

PRAAYER REQUESTS:

OUR CONCERNS:

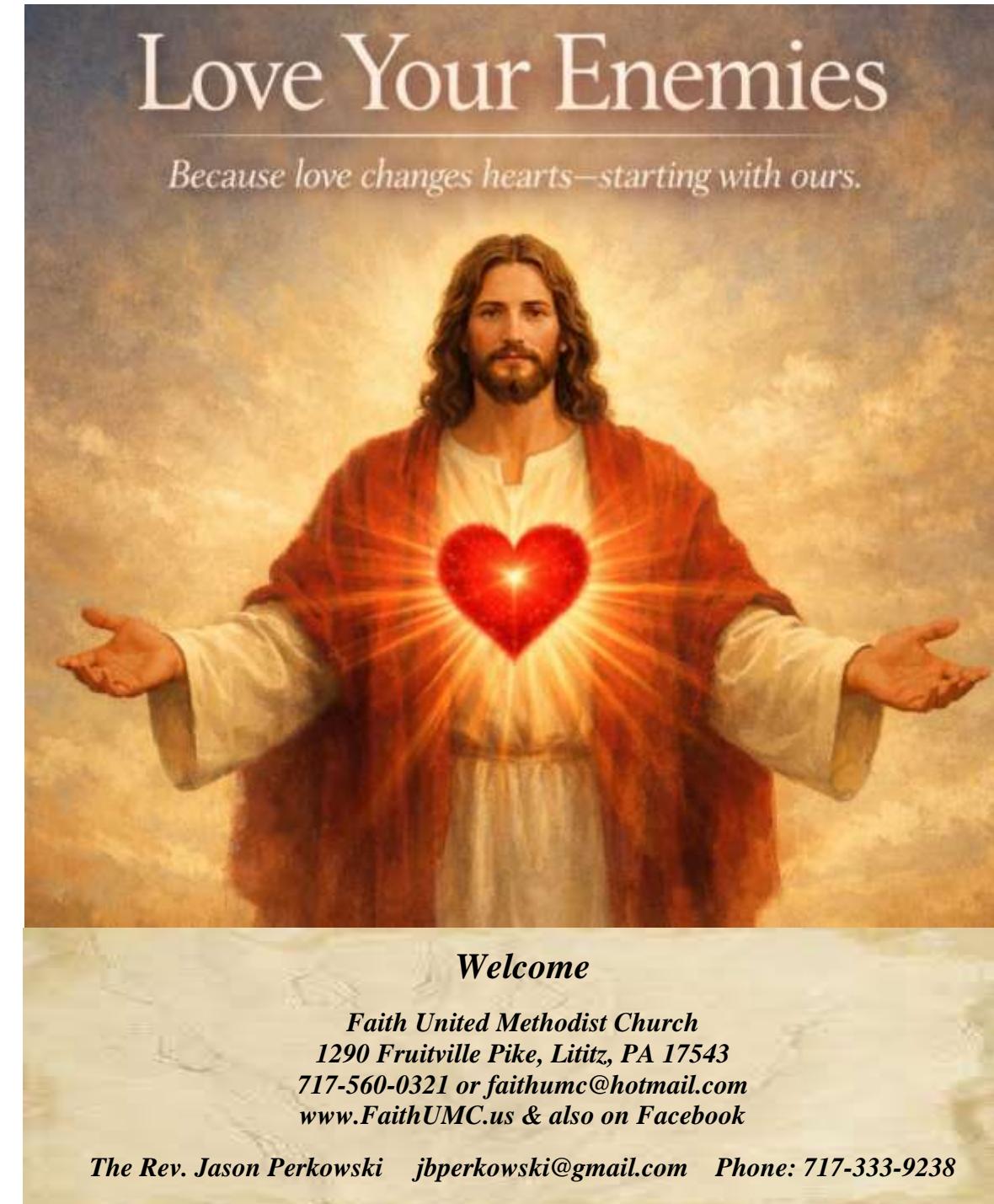
Bishop Moore-KoiKoi, DS Freymoyer & EPA
Staff as they travel in South Korea
Laity and Clergy of the UMC
Unity & love in the church universal & the UMC
Healing & peace for divisions over race, class, gender, sexuality, politics & fears
Wisdom & safety for government officials globally
President Donald 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
Sebastian for start of rehab
Mary Ann Unangst for healing and strength
Peace for those dealing with anxiety and stress

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

Those with cancer: Cyndi Campbell, Dean Grove, Mark Reitzel, Duane Lehman, Ruthie, Martin Campbell, Dorcas Kamanda, 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; Priscilla Rice – lung cancer
Eileen Williams – muscles
Linda Philbin – motor neuropathy & cancer
Terry Kofroth for upcoming test for continued pain
Daryl Hawthorne – knee pain and other health issues
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
Kathy, friend of Natalie, who had a stroke
Shelda Costello – healing from broken femur
Tom Boehm and Sheila Scriven – home and healing
Sandy Patschke – health and recovery from fall
Alex's (a friend of Bryan) grandmother in hospice
Marilyn Jones' recovering from COVID, her brother Frank with pneumonia & sister Rosemary taking a new chemo med
Jim & Buni's nephew on Southeast Asia mission trip with fellow Univ. of Delaware students
Gayle's friend Pearl (100 yo) who is hospitalized with flu
Buni Harbison – healing for rotator cuff surgery
Jeremy's wife Nickie (friends of Melodie) healing for kidney disease
Terry Kofroth, Daryl Hawthorne & family healing from covid
Rich (Daryl's brother) recovering from a stroke



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January 25, 2026 at 10:30AM – 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

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

Pastor Jason & God's People

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God, when fears press in on every side, we can proclaim with confidence:

God is our light and salvation! Whom shall we fear?

When our problems overwhelm us and we feel pressed in on every side, we can declare with confidence:

God is the stronghold of our lives! Of whom shall we be afraid?

No matter the troubles we face, we seek after God and to live in the house of God forever.

God shelters and protects us in the day of trouble.

Come; let us worship God with joy, for God is our light and salvation!

We come to worship as bearers of the Light. Thanks be to God! Amen.

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

*HYMN

This Little Light of Mine

UMH #585

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5: 13-20

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

Bob Rodgers

*HYMN

CHILDREN'S TIME

We Meet You, O Christ

UMH #257

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5: 21-26

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

Michelle Bame

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

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

***DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*A COVENANT PRAYER IN THE WESLEYAN TRADITION

***HYMN** *For the Healing of the Nations*

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Matthew 5:38-48*

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

SERMON *Heart of the Law*

***HYMN** *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

*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

OFFICE COMMUNICATIONS: Melodie Dearolf will be in the office 11AM- 2PM Monday to Thursday. Any info for the Faith-a-Gram and Bulletin to be submitted by Wednesday 11 AM. 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.*

THANK YOU: Thank you to Faith UMC for hiring me to be your Office Administrator. I've enjoyed my almost year here working with Pastor Jason and all the faithful parishioners. I plan to attend some of the fundraisers, so I will see many of you there. In Christ, Paula Fultz

WE WELCOME MELODIE AS INTERIM OFFICE STAFF: I was born and raised in Maryland and, in my younger years, lived in Texas, Alabama, Ohio, and Hawaii. I've called Lancaster County home since 1986, and it truly is where my heart is. Wayne and I have been married for nearly 26 years. I'm blessed with three grown sons and seven grandchildren. Something many people don't know about me is that I once owned horses. The barn was my happy place, a space that brought me peace and joy.

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., Feb. 15, 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.

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**.

EDUCATION TEAM MEETING FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS IN OUR SUNDAY MORNING CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS originally scheduled for Sun., Jan. 18th **moved to Feb. 15th 11:45 AM.** We will be having a Junior Church/Nursery meeting in the Junior Church classroom for all volunteers currently signed up **and also anyone who is interested in volunteering for our program.** We will discuss how the program is working, clarify any updates that we may need to make, and generally check in with volunteers. **We are looking for new adult and youth volunteers to help in our nursery and junior church.** We are on a rotation, based on our volunteers' availability and provide lesson plans. Anyone interested in hearing more about the program or about being a volunteer is invited to this meeting. If you would like more info, please feel free to reach out to Lisa Baker at 717-615-6707 or email at lisa.baker2294@gmail.com.

CHILI FUNDRAISER, Sunday February 8th from Noon to 2pm (or sold out). Vegan or Meat Based Chili: \$15 Quarts or \$8 Pints. **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. *You do need to select the specific tile for Pints versus Quarts—please mind your Ps and Qs.*

SIGN UP SHEETS: There are several spaces where you can volunteer to support our ministries. You can **sign up in the hallway** to provide a **meal for youth**, helping as a **greeter or usher, nursery & junior church helper**, to serve on **altar guild** resetting the paraments in the front of the church, or serving **refreshments** on Communion Sunday.

FINANCIAL UPDATE: 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 $\frac{3}{4}$ of your offering being allocated to the General Ministry Fund and $\frac{1}{4}$ 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.*

SECRET SISTER “TEA” OFF – January 31, 10AM.

THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. **Next meeting: February 19 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** **Next meeting: February 4 at Noon (every other Wednesday).** **Join by Zoom at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVIVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>.**

SALEM’S LITTLE FREE PANTRY: Place donations in the box at Faith UMC. The pantry accepts in date canned goods (tuna, chicken, soup, vegetables, fruit), cereal, shelf stable milk, peanut butter, jelly, boxed macaroni & cheese, ramen noodles, rice, spaghetti sauce and pasta. 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.

DO YOU HAVE ANY JEWELRY THAT YOU NO LONGER WEAR? Maybe some that is broken? Please give it to the jewelry room that we will have during the May yard sale. There is a table in the purple room to put your old pieces and parts. Thank You.

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 meal will be March 2.** 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.**

FAITH UMC WORSHIP TEAM: We are looking to add some new musicians and singers to our worship team. So, if you sing or play guitar / bass guitar we would love to have you join us. The Worship Team meets **every Wednesday at 6PM (NOTE THE NEW REHEARSAL TIME)** to learn Sunday morning's hymns, praise and worship songs, and anthems designed to enhance our worship.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, Jan 31 Secret Sister “Tea” Off – 10AM
Sunday, Feb. 8 Chili Dinner (*Take Out Only*), Noon-2PM
Sunday, Feb 15 Junior Church Meeting after Worship
Saturday, March 21 Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

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
Bible Study on Prayers and Psalms with Kathy, 6PM
Pastor’s Bible Study, 10AM at Faith UMC
Bible2School, 10:20AM-1:20PM
Worship Team Practice, 6:45PM
Every Other Wednesday POWER Criminal Justice Reform Team by Zoom, Noon
1st Wednesdays 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
1st Thursdays Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC), 6PM
2nd Thursdays Oregon Community UMC Church Council, 6:30PM
3rd Thursdays Men’s Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30AM
3rd Thursdays Church and Society Team (CST) by Zoom, 5PM
3rd Thursdays Finance Team, 6PM ← New week of the month
4th Thursdays Trustees (on *even* months) // **Church Council** (on *odd* months), 6PM
1st Saturdays Threads of Faith, 10AM
2nd Sat. (odd months) District Meeting of Al-Anon Leaders, 10-Noon

WORSHIP LEADERS for February 1st

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Michelle Bame
GREETERS: Sydney Dohring & Marilyn Jones
USHERS: Allen Kennedy, Marilyn Jones & Daryl Hawthorne
LITURGIST: Michelle Bame
CHILDREN’S TIME: Amy Boughter
JUNIOR CHURCH: Dianne Black & Carol Kennedy
NURSERY: Gwen Newell
YOUTH GROUP: Pastor Jason & Bryan Nelson