

## **PRAAYER 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 and recovery from fall  
Diana Allia – heart condition  
Melodie Dearolf for healing of back and leg pain  
Sebastian for start of rehab  
Mary Ann Unangst for healing and strength  
Peace for those dealing with anxiety and stress

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  
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  
Dottie Sheaffer – dementia  
Craig & Nancy Hathaway  
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, friend of Natalie, who had a stroke  
The family of Amy Johnson-Nelson on her passing, including her husband Erik (Lisa Baker's brother)  
Shelda Costello – healing from broken femur  
The family of Dave Dinger on his passing  
Jennifer Hood (Melodie's sister) healing from broken hip.

### **OUR PRAISES:**

Bryan Nelson, Peter Nicholson, and Gayle Saunders joining the church  
The promise of the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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: [faihummch@hotmaill.com](mailto:faihummch@hotmaill.com)*

# **SIGNS AND GLORY**



## **Welcome**

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# Faith United Methodist Church



December 24, 2025 at 7:00PM – Christmas Eve Service

**WELCOME:** We gather together to worship God: The Father, The Son, & the Holy Spirit. We celebrate that The Holy Spirit came upon the Virgin Mary, the Word of God became flesh within her, & on this night some 2025 years ago she brought the only begotten Son, Jesus, into the world. 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. Together, we seek to honor & understand the gift of the Christ Child! 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

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jason & God's People

Beloved, on this day/night, we gather to enliven the story once again of God who came to dwell among us as a vulnerable baby. **We rejoice in the day that all the earth awaits.**

We remember the stable, the animals, and the manger that witnessed the arrival of Emmanuel, God with us.

**We rejoice in the day that all the earth awaits.**

We recall the angels who announced the Messiah's birth to the shepherds, those most unlikely witnesses of God's glory. **We rejoice in the day that all the earth awaits.**

In our remembering and enlivening, we gather today as people of God's promise, witnesses to God's glorious presence among us in the vulnerable, forgotten, and tucked away places of the world.

**We gather to rejoice in the day that all the earth awaits, the day that has already come and will yet be.**

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, June 2025*

## \*HYMN

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

UMH #234 v. 1 & 2

## LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES & CHRIST CANDLE

Lisa Baker & Family

Tonight/Today, we gather to remember with the prophet Isaiah: "For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Great will be his authority, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this." (Isaiah 9:6-7)

**We gather to once again bask in the glory that visited a stable and a manger, shepherds watching their flocks, and a young couple cradling the newborn Messiah.**

We light the Christ candle as a sign of the glory that came among us in unexpected places and to unexpected people, that we may be people who seek and follow the glory of the Christ child here and now.

*Light All 4 Advent Candles and the Christ Candle*

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

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

Lisa Baker

## \*HYMN

*Joy to the World*

UMH #246 v. 1, 2, 4

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Jason

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2:1-5

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

## \*HYMN

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Luke 2:6-14

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

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

UMH #220 v. 1 & 2

Lisa Baker

## THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Luke 2:15-20

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

## \*HYMN

*Go Tell It on the Mountain*

UMH #251

## COMMUNION

*All are invited to the Lord's Table to receive God's forgiveness and grace through Communion*

**CONFESION:** Lord Jesus, this most holy of nights brings us Gladness, Grief, and Joy. Gladness, because you left the splendor of Heaven's glory to come to a dark and cold world, to bring the light and warmth of your Kingdom to a world so in need of Your Love, Your Peace, Your Joy. Grief, because you came into the world, yet the world did not receive You. You came to Your own, and your own did not welcome you. And still today, people turn away from you. We turn away from you. Sin still scars your creation and the hearts of your own people. And Joy, because you offer perfect forgiveness and full cleansing to all who acknowledge their need of you. Cleanse our hearts tonight, Lord Jesus, so that I may welcome you as I long to, certain that I am also welcomed by You. Amen.

*(Adapted from Rick Lindholtz, 2008, <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/12/confession-for-christmas-eve.html>)*

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

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH #15-16 & #895

## RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

### \*HYMN

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

### \*HYMN

*Love Came Down at Christmas*

### \*HYMN

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

UMH #15

UMH #224

UMH #242

UMH #238

## HOMILY

*Signs and Glory*

Pastor Jason

## BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Pastor Jason

## \*HYMN

*Silent Night*

UMH #239

*Please dip the unlit candles toward the lit ones as you share the light and love with your neighbor!*

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR REFRESHMENTS IN FELLOWSHIP HALL AFTER THE SERVICE**

*\* 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-4<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 not meeting on Dec. 29. We restart Jan. 5.** Contact Pastor Jason for more info and register at: <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. 31 due to the holidays.**

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

**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.



**UDOBO PRE-SCHOOL:** We support the Udobø School in Durban, South Africa at Christmas. Visit <http://Udoboschool.com> for details. Your gift will help provide food, educational supplies, & teaching staff. Checks can be made out to *Faith UMC* with “*Udobø School*” in the memo or donate to that fund via [www.faithumc.us](http://www.faithumc.us) under Online Giving→Udobø School. All gifts in the Faith UMC Christmas offering envelopes, those marked for Udobø School, as well as all unmarked gifts in the Christmas Eve offering plate will go directly to the school.

**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.**

**THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM** engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. **Next meeting: January 15 at 5PM (3<sup>rd</sup> 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. Join by Zoom at: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVIVXQwUk5LR2VFQ09.**

**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.

**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 with prep Jan 11 after worship.** Contact Carol Kennedy to help. **We are looking for a volunteer or a pair of volunteers to take the lead on this ministry. Please let Carol or Pastor Jason know if you are willing to help prepare and deliver these meals to Zion Lutheran quarterly.**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Sunday, Dec. 28**

**Monday, Dec. 29**

**Wednesday, Dec. 31**

**Saturday, Jan. 3**

**Sunday, Jan. 4**

**Sunday, Jan 11**

**Monday, Jan 12**

**Friday, Jan. 15**

**Saturday, Jan. 24**

**Sunday, Feb. 8**

## **ONGOING EVENTS:**

**Sundays**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sundays**

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays**

**Mondays**

**Tuesdays**

**Tuesdays**

**Wednesdays**

**Wednesdays**

**Wednesdays**

**Every Other Wednesday**

**1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays**

**Thursdays**

**Thursdays**

**1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays**

**4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays**

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. (odd months)**

## **WORSHIP LEADERS for December 28**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Buni Harbison

**GREETERS:** John & Priscilla Rice

**USHERS:** John & Priscilla Rice

**LITURGIST:** Buni Harbison

**CHILDREN’S TIME:** Jason Perkowski

**JUNIOR CHURCH:** Lisa Baker & Carol Kennedy

**NURSERY:** Marilyn Jones

**YOUTH GROUP:** **No Youth Group**

**NO Adult Sunday School on Dec. 28 or Jan 4**

**NO Youth Group (3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays are @Gretna Glen)**

**Worship Team Practice, 6:45PM (Moved to Mondays during the holidays)**

**No Bible Study**

Threads of Faith 10AM

**No Adult Sunday School—ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES AS NORMAL**

Grab N Go Meal Prep after worship

Grab N Go Meal at Zion

Fellowship Hall and Classroom in Use 2-10PM for District Clergy Dinner

Puzzle Palooza, 10-11:30AM

Chili Dinner (eat in / take out)

Adult Sunday School, 9AM **(No meetings on Dec. 28 or Jan 4)**

Worship, 10:30AM in the Sanctuary and Facebook Live

Junior Church during 10:30AM worship

Youth Group at Faith, 5-7PM **(No Youth on Dec. 28)**

Communion offered during worship service, followed by refreshments

Nar-Anon, 7:15-8:45PM at Faith UMC

**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. 31)**

Bible2School, 10:20AM-1:20PM **(on break until January 7)**

Worship Team Practice, 6:45PM **(except Dec 31 - moved to Mon. Dec 29)**

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