



Faith United Methodist Church January, 2026



“Faith United Methodist Church’s mission is to share God’s love and encourage others through worship and service to our community and beyond.”

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

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

Happy New Year! I give thanks to God for each of you who have been called into this body and have worked together for the gospel of Jesus Christ. As I reflect last year, I’m filled with gratitude and joy by the love you have shown in word and deed. Your faithfulness, your generosity, your prayers, and your presence have been an excellent example of the life of Jesus’ followers. I’m deeply grateful for your ongoing commitment to this body of Christ.

This new year, I would like us to continue to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Let us share the gospel of Jesus Christ with those around us. Let us invite those who are lost or those who stop worshipping God with fellow believers to this body of Christ. Let us help one another to commit their lives to their God who has called them. If you are not baptized yet, if you are not a member of this body, or if you are willing to serve this body of Christ in any form, well, what will be to prevent you from doing so this year? (Acts 8:36) Let us encourage one another to gather together for worship and fellowship. Let us stretch our hands toward our community and beyond and try to do what we can do.

This new year, let us continue to build this community of the body of Christ. Let us give thanks for God’s grace by which we “have been saved through faith” (Eph. 2:8). Let us keep in mind that this grace is neither our “own doing” nor “the result of works” but “the gift of God” (Eph. 2:8, 9). As God has given this abundant grace to each of us freely, let us share this grace with those around us. This new year, let us continue to give thanks to God and move forward together. Thank you.

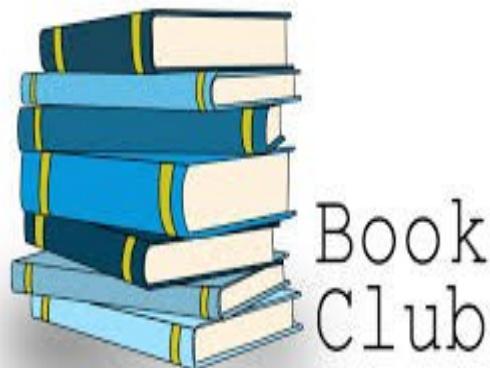
“I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ” (Phil. 1:6).

Looking forward to seeing you on Sundays,

Your brother, KC

Thank you to all
who contributed to
our church
community this
year!





The Book Club

We will not be meeting until Joan returns from Florida



Card-Making Class

January 9th, at 10:00 am

Don't you just love it when you get a handmade card in the mail?! Now YOU can make 3 special cards to send or give to friends & family. You are invited to a card class in the Fellowship Hall of the church, taught by Joanne Milloy.

These classes will be held the 2nd Friday of each month.

There is no set cost for this event; you decide what to give. The money is used to defray the cost of supplies.

Prep for the class takes some time, so please pre-register by calling or emailing the church or letting Joanne know. Neighbors, friends, family, and even men are welcome!



**PLEASE HOLD THESE
PEOPLE IN PRAYER:**

Jim Cassidy
Nancy Burke
Judy Devlin
Darcy Family
Louisa Gomes
Paul & Ferne Garceau's daughter Shari
Frank—hospice
Fred Perdue
Josh
Sondra Spence
Edwina Lessard
Janet Lavoie
Kati & Matthew Flood
Janet Valley's sister Laverne
Adam Boucher
Katie Boucher
Ryan McCarron

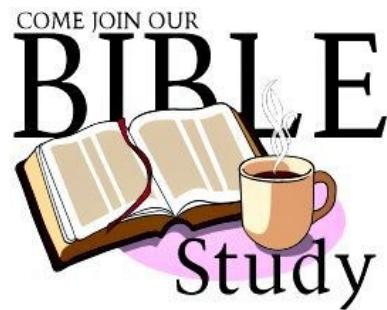
Folks to Visit or Call

Barbara Atherton—Home
Eunice Bock—Home
Nancy Burke—Maine
Sylvia Burns—Florida
Charles Ferguson—Home
Carol Glancy—Home
Betty Kaeding—Veteran's Home Holyoke
Neil Marshall—Home
Dottie Squires—Home
Janet Valley—Washington

Bible Study on Zoom

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 pm

There are some perks to having Bible study on Zoom—at night—in January when weather can be iffy. The facilitator/teacher (Joanne Milloy) sends out the questions to be discussed before we meet. If you'd like to see what it's all about, let the office know so that you'll be sent the Zoom link. If you're more of a listener than a talker, that's all right. We talkers appreciate listeners.



RURAL MISSION TRIP ON FOR MARCH

Our trip is schedule for Friday March 6th—Sunday March 15th

For more information please contact Dave Mason



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Tuesday, January 6th—Next Men of Faith meeting
 - ◆ Wednesday, January 7th—Next Bible Study
- ◆ Friday, January 9th—Card Making w/ Joanne 10:00 am
 - ◆ Tuesday, January 13th—AST Meeting 7:00 pm
 - ◆ Tuesday, January 20th—Trustee Meeting 4:00 pm
- ◆ Friday, January 23rd—Annual Women's Dine Out—Yarde Tavern
So. Hadley ALL WOMEN WELCOME

Rural Missions Trip

March 6th—March 15th see Dave Mason

Men of Faith—Tuesdays, 9:00 am

Bible Study—Wednesdays, 7:00 pm on Zoom

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



“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all things will be given to you as well.”

Matthew 6:33 NRSV

JANUARY

BIRTHDAYS

- 1/3—Hal Lacey
- 1/5—Lucinda Willemain
- 1/13—Janet Lavoie
- 1/22—Johnathan Riopelli
- 1/22—Adam Boucher
- 1/23—Pam Barrett
- 1/27—Sallie Adelman
- 1/31—Joan Forgie





Jesus said to visit the sick, care for the widow, the refugee, the orphan, for by doing so, you do so to him.

- **Make time to visit people, give them a call, write a card.**
- **Listen or sit in silence**
- **If they're too tired to talk, tell them something about what is going on in your life.**
- **Thank them for spending time with you & tell them that the church continues to hold them in prayer.**



Clothing shed at FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SPREAD THE WORD!

The New Year is a wonderful time to clear out the old to make room for the new. Clean those closets and drawers and donate to the shed to help your church and those less fortunate...it's a WIN, WIN!!

Last year we got a larger shed because of your generosity

If you are not familiar with the clothing donation shed, it's designed to give community members a uniquely clean, convenient, and well-cared-for option to donate their used clothing to. St. Pauly Textile Inc., the company that has provided the shed, partners with businesses and various organizations to distribute donated items both here in the U.S. and worldwide, where they are ultimately re-worn by people who need them. FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH receives funding for donated clothing, and additionally has the option to use donations to serve community needs.

With over 1,300 clothing drop-off sheds in place, St. Pauly Textile Inc. collects over 90,000 pounds of clothing every day and estimates that this clothing ends up in 44 different countries (including the U.S.) yearly. In 2019, the company was able to help keep over 20 million articles of clothing out of landfills, which clothed an estimated 2.5 million people worldwide. The company was founded in 1996 and is an A+ rated member of the Better Business Bureau.

Accepted items: clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, curtains, pillowcases, and stuffed animals.



Liturgists

1/4—Lee MacLean
1/11—Mike Adelman
1/18—Sondra Spence
1/25—Ron Jackson

Counters

1/5—Joy Jackson & Cheryl Boucher
1/12—Sallie Adelman & Susan Cassidy
1/19—Bette Lacey & Lorrie Ludwin
1/27—Joanne Milloy & Cheryl Boucher

Greeters

1/4—Joanne Milloy
1/11—Jim Kahle
1/18—Merrilee Riopelli
1/25—Rich Pearson



**Roger LaCross—Organist
Sondra Spence: Lay Servant Minister
Mike Adelman : Lay Servant Minister
Merrilee Riopelli : Administrative Asst.**

Church Office Hours

**Tues., Wed., Thurs., and Friday
8:30 am—1:30 pm**

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