

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

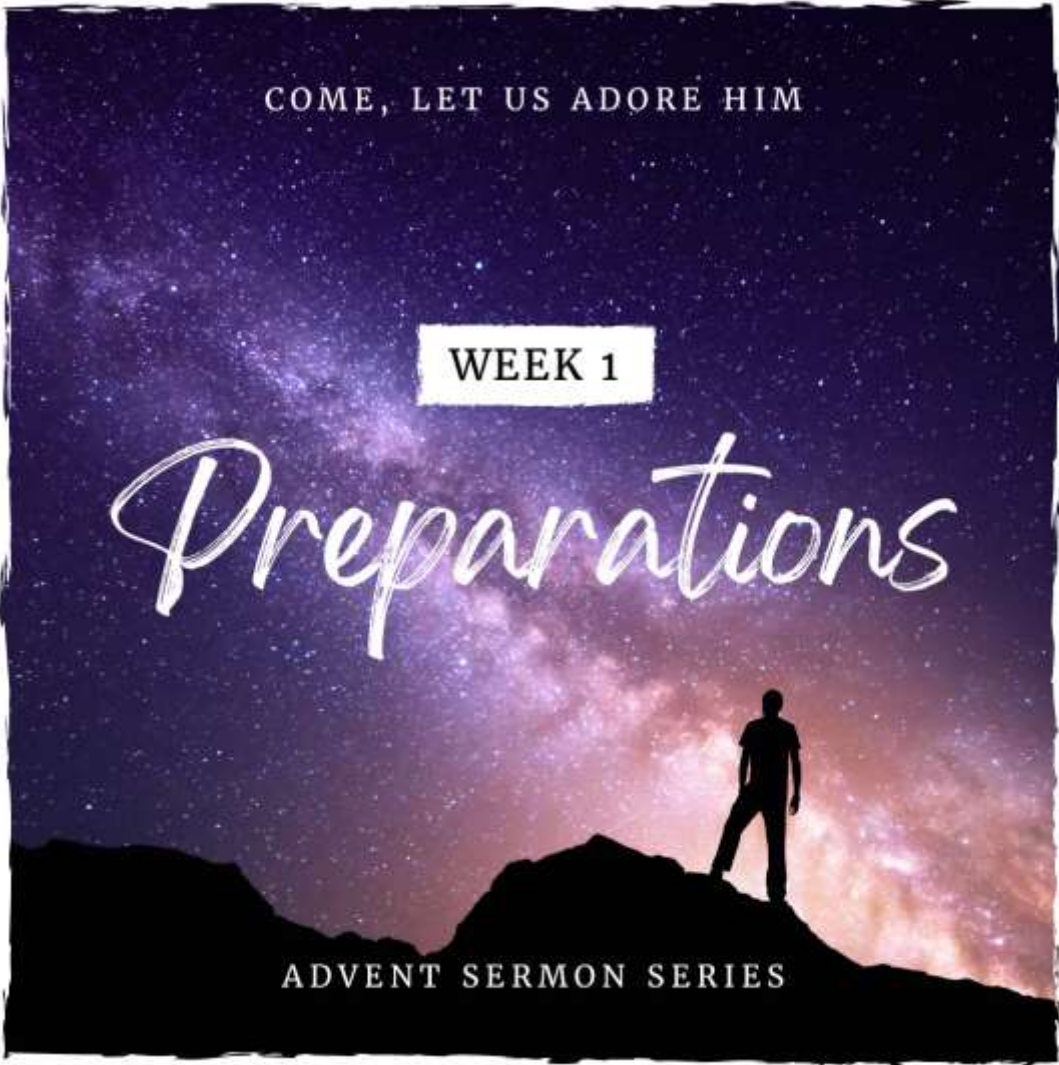
**OUR CONCERNS:**

Wisdom & safety for government officials globally  
President Joe Biden and VP Kamala Harris  
For accuracy and trust in confirming the votes and  
a peaceful transfer of power  
President-elect Donald Trump and VP-elect JD  
Vance  
Peace in Israel, Palestine, Ukraine & Russia  
For peace & wisdom in areas of conflict  
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  
Noah Boughter, Sophie and family  
Heather Lindsey  
Jake Ruhl – hip and shoulder pain  
Ruthie & Gary with Dementia – friends of Amy  
Denny Armstrong – kidney failure  
Carol Dronke – healing

Those with cancer: Cyndi Campbell, Dean Grove,  
Mark Reitzel, Duane Lehman, Ruthie, Martin  
Campbell, Ben Neideigh, Harmony Chiccarine,  
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, Geneva (sister of Larry Landis), Marc  
Barley (Diane’s cousin), Lexi Compton (tumor  
on spine), Heather Williams  
Bishop Moore-KoiKoi, DS Freymoyer & EPA Staff  
Laity and Clergy of the UMC  
For unity & love in the church universal & the UMC  
Paul (Jake’s nephew) – healing for heart & kidneys  
Dottie Sheaffer – healing  
Andrea – neck & back pain  
Nancy – healing  
Hank Kloiber – healing after heart attack  
Linda Philbin – motor neuropathy & cancer  
Pat Oglesby (Laura Gehman’s sister) – declining  
health  
Pat Drebot (Jake’s sister) – declining health  
Rosemary (Marilyn Jones’ sister) – declining health  
Tom Boehm (Amanda & Tyler’s friend) – healing  
Tom & Sheila looking for housing  
Dolly Bankert – healing after knee surgery  
Diana Valentine – healing after hand surgery  
Terry Kofroth – healing & cataract surgery  
Melanie Jusino – for peace and guidance  
Ralph & BobbiAnn Stone and their family  
Mary Shenk – Alzheimers  
TJ & Lily – perseverance, patience, & cooperation  
Marilyn Jones – healing after shoulder surgery  
Alfredo Vega, Jr – safety while on active duty  
Kaylee Colón – depression & anxiety  
Kayla (Tyler’s sister)  
Jake Ruhl – healing after shoulder surgery  
Craig Hathaway – AFib issue  
Anne (David Loechner’s mom) – healing after a fall  
Meleny Fisher (friend of Daryl) – final stages of  
terminal cancer

**OUR PRAISES:**

God’s loving presence in the midst of struggles  
Those who have seen healings from prayer  
Sheri – blessed to have received kidney 7 years ago  
Thanks for caring congregation after surgery  
*Please submit prayer needs, praises, & updates by  
note or email to the office: [faithumc@hotmail.com](mailto:faithumc@hotmail.com)*



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December 1, 2024 at 10:30 AM – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

**WELCOME:** We gather together to worship this Advent Season, remembering the coming of Jesus as the Christ in the stable at Bethlehem. We also prepare for the advent of the second coming where Jesus will return to restore all of creation to holiness. May the Spirit of God inspire & fill us as we take this journey together. As we retell the stories of God’s faithful love throughout time, may our hearts rejoice! 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 worshipping online, please ‘sign in’ and add prayer requests by commenting on the video.*

**GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS** **Buni Harbison & Pastor Jason**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** **Pastor Jason & God’s People**  
Children of God, pay attention! The days are coming when God’s peace will reign and all creation will flourish under the reign of our Creator. **The days are surely coming!**  
Children of God, prepare your hearts! The days are coming and are already here when God will come near and show us how to recognize God’s reign among us. **The days are surely coming and are already here!**  
Children of God, be alert and listen! God has come near to build the kin-dom on the earth here and now. Will you join in? **The days are surely coming and are already here! We come to prepare our hearts to pay attention, to listen, and to follow God’s call to build the kin-dom of earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, June 2024*

**LIGHTING THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE: HOPE** **Amy Boughter & Diana Valentine**  
From deep in the past, Jeremiah calls to us, “The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah” (Jeremiah 33:14). Beloved, the days are surely coming when the yearning of the land; the longing of the sun, moon, and stars; the desperate need of the people of earth for flourishing and peace will receive their fulfillment.  
**While fear, anxiety, misinformation, and suspicion surround us on every side, we choose to watch & wait in hope, preparing our hearts to notice & cooperate with God’s grace already at work in our midst.**  
We light this candle of hope as a sign of our commitment to pay attention and prepare for the days that are surely coming and are already here—the days when God’s kin-dom of love, justice, and mercy will reign.

**\*HYMN** *People, Look East* **UMH #202**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** **Jeremiah 33:14-16** **Lisa Baker**  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

**CHILDREN’S TIME** **Pastor Jason**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** **Psalms 25:1-10** **Lisa Baker**  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

**\*HYMN** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* **UMH #196**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** **1 Thessalonians 3:9-13** **Lisa Baker**  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

**THE PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE** **Pastor Jason**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** **Luke 21:25-36** **Lisa Baker**  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

**SERMON** *Preparations* **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* **UMH #95**

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

**RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP** **UMH #15**  
**\*HYMN** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* **UMH #211**

**BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH** **Pastor Jason**  
**\*HYMN** *Be Thou My Vision* **UMH #451**

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

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**Guest Musicians:** Jody & Anthony Wiker **AV Tech:** Dennis Meck, Sr  
**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.

**SEEKING NEW CHURCH OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR:** Carol Kennedy will be retiring from her role as Office Administrator. Members of SPRC will be working to select a new Church Office Administrator prior to her departure from this position. When the full job description is prepared, it will be posted on Faith UMC’s website.

**SEEKING NEW SUBSTITUTE PIANIST:** Dolly Bankert has been a faithful part of the worship team serving as our pianist for many years. We are grateful for her ministry. She has decided to step down from that role. Jody & Anthony Wiker have been filling in and will continue to do so for the moment. The SPRC will be exploring how to fill that position in the long term. However, if there are any individuals who are willing to substitute as a pianist in the meantime, please contact Becky Mowrey, SPRC Chair or Pastor Jason.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL at 9:00 AM** meets in the 1<sup>st</sup> 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. All students are invited to join us. Sign up to be the 2nd adult and/or provide a meal in the hall or by contacting Pastor Jason. *No meeting Dec 1. We will go to Greta Glen Camp on Sun, Jan. 19 (3:30-7pm).*

**BIBLE2SCHOOL** is meeting at Faith UMC on Tues. for 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade & Weds. for 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade students from Reidenbaugh Elem. **Volunteers needed as Small Group Leaders.** *Contact Pastor Jason if you would like to help.*

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

**GRIEFSHARE** helps people process the loss of loved ones and to find support from peers. This is open to the church and community. *We will be starting a new round of classes after the New Year.*

**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. **These certificates are so convenient when you need a quick meal during this busy holiday season and make great stocking stuffers.**



**THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM** engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. **There will not be a December meeting. Next meeting: January 6 at 5:00 PM (3<sup>rd</sup> 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. (*Dec 11 & Jan 3*): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>. Reimagine Justice Lancaster meets online at Noon on Tuesdays of the opposite weeks (*Dec 3 & 17*) at: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/82819147194?pwd=BF8E8JopVvfExanCW0QPjJ7p9DcbDq.1>

**CARE PACKAGES FOR MILLERSVILLE STUDENTS** while they prepare for final exams. *We will be packaging the items after worship TODAY (Dec 1)* during Hanging of the Greens. You are invited to help.

**HANGING OF THE GREENS** will take place **after worship TODAY**. Come enjoy decorating the church and eating lunch with friends. All are welcome!

**SECRET SISTER REVEAL: Saturday, December 7** in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. Solve the mystery! Find out who has been your Secret Sister in 2024!

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA on Saturday December 14th from 8:00 to 10:30 AM.** Breakfast will include pancakes and sausages with various toppings. Gluten free option available! Santa will be there to greet all the kids and pose for photos before his busiest night of the year! Breakfast is by donation. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** There are **signup sheets in the hall**. We need people to bake cookies, run the cookie room, cook pancakes and sausage, package and hand out food, run the craft table for kids, collect money, set up / tear down tables & chairs in sanctuary, decorate, sanitize tables between groups, clean up, etc.

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE:** We will be holding our annual Christmas Cookie Sale **on Dec 14<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:00 AM until sold out**. Choose your own cookies from our huge selection of holiday favorites and maybe try something new! Servers will be there to guide you through the selections and help fill your chosen container. **Cost per container is \$20.00**. If you are available to bake, please sign up in the hall. Most cookies freeze well so you can get an early start with your baking.

**OREGON COMMUNITY UMC COAT DRIVE:** OCUMC is collecting new or used winter coats to be donated to those in need (especially those who are unhoused) through local shelters and police departments. If you have a coat to donate, please drop it off at Faith or Oregon Community UMC by Sunday, December 15.

**UDOBO PRE-SCHOOL:** Throughout Advent you can donate your “change for change.” There will be a donation jar on the altar where you can support the Udobo Pre-School in Durban, South Africa by donating your spare change (or other gifts) each week. We financially support the Udobo School each Christmas—including donating the Christmas Eve Offering. Visit <http://UdoboSchool.com> for details about the school. Your gift will help provide meals, educational supplies and teaching staff. If you are interested in helping, checks can be made out to *Faith UMC* with “Udobo School” in the memo or donate online to that fund at [www.faithumc.us](http://www.faithumc.us). All gifts in the special Faith UMC Christmas offering envelopes or marked for Udobo School will go directly to the school. Any undesignated gifts in the Christmas Eve offering plate will also go the school. **This is the SMO / Mission Team’s major focus this Christmas season and we hope that you can be generous in your support of this project.**

**THANK YOU for your faithfulness to our ministries through your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.** As of October 31, giving and fundraisers for our general ministries has raised \$144,300, with \$149,000 in expenses. We need to work to make up the \$4,700deficit as we finish the year. We need about \$4,100 per week in giving toward the general ministry and our mortgage debt reduction.

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 bank or at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z37Q/home>. There is a link at [FaithUMC.us](http://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, you are invited to Threads of Faith from 10am - Noon the first Saturday of each month for a time of fellowship and crafting! Bring your sewing machines and supplies and work on your projects or start a new one! **No meeting Dec 7<sup>th</sup>. We will start again on January 4.**

**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. See Mission Team for info.

**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.

**IN NEED OF HELP?** Contact Pastor Jason, dial **2-1-1** or visit [www.211.org](http://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 in financial distress. They need volunteers to restore these homes. **Contact Leon Bame for more info at 717-344-9924 or [leonshe137@gmail.com](mailto:leonshe137@gmail.com).**

**ONGOING EVENTS:**

<b>Sundays</b>	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 ( <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays to Gretna Glen Camp instead</i> ) Communion offered during worship service, followed by refreshments Nar-Anon, 7:15-8:45 PM at Faith UMC <b>Bible2School in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM</b> <b>Bible2School in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM</b> Worship Team Practice, 6:45 PM 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 & Threads of Faith ( <i>No Threads of Faith on Dec 7</i> )
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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

<b>Wednesday, Dec 4</b>	Ladies’ Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30 AM - RSVP to Sandy Patschke
<b>Thursday, Dec 5</b>	SPRC meeting, 6:00 PM
<b>Saturday, Dec 7</b>	Secret Sister Reveal Brunch, 9:00 to 11:00 AM
<b>Saturday, Dec 14</b>	Breakfast with Santa, 8:00 AM to 10:30 AM Cookie Sale, 8:00 AM until sold out Pastor/Staff appreciation luncheon after worship
<b>Sunday, Dec 15</b>	Men’s Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30 AM - RSVP to Mike Bitner
<b>Thursday, Dec 19</b>	Christmas Eve Candlelight service at Oregon Community UMC, 5:00 PM
<b>Tuesday, Dec 24</b>	Christmas Eve Candlelight service at Faith UMC, 7:00 PM Refreshments following the service

**WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, Dec 8 are:**

GREETERS/USHERS: John & Priscilla Rice  
CANDLE LIGHTING: Lisa Baker & Bryan Nelson  
LITURGIST: Daryl Hawthorne  
CHILDREN’S TIME: Pastor Jason  
JUNIOR CHURCH: Lisa Baker & Carol Kennedy  
YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason & Bryan Nelson (volunteer needed for meal)