Communion scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students from the U.S. and other countries. The remainder provides grants to support training for worldwide inclusion, diversity, equity, and access.

Your gift is a practical expression of care, equipping students to shape a hopeful future. Supporting United Methodist students offers both financial and spiritual encouragement, demonstrating the church's confidence in their potential. On World Communion Sunday, we join ecumenically in acknowledging our unity in Christ as we gather around His table.

There are special envelopes in the hall if you wish to support this ministry.

VOLUNTEERS: If you are interested in being on a committee or team at Faith UMC please let Pastor Jason and the Nominations Team know where you would like to serve. This could be serving on the Finance Team, Trustees, or Staff Parish Relations (Human Relations team for the church); teaching, leading or being an assistant for Christian Education (Junior Church, Bible Study, or Youth Group); being a part of Shepherding Missions or Outreach projects; being part of fellowship meals and hospitality; setting up for Communion, etc.

NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS: Pastor Jason will be teaching another new membership class for those who are interested in learning more about Faith UMC and the denomination. We will answer your questions and help you explore whether or not you would like to officially become a member. We will meet on October 27, November 3 & 10 after worship services. Please contact Pastor Jason if you are interested in being a part of this class.

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 (3rd Sundays to Gretna Glen Camp instead)

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

Tuesdays

Bible2School in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Wednesdays

Bible2School in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

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 Oct 5)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, Oct 7 GriefShare Group - Every other Monday from 5:00 to 6:30 PM

Thursday, Oct 10 Finance meeting, 6:00 PM Friday, Oct 11 Soup Sale Prep, 5:30 PM

Saturday, Oct 12 Soup Sale pick up, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Monday, Oct 14 Faith UMC provides Bag 'N Go Lunch at Zion Lutheran Church, prep at Faith 9:30 AM

Thursday, Oct 17 Men's Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30 AM – RSVP to Mike Bitner

Church & Society meeting via Zoom, 5:00 PM

Saturday, Oct 19 Faith UMC Charge Conference at Lititz UMC, 9:00 AM

District 22 Training, 10 AM - 1:30 PM - Education Wing Puzzle Palooza, 3:00 - 4:30 PM (Check in at 2:30 PM)

Thursday, Oct 24 Trustees meeting, 6:00 PM Saturday, Oct 26 Trunk or Treat, 6:00 -8:00 PM

Sunday, Oct 27 New Membership Class Begins, Noon following Worship Services

WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, Oct 13 are:

GREETERS/USHERS: John & Priscilla Rice

LITURGIST: Lisa Baker

CHILDREN'S TIME: Pastor Jason

JUNIOR CHURCH: Gwen Newell & Marilyn Jones

YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason & Byers