

PRAYER 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 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*

SEEING THE LIGHT

Welcome

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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 worshipping 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		Amy Boughter
*HYMN	O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright	UMH #247
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Psalms 147:12-20 This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!	Buni Harbison
THE PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE		Pastor Jason
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Ephesians 1:3-14 This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!	Buni Harbison
*HYMN	We Three Kings	UMH #254
SCRIPTURE LESSON	John 1:1-18 This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!	Buni Harbison
SERMON	Seeing the Light	Pastor Jason
COMMUNION: CONFESSION, PARDON & PASSING THE PEACE		UMH #12-13
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		UMH #15-16 & #895
RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP		UMH #16
*HYMN	Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise	UMH #103
*HYMN	Angels from the Realms of Glory	UMH #220
BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH		Pastor Jason
*HYMN	There’s a Song in the Air	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-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 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 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 → “Online Giving” or go to <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 (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=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOeIVVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>.

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. 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-ins are cheerfully welcomed while supplies last.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, Jan. 4

Wednesday, Jan 7

Sunday, Jan 11

Monday, Jan 12

Thursday, Jan 15

Friday, Jan. 16

Saturday, Jan. 24

Sunday, Feb. 8

Saturday, March 21

Sunday, April 19

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 AI-Anon Leaders, 10-Noon

WORSHIP LEADERS for January 11

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Terry Kofroth

GREETERS: Jim & Buni Harbison

USHERS: Jim & Buni Harbison

LITURGIST: Terry Kofroth

CHILDREN’S TIME: Michelle Bame

JUNIOR CHURCH: Diane Black & Colette Borden

NURSERY: Julie Perkowski

YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason & Bryan Nelson