

## **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

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 passed away & her family  
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  
Jake Ruhl healing from infection

**OUR PRAISES:**  
All who are healing from various surgeries  
Nevaeh Grace born to Amanda Ortiz & Tyler Fleenor  
Miles Andrew born to Eric & Ashley Hassara  
Dalton Michael born to Melodie & Wayne Dearolf's son David & Amber Hogan

*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



February 1, 2026 at 10:30AM – 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

**WELCOME:** We gather together to worship God: The Father, The Son, & the Holy Spirit. 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. 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

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

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

UMH #384

## CHILDREN'S TIME

## THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

## \*HYMN

*When Love Is Found*

Amy Boughter

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Matthew 5:27-37*

Pastor Jason

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

UMH #643

## SERMON

*Pure & Committed Relationships*

Pastor Jason

## COMMUNION: CONFESSION, PARDON & PASSING THE PEACE

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

UMH #12-13

## 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

*For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

UMH #614

### \*HYMN

*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

UMH #629

## BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Pastor Jason

## \*HYMN

*Where Charity and Love Prevail*

UMH #549

*\* 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.*

**MELODIE DEAROLF 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. **I will be in the office Monday to Thursday from 11 AM to 2 PM. If you have anything for the bulletin, please have it to me by 11 AM on Wednesday. You can also drop it into the IN BOX bin in the office inside the door or in the FUMC mailbox in the hall.**

**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., 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](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**.

**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.

**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](mailto: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](http://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. Help needed to cook on Saturday, Feb 7 at 9AM*

**TOOLS FOR MINISTRY** at Salem UMC, Manheim on Sat. Feb 28 from 8AM-Noon with training for various ministries and administrative church functions. Stay tuned for details and registration.

**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 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>.



**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 (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** **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** to learn Sunday morning's hymns, praise and worship songs, and anthems.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Saturday, Jan 31**  
**Saturday, Feb. 7**  
**Sunday, Feb. 8**  
**Sunday, Feb 15**  
**Saturday, Feb. 28**  
**Saturday, March 21**

## **ONGOING EVENTS:**

**Sundays**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sundays**  
**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays**  
**Mondays**  
**Tuesdays**  
**Tuesdays**  
**Wednesdays**  
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**Wednesdays**  
**Every Other Wednesday**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays**  
**Thursdays**  
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**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays**  
**3<sup>rd</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 February 1<sup>st</sup>**

**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

**Secret Sister “Tea” Off – 10AM**

**Chili Dinner Prep Day, 9AM**

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

**Junior Church Meeting after Worship**

**Tools for Ministry at Salem UMC, 8AM-Noon**

**Breakfast with the Easter Bunny**

**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**

**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**

**Oregon Community UMC Church Council, 6:30PM**

**Men’s Lunch at Oregon Dairy, 11:30AM**

**Church and Society Team (CST) by Zoom, 5PM**

**Finance Team, 6PM ← New week of the month**

**Trustees (on *even* months) // Church Council (on *odd* months), 6PM**

**Threads of Faith, 10AM**

**District Meeting of Al-Anon Leaders, 10-Noon**