

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
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
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 – 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
Shelda Costello – healing from broken femur
The family of Dave Dinger on his passing
Jennifer Hood (Melodie's sister) – broken hip
Tom Boehm and Sheila Scriven – home and healing
Sandy Patschke – health and recovery from fall

OUR PRAISES:

Birth of a new nephew to Pastor Jason & Julie
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 POWER



Welcome

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Faith United Methodist Church



December 28, 2025 at 10:30AM – First Sunday after Christmas

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 Christmas 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

Buni Harbison

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jason & God's People

Beloved, we have waited, watched, and witnessed the coming of the Christ child. As we gather today on the other side of Christmas, we might be tempted to ask, "What now?"

We continue to wait and watch for the day that all the earth awaits.

In this season of Christmas, we remember that though Christ has come among us, the good news of freedom for captives, flourishing for the poor, and power returned to the disempowered does not reign in so many places.

We continue to wait and watch for the day that all the earth awaits.

With Mary and Joseph, we listen for God to show us how to protect and advocate for the vulnerable among us.

We continue to wait and watch for the day that all the earth awaits.

As we gather to worship today, may God bind us together in love, empowering us to live as followers of the Christ child who declare good news wherever we go.

We gather today as people who wait, watch, and work for the day that all the earth awaits. Thanks be to God! Amen

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

*HYMN

SCRIPTURE LESSON

CHILDREN'S TIME

*HYMN

SCRIPTURE LESSON

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

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

*HYMN

*DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE LESSON

*HYMN

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SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 2:13-23

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

SERMON

Signs and Power

*HYMN

Joy to the World

*BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

** 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

Buni Harbison

Pastor Jason

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Pastor Jason

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 at Gretna Glen including on Sun., Jan. 18, meeting at Faith UMC at 3:30PM and return by 7PM. 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.*

UDOBO PRE-SCHOOL: We support the Udobo 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 "Udobo School" in the memo or donate to that fund via www.faithumc.us under Online Giving→Udobo School. All gifts in the Faith UMC Christmas offering envelopes, those marked for Udobo School, as well as all unmarked gifts in the Christmas Eve offering plate will go directly to the school.

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 Monday, January 12 (meet at 9:30AM) with prep Sunday, Jan 11 after worship services. 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.*

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. 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.

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.

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 $\pm \$184,110$ in income and $\pm \$189,212.56$ 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: January 15 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. Join by Zoom at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelV1VXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>.**

PUZZLE PALOOZA! DO YOU LOVE JIGSAW PUZZLES? Join us at Faith UMC on **Saturday, January 24, 2026 from 10AM-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.** More information and registration will soon be available at www.FaithUMC.US under Events. To join with another team please contact Gwen or the office.

CHILI FUNDRAISER, Sunday February 8th from Noon to 2pm (or sold out). Vegan or meat **quarts to go** with added toppings that make it just right for your family's tastebuds. **TAKE OUT ONLY. No eat in service** so that we may all enjoy eating chili while watching the Superbowl. Preorders may be placed at www.FaithUMC.us → Online Giving --> Chili Fundraiser. Ordering in advance guarantees availability, but walk-in's are cheerfully welcomed while supplies last.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, Dec. 28

NO Adult Sunday School on Dec. 28 or Jan 4

NO Youth Group

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

No Bible Study or Worship Team Practice

Threads of Faith 10AM

No Adult Sunday School—ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES AS NORMAL

Grab N Go Meal Prep after worship service

Grab N Go Meal at Zion – meet at Faith at 9:30AM to help deliver the meal
Fellowship Hall and Classroom in Use 2-10PM for District Clergy Dinner

Puzzle Palooza, 10-11:30AM

Chili Dinner (Take Out Only), Noon-2PM

ONGOING EVENTS:

Sundays

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) // Church Council (on odd months), 6PM

Threads of Faith, 10AM

District Meeting of Al-Anon Leaders, 10-Noon

WORSHIP LEADERS for January 4

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Terry Kofroth

GREETERS: Lisa Baker & Leon Bame

USHERS: Lisa Baker & Leon Bame

LITURGIST: Buni Harbison

CHILDREN'S TIME: Amy Boughter

JUNIOR CHURCH: Erich Byers & Carol Kennedy

NURSERY: Ann Byers

YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason & Bryan Nelson