

## **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), 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) –health  
Pat Drebot (Jake's sister) – declining health  
Rosemary (Marilyn Jones' sister) – health  
Tom & Sheila settling on a house in December  
Dolly Bankert – healing after knee surgery  
Diana Valentine – upcoming hand surgery  
Terry Kofroth – healing for back & cataract surgery  
Melanie Jusino – for peace and guidance  
Ralph & BobbiAnn Stone and their family  
Mary Shenk – Alzheimer's  
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

Amanda's Dad & children in the family – health  
Family of Hector Rosado on his passing (Ramonita's  
uncle)

### **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)*



## *Welcome*

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**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 worshiping online, please ‘sign in’ and add prayer requests by commenting on the video.*

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Children of God, prepare the way! The Word of God is coming!  
**We come to listen and receive God’s Word among us.**  
Children of God, the prophets call to us now and from generations past, urging us to prepare and refine our hearts for the coming of the Word of God. Are you listening?  
**We come to listen and prepare to receive God’s Word among us.**  
Children of God, this is the mark of our preparation: that passion for God’s Word would burn within us, cleansing us and renewing us to reflect God’s love throughout the world.  
**May God ignite our passion for God’s Word that has come among us as we listen, prepare, and receive all that God has for us today. Amen.**

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

Buni Harbison & Pastor Jason

Pastor Jason & God’s People

LIGHTING THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE: PEACE

**Lisa Baker & Bryan Nelson**

The prophet Malachi calls us to watch for the messenger God will send us, a messenger who burns with a passion for God’s coming salvation. “For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness” (Malachi 3:2b-3).  
**In a world driven by a passion to maintain the status quo, we choose to live with a passion for God’s peace, to listen to those who call us to righteousness, and to submit ourselves to God’s grace, that we might be refined and purified until we reflect God’s love throughout the earth.**  
We light this candle of peace as a sign of our commitment to passionately pursue the work of making peace in our hearts, our families, our communities, and throughout the earth until God’s kin-dom comes on earth as it is in heaven.

\*HYMN

SCRIPTURE LESSON

CHILDREN’S TIME

SCRIPTURE LESSON

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

\*DOXOLOGY

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

**Malachi 3:1-4**  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

**Philippians 1:3-11**  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH #234 v. 1-3

Daryl Hawthorne

Pastor Jason

Daryl Hawthorne

UMH #95

\*HYMN

THE PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON

\*HYMN

SCRIPTURE LESSON

SERMON

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN

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

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

**Luke 1:68-79**  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

*Hail to the Lord’s Anointed*

**Luke 3:1-6**  
*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

*Advent: Passion*

*A Charge to Keep I Have*

UMH #384

UMH #895

Daryl Hawthorne

UMH #203

Daryl Hawthorne

Pastor Jason

Pastor Jason

UMH #413

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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:

SEEKING NEW CHURCH OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR:

SEEKING NEW SUBSTITUTE PIANIST:

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL at 9:00 AM

JUNIOR CHURCH

YOUTH GROUP ON SUNDAYS, 5-7 PM at Faith UMC

BIBLE2SCHOOL

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

GRIEFSHARE

SUB SALE:

BISHOP’S DAY ON THE WEST DISTRICT:

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.

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.

Dolly Bankert is stepping down from her role as pianist. 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.

meets in the 1<sup>st</sup> classroom in the Ed. Wing.

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.

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 22 & 29. We will go to Gretna Glen Camp on Sun, Jan. 19 (3:30-7pm).**

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.**

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.**

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 convenient for a quick meal during the holiday season and make great stocking stuffers.**

Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi is visiting each district in EPA & GNJ to worship with you and answer your questions. Meet her at Lampeter UMC on Monday, December 9 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Everyone in the church is encouraged to come.



**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=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVlXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>. Reimagine Justice Lancaster meets online at Noon on Tuesdays of the opposite weeks (Dec 17) at: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/82819147194?pwd=BF8E8JopVvfExanCW0QPjJ7p9DcbDq.1>

**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! There will also be crafts for the children to do. *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 to 10:30 AM (while supplies last)**. 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 to them. Visit <http://UdoboSchool.com> for details about the school. Your gift will help finance 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 November 30, giving and fundraisers for our general ministries has raised \$162,240, with \$162,440 in expenses Thank you for your generous support!** We still need about \$4,100 per week in giving toward the general ministry and our mortgage debt reduction in order to finish the year with a balanced budget.

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.



**PUZZLE PALOOZA! DO YOU LOVE JIGSAW PUZZLES?** Join us at Faith UMC on **Saturday, January 25, 2025 from 10:00am to 11:30am (check-in at 9:30am)**. 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. **The cost is \$40 per team, due at time of registration. Save the date!** Watch for more information and registration forms.

**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.

**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.**

**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 [leonschel37@gmail.com](mailto:leonschel37@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 - Jan 19</i> ) Communion offered during worship service, followed by refreshments
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sundays</b>	Nar-Anon, 7:15-8:45 PM at Faith UMC
<b>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays</b>	Bible2School in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM
<b>Tuesdays</b>	Bible2School in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
<b>Wednesdays</b>	Worship Team Practice, 6:45 PM
<b>Wednesdays</b>	Wing and a Prayer AA Meeting in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM
<b>Thursdays</b>	Bible Study led by Pastor Jason, 10:00 AM
<b>Fridays</b>	Servant Saturday & Threads of Faith
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays</b>	

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

<b>Sunday, Dec 8</b>	Move furniture in the sanctuary following the service to prepare for Cookie Sale Fellowship Hall in use, 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM
<b>Monday, Dec 9</b>	Meet Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi at Lampeter UMC, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
<b>Thursday, Dec 12</b>	Cookie drop-off, 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM
<b>Friday, Dec 13</b>	Cookie drop-off, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Bible Study with Pastor Jason, 10:00 AM Set up for Breakfast with Santa, (time dependent on volunteers, contact the office)
<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 15:**

GREETERS/USHERS: Donna Arnold & Leon Bame  
CANDLE LIGHTING: Jim & Buni Harbison  
LITURGIST: Lisa Baker  
CHILDREN’S TIME: Pastor Jason  
JUNIOR CHURCH: Gwen Newell & Allen Kennedy  
YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason & Erich & Ann Byers