



Faith United Methodist Church September 2026



Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ!

In July and August, we've thought about the stories of the ancient Israelites in the Book of Genesis. There was a man who lived a long time ago, who was called to leave his hometown and kindreds, and who moved toward an unknown land to him. There was a man who showed total obedience until he was about to be killed by his own father. There was a man who endured years for love and went through all the way of exile and return. There was a man who became a minister of a nation from a slave and saved a lot of lives. They were men of faith who trusted their God. Awesome, right?

When I read their stories again, however, something different came to my mind. There was a man who sent away his son and the mother into the wilderness and who tried to kill his own promised son. There was a man who lied that her wife was not her wife but a sister, in order to save his life. There was a man who deceived his own father, brother, and uncle. There was a man who didn't care what his family would think about his lunatic ideas. What happened to them? What did they do? Something admirable? Something honorable? Something praiseworthy? Were they not men of faith who trusted their God?

The Bible describes the patriarchs in Genesis—Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph—as those who had both strengths and flaws in their character. They have had impact on the lives of people in history. They were those who did something in action because of their faith in God. They stepped out in faith to follow God's lead and guidance, even they didn't know exactly where God would lead them. Yet, they had flaws in their character. They were indecisive. They all made mistakes. They deceived those around them. Apparently, they were not perfect, and I'm grateful that the Bible records their strengths and flaws. They were flawed human beings like us, yet they stood firm in their faith in God and moved forward by the guidance of their God. If they, who had strengths and flaws as we do, trusted their God, if they kept following their God, I believe we can do that, too. Don't you think so?

Looking forward to seeing you on Sundays,

Your brother, KC

PLEASE HOLD THESE PEOPLE IN PRAYER:

Mary Lou Guarnera

Janet Valley

Chamberlain family

Andrew

Scott Hackett

Brian Scott

Fabian Almonte

Paul Garceau

Cathy

Dave Helman

Joe & Lorrie Ludwin

Dick

Steve Griffiths

Sondra Spence

Lois Henson

Josh

Alan Riopelli

Bob Buckley

Judy Devlin

Kati & Matthew Flood

Janet Lavoie

Edwina Lessard

Katie Boucher

Ryan McCarron

Our Country

FOLKS TO VISIT/CALL

Barbara Atherton—Home

Eunice Bock—Home

Sylvia Burns—Florida

Charles Ferguson—Home

Carol Glancy—Home

Neil Marshall—Home

Dottie Squires—Home

Janet Valley—Washington state

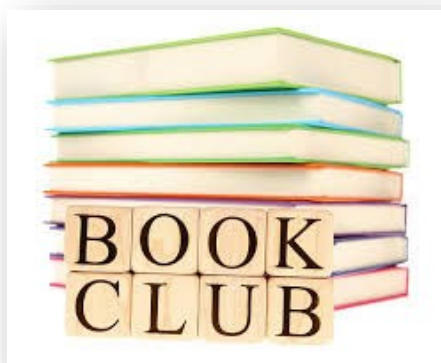
Betty Kaeding—Veterans' Home
Holyoke

Summer is almost Over, and the Book Club is back in October at the home of Joan Forgie @ 6:30 pm. We will be discussing the book

"The Calamity Club" by Kathryn Stockett. The Story takes place in 1933 in Oxford, Mississippi during the height of the Great Depression and Prohibition

New members are always welcome.

Join us anytime, even if it's only for a book that you have read also and would like to discuss.



Card-Making Class

September 11th, at 10:00 am

Don't you just love it when you get a handmade card in the mail?! You are invited to a card class in the Fellowship Hall of the church, taught by Joanne Milloy.



These classes will held the 2nd Friday of each month. Please let Joanne know if you can make it.

Bible Study on ZOOM Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

We meet for 4 weeks then take a week off. The study is led by Joanne and Peter Milloy.

All are welcome! If you do not receive notifications about the Bible study but would like to join us

please let Joanne, Peter or the church office know so that we can send you the link.



You can participate or just listen

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 6th Inside and back to regular worship time 10:00 am

September 8—Trustee Meeting 4:00 pm

September 11- Cardmaking w/ Joanne 10:00 am

September 13—ALL Church Potluck after worship

September 15—AST Meeting 7:00 pm

September 21— Newsletter Submissions Due

Tuesdays 9:00 am Men of Faith

Wednesdays 7:00 pm Bible Study on ZOOM

3rd Thursday of each month—Wellington Assisted Living, Springfield 1:30 pm



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SEPTEMBER

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

9/3—Dave Mason

9/5—Pastor Kate Galop

9/6—Pastor Heather Bailes-Baker

9/12—Katie Masztal

9/17—Charles Ferguson

9/27—Gail Jackson , Audra Pearson



9/4—Pam & John Barrett

9/28—Dave & Wendy Mason

Liturgists

9/6—Merrilee Riopelli

9/13—Ron Jackson

9/20—Ferne Garceau

9/27—Sondra Spence

Counters

9/7—Joan Forgie & Joy Jackson

9/14—Sallie Adelman & Susan Cassidy

9/21—Bette Lacey & Lorrie Ludwin

9/29—Joanne Milloy & Cheryl Boucher

Greeters

9/6 Joanne Milloy

9/13 Jim Kahle

9/20 Merrilee Riopelli

9/27 Bette Lacey

Men of Faith **Breakfast**





Neighbors Helping Neighbors

These are the top five categories, but **anything** is greatly appreciated

Tomato Products

Soups

Cereal (Hot plain oatmeal and the flavored variety boxes) **HOT ITEM !!**

Canned meat (Spam, beef stew, tuna, hash, etc.)

Personal Care (shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, women's products, diapers, etc.) **ALWAYS
NEEDED!!**

We will be collecting these items in an ongoing basis. Anything that you can donate will be greatly appreciated.

The "Campbell's Soup" Barrel will be set up just inside

Pictured at Fairview Memorial School in Chicopee are the school supplies donated by members of Faith UMC.

Thank you!!





<https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=917913.0cac7f>

Follow the above link to order your cutlery From **Rada** your purchase supports the church.



The Springfield Rescue Mission is in urgent need of men's and women's hygiene items. Our supply has been diminished due to the number of individuals coming to our Give Away Center. Also, because most of our men come through our men's emergency shelter and rehabilitation programs, we do go through quite a bit.

Items most needed are: Disposable Razors, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Shaving Cream, Soap, Shampoo and women's hygiene items

Any amount can help! Donations can be made Monday through Saturday, 8am to 6pm at 10 Mill Street, Springfield. SRM greatly appreciates your support! If you have questions, please contact us 413-732-0808.

Serving Others



Roger LaCross—Organist
Sondra Spence: Lay Servant Minister
Mike Adelman : Lay Servant Minister
Merrilee Riopelli : Administrative Assistant

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