

PRAYER REQUESTS:

OUR CONCERNS:

Bishop Moore-KoiKoi, DS Freymoyer & EPA Staff
Laity and Clergy of the UMC
Unity & love in the church universal & the UMC
Healing & peace for divisions over race, class, gender, sexuality, politics & fears
Wisdom & safety for government officials globally
President Donald Trump and VP 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
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 & Attorneys
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 & Ben Neideigh – healing
Noah Boughter, Sophie and family
Heather Lindsey
Denny Armstrong – kidney failure
Carol Dronke – healing
Paul (Jake’s nephew) – healing for heart & kidneys
Dottie Sheaffer – healing
Andrea (friend of Lisa) – neck & back pain
Linda Philbin – motor neuropathy & cancer
Rosemary (Marilyn Jones’ sister) healing
Terry Kofroth healing for back & cataract surgery

Those with cancer: Cyndi Campbell, Dean Grove, Mark Reitzel, Duane Lehman, Ruthie, Martin Campbell, Ben Neideigh, Dorcas Kamanda (in remission), Adam Malik, Joan (Nancy’s sister-in-law), Isaias Maldonado (Ramonita’s Uncle), Missy Landis; Marc Barley (Diane’s cousin), Heather Williams, Nat (friend of Wikers)
Melanie Jusino for peace and guidance
Ralph & BobbiAnn Stone and their family
Mary Shenk for Alzheimer’s
Alfredo Vega, Jr – safety while on active duty
Kaylee Colón – depression & anxiety
Kayla (Tyler’s sister)
Craig Hathaway for health
Shirley Gehr for healing
Holly (Julie H’s sister) for healing after stroke
Pat Oglesby (Laura G’s sister) health & housing
Mike Seiders healing from brain surgery
Diana Valentine healing from surgery
Tim healing from severe workplace injury
Tom & Sheila struggles with new home
All those dealing with flu, COVID, infections, etc.
Plane crashes
Javier Robles for healing & guidance
Dennis Meck for a new car needed
Tom Chapman for healing after heart surgery
Annette McClarigan healing after knee surgery
Chante healing after stroke
Theron Boughter healing after foot surgery
Beverly Charles healing from concussion
Mike Loechner healing from seizures
Anne Loechner healing from brain aneurysm
Ruthie Johnson and family on the passing of Gary
Family & Friends of Tina Miller on her passing
Gwen (Kathy O’s friend) healing after back surgery
Pat Drebot (Jake’s sister) – declining health
Family of Stormy on her passing from cancer
Gene DeLange for healing
Aaliyah healing from brain tumor

OUR PRAISES:

Many healings for those on prayer list
Twins & Sister settling back with parents
Couples preparing for marriage
Guests worshipping with us each week
God’s loving presence in the midst of struggles

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



Welcome

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March 16, 2025 at 10:30 AM – Second Sunday in Lent

WELCOME: In this season of Lent, we gather to worship God the Father, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit! In this somber season we account for our lives, learn deeper disciplines of faith, and prepare for the ministries to which God calls us. We also eagerly anticipate Holy Week in which we will remember Jesus’ servant ministry, his sanctifying sacrifice, and his glorious life-giving Easter resurrection. You are welcome on this journey with us 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
Children of God, when you are surrounded on every side by shadows that frighten and voices that deride and confuse, what do you say? **God is our light and our salvation! Whom shall we fear?**
When threats bombard you from every corner, stealing the security and peace you long for, what do you say? **God is the stronghold of our lives! Of whom shall we be afraid?**
When anxiety and loneliness overwhelm and you do not know who or what to trust any more, what do you say? **Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!**
Because God knows our suffering. God makes a home among us, welcoming us to come home to God and one another. **Come! Let us worship God who hides us in the day of trouble and conceals us together under the cover of the tent of Love. Amen**

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

ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY: Remembering those who founded our congregation!

***HYMN** Hymn of St Patrick: “Christ Be Beside Me” See Lyrics on Screen

SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Drew Hassara
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

***HYMN** Great Is Thy Faithfulness UMH #140

CHILDREN’S TIME Amy Boughter

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 27 Drew Hassara
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

***HYMN** Guide, O Thou Great Jehovah UMH #127

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

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

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON Philippians 3:17-4:1 Drew Hassara
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

***HYMN** Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me UMH #361

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 13:31-35 Drew Hassara

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

SERMON Conceal Me Pastor Jason

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH Pastor Jason

***HYMN** Children of the Heavenly Father UMH #141

*** You are invited to stand in body or in Spirit**
Pianist: Jessica Maldonado **Guest Musicians:** Jody & Anthony Wiker **AV Tech:** Dennis Meck, Sr
Pastor: The Rev. Jason Perkowski **Ministers:** The People of God

THANK YOU TO JODY & TONY WIKER for your music ministry. We are grateful for you leading worship with the choir while we were searching for a new pianist. You have been a blessing to our community!!

WELCOME TO JESSICA MALDONADO who has been hired as our new Pianist! Jessica comes to us from Asbury UMC in DE where she helped lead their contemporary service. She and her husband Jason and their children Elias and Kaleb are excited to be a part of our church family.

OFFICE COMMUNICATIONS: Paula Fultz, our new Office Administrator, will be in the office and responding to messages Mon-Thur, 10AM–3PM. Pastor Jason will be on duty Mon-Thur, 10AM–5PM & Fri 10-Noon. His Sabbath is Fri-Sat. *Please call ahead to make sure that we are available and not in a meeting.*

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORMS are in the hallway. To beautify the sanctuary and have bulbs to plant in your own yard after Easter, return the order form and payment to the office mailbox **by March 16th.**

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL at 9 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. All students are invited to join us. **To be the 2nd adult and/or provide a meal, sign up in the hall or contact Pastor Jason. We will go to Gretna Glen Camp on Sun, March 16 (3:30-7pm). Volunteers are needed to carpool to the camp. Please see Pastor Jason if you are willing to help drive the youth and/or chaperone.**

BIBLE2SCHOOL is meeting at Faith UMC **on Tues. for 3rd Grade & Weds. for 4th and 2nd Grade** students from Reidenbaugh Elem. **Volunteers are needed as Small Group Leaders.** Contact Pastor Jason if interested.

GRIEFSHARE helps people process the loss of loved ones and to find support from peers. This is open to the church and community. We are meeting **every Monday from 5-6:30 PM at Faith UMC** in the Education Wing from **March 3 through June 9, 2025** (except for April 21 and May 26). More information and registration forms are at: <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/261153> or see Pastor Jason.

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

THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM (CST) engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. **Next meeting: March 20 at 5:00 PM (3rd Thursdays). Join us by Zoom 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. (March 19 & Apr 2): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOeIVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>.

BOOK CLUB on *The Sum of Us* by Heather McGhee. The Church and Society Team (CST) invites you to a monthly book via <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82735304374?pwd=eDBSZHRCZVphSnh2TENDZ0xrdG0vQT09>. At the first meeting they discussed the first 3 chapters and we will meet to discuss the remaining chapters on Mon., April 7 and Mon., May 5 at 5pm. Anyone interested in joining us can reach out to Pastor Jason or Renee Norman.

NATURE’S HEALING with Kathy Oberholtzer sharing natural proven home health remedies. Join her & bring the remedies that have proven successful for you! **They meet every Tuesday at 1:30 PM** Contact Kathy for info.

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS: Pursuing the Common Good is a new opportunity from our Church and Society Team (CST) that begins on Sun, March 30, Noon-1:30pm. This month’s topic is “**Balancing Justice and Compassion: A Conversation on the Justice System**” including Bail, Incarceration, the New Prison and Reentry. Presenter: Pastor Jason. Hosted by: Faith UMC’s Church and Society Team. Light Lunch provided.

GRETNA GLEN CAMP STAFF POSITIONS: Gretna Glen Camp is looking for a full-time Day Camp Director and other staff members for Summer 2025. Please visit <https://gretnaglen.org/serve/> to get more information.

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

THANK YOU for your faithfulness through your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness for our ministries. **In 2025 we will need about \$4,200 per week in giving toward the general ministry budget and paying down the debt on our mortgage.** The financial contributions at the start of 2025 have been less than our expenses—no doubt due to winter weather preventing some from attending church. If you have gotten behind in your giving we encourage you to consider making a one-time gift to catch up. Please consider setting up an automatic via Online Giving or through your bank—or mailing in your gifts on weeks when you miss worship.

Gifts can be directed to **General Ministry and/or the Debt Reduction / Building Fund** by marking your preference in the memo line & envelope. You can set up gifts through your own bank or at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z37Q/home>. There is a link at FaithUMC.us or via the **QR Code**. Special gifts from IRAs, stocks, etc. can also be received.



THREADS OF FAITH is for those who like to knit, sew, crochet or quilt. Join us 10AM - Noon the first Saturday of each month for fellowship and crafting! Bring your sewing machines and supplies! **Next meeting is May 3 due to Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on April 5.**

YMCA OF THE ROSES 70th GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST, Friday April 18 at 7:30AM, Farm & Home Center, Lancaster. Tickets are \$25 per person and may be purchased at <http://www.rosesymca.org/goodfriday>. Tickets are not available at the door.

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.

COMMUNITY MEAL: People in need may pick up a **Grab ‘n Go Meal at Zion Lutheran Church** in East Petersburg every Monday. **Faith UMC provides sixty Grab ‘n Go Meals quarterly.** Our remaining dates for 2025 are: Apr. 7, Jul 7, and Oct 27. *Contact Carol Kennedy if you are interested in participating in this ministry.*

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.**

THE LENTEN SEASON is a 40-day season of prayer and fasting remembering Jesus’ time in the wilderness. **LENTEN DEVOTIONS:** On the church website are two Lenten Devotions: “40 Days of Lent” and “Are We There Yet” which has scripture readings for each day. You can also read through the scriptures that are being taught on Sundays. Those scriptures are available at <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts/?z=1&d=24&y=384>. Holy Week will include a Maundy Thursday Service at 7PM at OCUMC, two Good Friday Services at Noon and 7PM, a Sunrise Service at 6:15AM at OCUMC’s Pavilion, as well as Easter Sunday Services at 9AM at OCUMC and 10:30AM at Faith UMC.

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.***

BRIDGE OF HOPE LANCASTER: If you are interested in being a part of this ministry to support a family as they settle into a new home on Fruitville Pike please join SMO team as they meet **TODAY at 11:45am at Faith UMC** to discern how we might be called to help. a family in our neighborhood.

EQUALIZING LAY DELEGATES: If you want to represent the laity of the EPAUMC and help set policy and missional focus for our denomination, see Pastor Jason. You would be a delegate to the 2025-2028 Annual Conference sessions.. We meet in **Wildwood, NJ for Annual Conference from May 20 at 3PM until May 22 at Noon. Sun., May 4** is the **West District Conference at Cornwall UMC at 3 PM.** All are encouraged to attend.

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 (<i>3rd Sundays to Gretna Glen Camp instead – March 16</i>) Communion offered during worship service, followed by refreshments Nar-Anon, 7:15-8:45 PM at Faith UMC GriefShare, 5:00 – 6:30 PM Bible2School in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM Natures Healing, 1:30 PM
Wednesdays	Bible2School in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Worship Team Practice, 6:45 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 Saturdays	Servant Saturday & Threads of Faith

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, Mar 16	SMO Meeting 11:45 (rescheduled from Mar 9) Youth Group at Gretna Glen, 3:30 to 7:00 PM – meet at Faith UMC to carpool Worship Team 6:45 PM Men’s Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30 AM – RSVP to Allen Kennedy Church & Society meeting via Zoom, 5:00 PM Trustees 6:00 PM
Wednesday, Mar 19	Special Election, Faith UMC is a polling place, 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM
Thursday, Mar 20	Church Council meeting, 6:00PM “Community Conversations: Pursuing the Common Good”, Noon-1:30PM
Tuesday, Mar 25	Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, 8AM-10:30AM
Thursday, Mar 27	with Easter Egg Hunts at 8:30, 9:30 & 10:30
Sunday, March 30	Holy Week (Maundy Thursday at 7PM at OCUMC; Good Friday at Noon & 7 PM)
Saturday, April 5	YMCA 70th Good Friday Breakfast, Farm & Home Center, 7:30 AM Easter Sunrise 6:15 AM (OCUMC) & Easter Services 9 AM (OCUMC) & 10:30 AM West District Conference at Cornwall UMC at 3 PM Annual Conference at Wildwood Convention Center, NJ (3 PM Tues - Noon Thurs)

WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, March 23

GREETERS: John & Priscilla Rice
USHERS: John & Priscilla Rice
LITURGIST: Daryl Hawthorne
CHILDREN’S TIME: Amy Boughter
JUNIOR CHURCH: Gwen Newell & Marilyn Jones
YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason, Sara Solodky & Bryan Nelson