

PRAYER REQUESTS:

OUR CONCERNS:

Passage of wise county, state and federal budgets
and those impacted by the loss of funding
Bishop Moore-KoiKoi, DS Freymoyer & EPA
Staff as they travel in South Korea
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 and the
Middle East
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 those affected by violence and hate
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, mental
health illnesses, anxiety and stress
All those caring for sick loved ones
Those grieving the loss of loved ones
Members currently in jail or returning home
Udobo School in Durban, South Africa
NarSarah Village and Clinic, Sierra Leone
Mary Shenk for Alzheimer's
Alfredo Vega, Jr – safety while on active duty
Sandy Patschke – health
Diana Allia – heart condition
Melodie Dearolf for healing of back and leg pain
Sebastian for start of rehab

Those with cancer: Cyndi Campbell, Dean Grove,
Mark Reitzel, Duane Lehman, Ruthie, Martin
Campbell, 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), Kole; Pat Oglesby (Laura
G's sister); Eileen Landis, Janet (friend of Lisa);
Bob Black – lung cancer
Mary Ann Unangst for healing and strength
Peace for those dealing with anxiety and stress
Pastor Ian Solodky for knee injury
Joy Lane, sister of Wayne Dearolf for mass detected
Eileen Williams – muscles
Linda Philbin – motor neuropathy & cancer
Rosemary (Marilyn Jones' sister) healing
Terry Kofroth for upcoming test for continued pain
Daryl Hawthorne – knee pain and other health issues
Cheri Henry needs heart surgery; health issues; Chris
for knee problems (friends of Melodie)
Mary Hurdle - healing & transitions (friend of
Blacks)
Kathy Brandy Berry hand & shoulder pain
Jake Ruhl – continued healing
Dottie Sheaffer – dementia
Bob Schroeder – recovering from heart surgery
Craig Hathaway for illness
Peggy Burley regaining strength
Ray Carpenter – recovery from heart surgeries and
broken femur
Ruthie Johnson for Health
Beth (Amy's friend) – recovery from back surgery
Garnett K. for health & balance issues
Garnett's daughter Kimberly Ann Wenger
Priscilla Rice – waiting on test results
Kathy's family on the passing of her uncle
Donna Arnold & family on the passing of her brother
Serena Eby & Family on the passing of George Eby
Kathy, friend of Natalie, who had a stroke
Joanne Labry's family on her passing (Paula's Aunt)
Lisa Baker's sister-in-law for healing
OUR PRAISES:
The promise of the 2nd coming of Jesus our Christ
All who are healing from various surgeries
All those joining us in worship
Friends and family gatherings during the holidays

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

SIGNS AND TRUTH



Welcome

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December 14, 2025 at 10:30AM – 3rd Sunday of Advent

WELCOME: In this season of Advent we look heavenward for the second coming when Jesus will restore and revive all of creation and we will see God in full glory! May the Holy Spirit transform us in this time of expectation and fill each of us with joy as we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus and his return. You are welcome to engage with us and our loving God 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 Michelle Bame

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING: JOY
In the midst of our waiting and longing for God to make the world right again, we cling to the truth that God has saved, God is saving, and God will save. So today, we join our voices with the prophet Isaiah, who calls us to live in the joy of the truth of God’s salvation.
We choose to believe that the day is coming when “the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away” (Isaiah 35:10).
We light this candle of joy as a sign of the Truth that sets us free to live in joy as we wait and work for the day when all creation will flourish together.
Light the first three candles (including the pink one) of the Advent wreath

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Michelle Bame & God’s People
Beloved, we gather to rejoice in God who does wondrous things, who promises that someday all manner of things shall be well. **We rejoice in the truth of the day that all the earth awaits.**
We worship with joy now, confident that God will not stop until all creation is at peace.
We rejoice in the truth of the day that all the earth awaits.
We lift up our voices in song and story, in prayer and praise, as we remember and rejoice in all that God has done and will do among us. **We rejoice in the truth of the day that all the earth awaits.**
Come! Let us worship God with joy as we work with God toward the day when all of creation lives in everlasting joy. **Come! Let us rejoice in the truth of the day that all the earth awaits.**
Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, May 2025

***HYMN** Toda la Tierra UMH #210 v.1-3 in Spanish & English

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 35:1-10 Daryl Hawthorne
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN’S TIME Michelle Bame
***HYMN** Rejoice, the Lord is King UMH #715

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 146:5-10 Daryl Hawthorne
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

THE PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER UMH #895
***HYMN** I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me TFWS #2151

SCRIPTURE LESSON James 5:7-10 Daryl Hawthorne
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

OUR OFFERINGS: OF PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS Pastor Jason
***DOXOLOGY** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH #95

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 11:2-11 Daryl Hawthorne
This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

SERMON Signs and Truths Pastor Jason
NEW MEMBERSHIP UMH #33

We welcome Bryan Nelson, Peter Nicholson, & Gayle Saunders into membership!

***HYMN** O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing UMW #57 v. 1-5

***BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH** Pastor Jason
Please join us in Fellowship Hall for refreshments and bringing in new members.

** 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 Sundays and Monday-Thursday(10AM–5PM). His Sabbath is Friday until Sunday morning. *Please call ahead to ensure that we are available and not in a meeting.*

NURSERY (1 year old - 3 years old) & **JUNIOR CHURCH** (4-years-old - 4th grade) are offered during the 10:30AM Worship Service. Please sign your child in before the service & get a numbered badge. *The Nursery is available at the start of the worship service.* **Children who are 4 years old-4th grade should stay in the service until after the “Children’s Time”.** After worship, you will sign your children out in their classrooms in the Education Wing—except on 1st Sundays children will be brought to the Sanctuary as Communion begins.

NEW MEMBERS: Please contact Pastor Jason if you would like more info on becoming a member of Faith UMC

YOUTH GROUP ON SUNDAYS, 5-7PM for 5th-12th graders. Each week there is dinner, games & a lesson. All students are invited. *Please sign up on the sheet in the hallway if you are willing to provide a meal.* **3rd Sundays are @Gretna Glen EXCEPT DECEMBER. No Meeting on Dec. 28—Happy Holidays.**

OUR GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP meets **every Monday at 5PM** for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one and could use support and tools for dealing with all of the emotions and struggles that come from grief. **We are currently focusing on “Surviving the Holidays” through Dec. 22 and will then take off Dec. 29 and restart Jan. 5.** Contact Pastor Jason for more info and go here to register: <http://bit.ly/3MeeZax>

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY WITH KATHY “Meet Yourself in the Psalms” 6-7:30PM. This is a Bible Study reading through some of the Psalms to explore how to pray more holistically. Meet in Adult Classroom.

PASTOR’S MORNING BIBLE STUDY at 10AM on WEDNESDAYS in the Faith UMC Adult Classroom. *We are on break Dec. 24 & 31 due to the holidays.*

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE on Dec. 24th at Faith UMC at 7pm (or 5pm at Oregon Community UMC if that suits your schedule better). Families will worship together in this service of carols and a retelling of the Christmas story. We will also share in Communion. There will be refreshments in the fellowship hall after the service.

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Thank you for your continued generosity and faithful donations!! Extra ‘Thanks’ to all who have returned your ‘Estimate of Giving Cards’. Each one returned, gives us a better idea of how much income to expect when covering anticipated expenses. **Church Council has approved the draft 2026 General Fund Budget** with anticipated ±\$184,110 in income and ±189,212.56 in expenses which would be a deficit of **\$5,102.56**. We will update next year’s budget as we receive 2026 Conference expenses and Estimate of Giving Cards.

Our goal is to finish 2025 with at least the same reserves that we began the year. **We continue to need an average of \$4,200/week in giving towards our General Fund and mortgage** to meet that goal. Donations can be directed to General Ministry and/or the Debt Reduction/Building Fund (mortgage). You can also set up automatic gifts through your own bank, mail checks directly to the church, or at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z37Q/home> via a link at FaithUMC.us or via the QR Code.



THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. **Next meeting: December 18 at 5PM (3rd Thursdays).** Contact Renee Norman for more info. **Join us by Zoom at:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82735304374?pwd=eDBSZHRCZVphSnh2TENDZ0xrdG0vQT09>. The **Criminal Justice & Bail Reform Team** meets at Noon every other Wed. (*Next meeting: Jan 7*) **by Zoom at:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>.

GRAB ‘N GO COMMUNITY MEAL for those in need at Zion Lutheran Church in East Petersburg every Monday. Faith UMC provides sixty meals quarterly. **Our next date is January 12.** Contact Carol Kennedy to help.



THE POINSETTIAS AT THE ALTAR ARE

PRESENTED BY:

Bob & Diane Black
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Jean Ann Edwards
Marilyn Jones
Terry Kofroth
Linda C Morrow
Linda C Morrow
Peter Nicholson
Tim & Sandy Patschke
Tim & Sandy Patschke
Gayle Saunders

IN MEMORY OF:

John Newcomer
Poppy (angel baby grandchild)
Bob & Dolores Black
Agnes Yingling
Carl Jones
Family
Gerald Yingling
Robert Morrow
Laurel Nicholson
Alan & Lorraine Patschke
Ruth Stillwagner
Her late husband Mitch, a child of God

PRESENTED BY:

Jean Ann Edwards
Terry Kofroth
Linda Morrow

IN HONOR OF:

Linda Morrow
Matthew, Carrie, Julia, & Alex
Jean Ann Edwards

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*.

SALEM’S LITTLE FREE PANTRY: Place donations in the box at Faith UMC. Anyone in need can come at any time to get groceries on the porch at Salem Lutheran, 26 Owl Hill Rd, Lititz.

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.

ONGOING EVENTS:

Sundays

Adult Sunday School, 9AM
Worship, 10:30AM in the Sanctuary and Facebook Live
Junior Church during 10:30AM worship
Youth Group at Faith, 5-7PM (*Regular Youth Dec 14; No Youth on Dec. 21 & 28*)
Communion offered during worship service, followed by refreshments

1st Sundays

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

Mondays

Tuesdays

Tuesdays

Wednesdays

Wednesdays

Wednesdays

Every Other Wednesday

1st Wednesdays

Thursdays

Thursdays

1st Thursdays

2nd Thursdays

3rd Thursdays

3rd Thursdays

4th Thursdays

1st Saturdays

2nd Sat. (odd months)

Grief Share, 5PM in Adult Classroom, (*except Dec 29*)
Bible2School, 10:20AM-Noon (*on break until January 6*)
Bible Study on Prayers and Psalms with Kathy, 6PM
Pastor’s Bible Study, 10AM at Faith UMC (*on break Dec. 24 & 31*)
Bible2School, 10:20AM-1:20PM (*on break until January 7*)
Worship Team Practice, 6:45PM (*except Dec 24 and Dec 31*)
POWER Criminal Justice Reform Team by Zoom, Noon
Women’s Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30AM
Wing and a Prayer AA Meeting in the Fellowship Hall, 10AM
Girl Scouts once a month, 5PM-6:30PM
Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC), 6PM (*except Jan 1*)
Finance Team, 6PM
Men’s Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30AM
Church and Society Team (CST) by Zoom, 5PM
Trustees (on *even* months) (*except Dec 25*)// **Church Council** (on *odd* months), 6PM
Threads of Faith, 10AM
District Meeting of Al-Anon Leaders, 10-Noon

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, Dec 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight service at Oregon Community UMC, 5:00 PM
Christmas Eve Candlelight service at Faith UMC, 7:00 PM
Refreshments following the service
Fellowship Hall and Classroom in Use 2-10PM for District Clergy Dinner
Puzzle Palooza, 10-11:30AM
Chili Dinner (eat in / take out)

Friday, Jan 15

Saturday, Jan 24

Sunday, Feb 8

WORSHIP LEADERS for Next Sunday, December 21

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Michelle Bame
GREETERS: Daryl Hawthorne & Terry Kofroth
USHERS: Daryl Hawthorne & Carol Kennedy
LITURGIST: Tim Patschke
ADVENT CANDLES: *Ramonita Maldonado & Carter Zerbe*
CHILDREN’S TIME: Pastor Jason
JUNIOR CHURCH: Erich Byers & Allen Kennedy
NURSERY: Gwen Newell
YOUTH GROUP: *No Youth Group*