

## PRAAYER REQUESTS:

### OUR CONCERNS:

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, the Middle East, Nigeria, Venezuela, Syria, Somalia, Yemen, etc.  
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  
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)  
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  
Jennifer Hood (Melodie's sister) – broken hip  
Tom Boehm and Sheila Scriven – home and healing  
Sandy Patschke – health and recovery from fall  
Alex's (a friend of Bryan) grandmother in hospice

### OUR PRAISES:

Birth of a new nephew to Pastor Jason & Julie  
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: [faithumc@hotmail.com](mailto:faithumc@hotmail.com)*



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# Faith United Methodist Church



January 4, 2026 at 10:30AM – Epiphany of Our Lord

**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

Terry Kofroth

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Terry Kofroth & God's People

We gather as people looking for the star, a sign that God is at work in the world.

**God, help us find your glory.**

We gather as people listening for the whispers of the Spirit, hints of the good news in the least likely places.

**God, help us notice your glory.**

We gather as people yearning for Love's presence, the assurance that we are not alone and Love will have the last word.

**God, help us encounter your glory.**

On this Epiphany Sunday, may the Light of Love shine among us, revealing divine glory through neighbors known and unknown, vulnerable children, and unexpected gifts.

**God, reveal to us anew the glory of your expansive Love that gathers us together and sustains us in loving service to one another and all creation. Amen.**

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

## \*HYMN

*The First Noel*

UMH #245

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Jeremiah 31:7-14**

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

Buni Harbison

## CHILDREN'S TIME

*O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*

Amy Boughter

UMH #247

## \*HYMN

**Psalm 147:12-20**

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

Buni Harbison

## THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

**Ephesians 1:3-14**

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

Pastor Jason

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

**We Three Kings**

Buni Harbison

UMH #254

## \*HYMN

**John 1:1-18**

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

Buni Harbison

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Seeing the Light**

Pastor Jason

UMH #12-13

## SERMON

## COMMUNION: CONFESSON, PARDON & PASSING THE PEACE

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

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

### \*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH #95

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

## RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

### \*HYMN

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

UMH #16

UMH #103

UMH #220

## BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

### \*HYMN

*There's a Song in the Air*

Pastor Jason

UMH #249

*\* 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 Sunday-Thursday (10AM-5PM) in addition to evening meetings, classes, choir, etc. 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 when 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*

**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. 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.

**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](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.**

**SALEM'S LITTLE FREE PANTRY:** Place donations in the box at Faith UMC. The pantry is in need of canned tuna. 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!! Our goal was to finish 2025 with a balanced budget. Thanks to your dedication, we actually finished with a *surplus* that will be added to our reserves to offset any future unforeseen expenses and allow us to prepare for future ministries.

**In 2026, we will need an average of \$3,430/week in giving towards our General Ministry Fund and \$770 towards our Mortgage/Debt Reduction.** As you consider what to give, we recommend ¾ of your offering being allocated to the General Ministry Fund and ¼ of your gifts to the Mortgage/Debt Reduction Fund. *For example, if you give \$100 per week, we recommend \$75 to General Ministry and \$25 to Mortgage/Debt Reduction.*

You can set up automatic gifts through your own bank, mail checks directly to the church, place an offering in the plate on a Sunday, or donate online by scanning the QR Code, clicking [www.FaithUMC.US](http://www.FaithUMC.US) → “Online Giving” or go to [https://secure.myvanco.com/L\\_Z37Q/home](https://secure.myvanco.com/L_Z37Q/home).



**FINANCIAL PLANNING:** Did you know that you could leave a gift to the church in your will—along with a testimony that shares a statement of faith with your family and friends? You can also make a donation to the church through your annual Required Minimum Distributions from investments—and benefit from this as a tax-sheltered donation. There are many ways to give beyond just your traditional income that may provide benefits to you. *If you would like more info, please contact Pastor Jason who can help put you in touch with financial resources.*

**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>.*

**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 are available at [www.FaithUMC.US-->Online Giving](http://www.FaithUMC.US-->Online Giving). 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 taste buds. **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](http://www.FaithUMC.us) → Online Giving → Chili Fundraiser. Ordering in advance guarantees availability, but walk-ins are cheerfully welcomed while supplies last.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Sunday, Jan. 4**

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

Youth Group, 5-7PM

Pastor's Bible Study, 10-11:30AM

**Ladies' Lunch 11:30AM Oregon Dairy**

**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**

**Men's Lunch 11:30AM Oregon Dairy**

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

**Puzzle Palooza, 10-11:30AM**

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

**Breakfast with the Easter Bunny**

**Spaghetti Dinner**

## 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

Communion offered during worship service, followed by refreshments

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

**Grief Share, 5PM** in Adult Classroom

Bible2School, 10:20AM-Noon (**Resumes January 6**)

**Bible Study on Prayers and Psalms with Kathy, 6PM**

**Pastor's Bible Study, 10AM** at Faith UMC (**Resumes January 7**)

Bible2School, 10:20AM-1:20PM (**Resumes January 7**)

Worship Team Practice, 6:45PM

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**

**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 11

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Terry Kofroth

**GREETERS:** Jim & Buni Harbison

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**LITURGIST:** Terry Kofroth

**CHILDREN'S TIME:** Michelle Bame

**JUNIOR CHURCH:** Diane Black & Colette Borden

**NURSERY:** Julie Perkowski

**YOUTH GROUP:** Pastor Jason & Bryan Nelson