

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), Aaliyah (high school student with brain tumor)
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
Gwen (Kathy O’s friend) healing after back surgery
Pat Drebot (Jake’s sister) – declining health
Gene DeLange for healing
Michael – struggling with addiction
Penny – hospitalized with infection

OUR PRAISES:

Many healings for those on prayer list
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

*Faith United Methodist Church
1290 Fruitville Pike, Lititz, PA 17543
717-560-0321 or faithumc@hotmail.com
www.FaithUMC.us & also on Facebook*

The Rev. Jason Perkowski jbperkowski@gmail.com Phone: 717-333-9238

March 30, 2025 at 10:30 AM – Fourth 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 **Buni Harbison & Pastor Jason**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** **Pastor Jason & God’s People**
When we struggle to live as you teach us, and we fail to answer your call...
God, your steadfast loves surrounds us.
When the truth clogs up in our throat, and we fear what will happen if we speak and if we keep silent...
God, your steadfast love surrounds us.
When we open our hearts and let the truth of our sorrows, our sin, our joys, and our doubts flow freely...
God, your steadfast love surrounds us.
When our stubborn hearts encounter the grace that teaches and guides us into a life of trust and joyful obedience...**God, your steadfast love surrounds us today and every day. Thanks be to God! Amen.**
Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, September 2024

***HYMN** *Through It All* **UMH #507**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Joshua 5:9-12** **Tim Patschke**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN’S TIME **Pastor Jason**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Psalms 32** **Tim Patschke**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

***HYMN** *God of the Ages* **UMH #698**

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 **2 Corinthians 5:16-21** **Tim Patschke**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

***HYMN** *This Is a Day of New Beginnings* **UMH #383**

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32** **Tim Patschke**
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Steadfast Love* **Pastor Jason**

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH **Pastor Jason**

***HYMN** *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling* **UMH #348**

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

Pianist: Jessica Maldonado **AV Tech:** Dennis Meck, Sr
Pastor: The Rev. Jason Perkowski **Ministers:** The People of God

OFFICE COMMUNICATIONS: Paula Fultz, our 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 Friday at Noon -Sat. *Please call ahead to ensure that we are available and not in a meeting.*

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 for 5th-12th graders. Each week there is dinner, games & a lesson. All students are invited. **To help chaperone or provide a meal, sign up in the hall or contact Pastor Jason**

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 **until 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: April 17 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. (April 2 & 16): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>.

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.

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS: Pursuing the Common Good is a new opportunity from our Church and Society Team (CST) that begins TODAY 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.

EDUCATION JUSTICE TOWN HALL on Sun., April 27 at 4 PM at The Church of the Apostles UCC, 1850 Marietta Ave. Join POWER Interfaith Lancaster Co. for an important conversation on Education Justice with local legislators. **This is your chance to learn and speak up for fair & equitable funding for public schools.**

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.

BRIDGE OF HOPE: We will begin supporting a family moving into our neighborhood thru the Bridge of Hope program. To volunteer please contact Pastor Jason to start completing the training and clearances.


MANDATED REPORTER/SAFE SANCTUARIES TRAINING: You are required to attend this training annually if you have any interaction with children or youth programs or work with vulnerable adults. Please provide us with a certificate proving that you have done this training or join us **on Mon., May 5 from 6:30-8 PM.**

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY on Sat., April 5 from 8-10:30 AM. Easter egg hunts will be at 8:30, 9:30 & 10:30 AM. Easter Storytime with Pastor Jason **9 AM & 10 AM. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!** See Gwen Newell or Michelle Bame to help with the breakfast. See Lisa Baker to help with the egg hunt. Consider donating items to help with the breakfast or the egg hunt. Eggs and candy can be left in the hallway in the basket on the left. Confirm breakfast item donations with Gwen or Michelle. Thanks for supporting Faith UMC fundraisers!

THE LENTEN SEASON is a 40-day season of prayer and fasting. LENTEN DEVOTIONS are at FaithUMC.US; “40 Days of Lent” and “Are We There Yet.” Plus weekly scripture readings at <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts/?z=l&d=24&y=384>. **Holy Week will include a Maundy Thursday Service at 7PM** at OCUMC Fellowship Hall (Sign up in the hallway so that we can prepare seating and food); **a Good Friday Prayer Vigil from Noon-3PM** with guided prayers in the Faith UMC Sanctuary; **and a Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7PM at Faith UMC; an Easter 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.**

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. **UPDATE: As of 2/28/2025 income was about \$7,800 behind expenses**—no doubt due to winter weather preventing some from attending church. **Thankfully, we have been able to save up financial reserves to help through seasons like this. 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 on April 18 at 7:30AM, Farm & Home Center, Lancaster. Tickets: \$25 per person at <http://www.rosesymca.org/goodfriday>. Tickets are not available at the door.

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. **WE ARE HOSTING A CLOTHING DRIVE FOR THEM THRU MID-MAY WITH BINS BY MAILBOXES!**

COLLECTING ITEMS FOR MAY 24th YARD SALE: General donations can be left in the purple room across from the Youth Room. You can donate books in the library classroom. *No clothing please.*

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.*

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.*

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 1 PM until May 22 at Noon. Sun., May 4** is the **West District Conference at Cornwall UMC at 3 PM.** All are encouraged to attend.

NEW STAFF MEMBER MEET AND GREET POTLUCK LUNCHEON on Sunday, April 6 after church hosted by SMO. What better way to show the love and welcome of our Faith UMC family to our new staff members and their families: Pianist Jessica Maldonado and Office Administrator Paula Fultz! SMO will provide hamburger barbecue and rolls, beverages, and cake. We are asking you to bring your favorite dishes as the rest of the meal! **Please sign up on the sheet in the sanctuary hallway!** Thank you on behalf of Amy, Diana, and the SMO team.

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

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 Communion offered during worship service, followed by refreshments Nar-Anon, 7:15-8:45 PM at Faith UMC
1st Sundays 1st & 3rd Tuesdays Mondays Tuesdays	GriefShare, 5:00 – 6:30 PM Bible2School in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM Natures Healing, 1:30 PM Bible2School in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Worship Team Practice, 6:45 PM
Wednesdays	Wing and a Prayer AA Meeting in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM Bible Study led by Pastor Jason, 10:00 AM Servant Saturday & Threads of Faith
Thursdays Fridays 1st Saturdays	

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, March 30 Thursday, Apr 3 Saturday, April 5	“Community Conversations: Criminal Justice Reform,” Noon-1:30PM SPRC meeting, 6:00PM Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, 8AM-10:30 AM with Easter Egg Hunts at 8:30, 9:30 & 10:30 AM; Easter Story 9 AM & 10 AM New Staff Member Meet & Greet after church with Potluck Luncheon Palm Sunday Maundy Thursday at 7PM at OCUMC CST Meeting via Zoom 5:00PM YMCA 70th Good Friday Breakfast, Farm & Home Center, 7:30 AM
Sunday, April 6 Sunday, April 13 Thursday, April 17	Good Friday “Drop In” Prayer Vigil from Noon-3PM at Faith UMC Sanctuary Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7 PM at Faith UMC Easter Sunrise 6:15 AM (OCUMC) & Easter Services 9 AM (OCUMC) & 10:30 AM Education Justice Town Hall Meeting at Church of the Apostles UCC, 4 PM West District Conference at Cornwall UMC at 3 PM Mandated Reporter/Safe Sanctuaries Training 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM Annual Conference at Wildwood Convention Center, NJ (1 PM Tues - Noon Thurs) Annual Yard Sale
Friday, April 18	
Sunday, April 20 Sunday, April 27 Sunday, May 4 Monday, May 5 May 20-22 Saturday, May 24	

WORSHIP LEADERS for next Sunday, April 6

GREETERS: Jake Ruhl & Allen Kennedy
USHERS: Jake Ruhl & Allen Kennedy
LITURGIST: Lisa Baker
CHILDREN’S TIME: Pastor Jason
JUNIOR CHURCH: Gwen Newell & Carol Kennedy
YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason, Pastor Ian, & Bryan Nelson