



Faith United Methodist Church December 2025



Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

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

“In accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.” (2 Peter 3:13)

Advent is a season of four weeks to prepare for the comings of Christ. We prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of the Christ child. We celebrate the continuous presence of Christ in Word and Spirit. We anticipate and wait for the return of Christ in his final victory. We prepare our hearts and minds for “Emmanuel”, “God is with us” (Mt. 1:23), and long for the comings of Christ who gives us strength, hope, and peace.

This season, let us remember and prepare ourselves for the greatest gift God has ever given us, that is the gift of Jesus. Let us open our hearts to the incredible love of Christ and allow his peace to rule over us. And let’s be reminded that you are all invited to the Christmas Eve candlelight worship service at 5:00 P.M. Please come and celebrate the comings of Christ our Lord and Savior. Thank you.

“For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” (Isa. 9:6)

Looking forward to seeing you on Sundays,

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Your brother, KC





Book Club



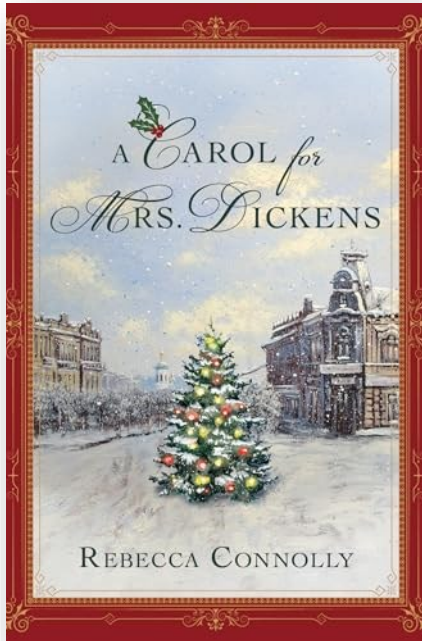
The book club will meet next on Monday,
December 15th at 6:30 PM at the home of Joan Forgie.

“A Carol for Mrs. Dickens” by Rebecca Connolly

Catherine Dickens, wife of Charles Dickens, experiences her own Christmas Eve transformation as she magically travels through her cherished memories to rediscover her lost love of Christmas.

A Carol for Mrs. Dickens reminds us that the true spirit of the holiday lies in love, faith, and the joy of giving

As always we welcome anyone who wishes to join us. If you need directions call Joan Forgie.



ADVENT READINGS

WEEK 1: NOVEMBER 30, 2025
HOPE—ISAIAH 60:2-3

WEEK 2: DECEMBER 7, 2025
LOVE—MARK 1:4

WEEK 3: DECEMBER 14, 2025
JOY—ISAIAH 35:10

WEEK 4: DECEMBER 21, 2025
PEACE—ISAIAH 9:6-7

CHRISTMAS EVE: DECEMBER 24, 2025
CHRIST—ISAIAH 52:7-10



Christmas Eve Candlelight service—5:00 pm
Christmas Story and Hymns





Bible Study on Zoom

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 pm

There are some perks to having Bible study on Zoom – at night – in December when weather can be iffy.



RURAL MISSION TRIP

The Rural Mission Trip is scheduled for Friday, March 6th through Sunday, March 15th, 2026. We will once again travel to Edisto Island, So. Carolina. We will be staying at the Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island. The fees will be \$350 – \$400 for those traveling without the need for hotels and \$450 – \$500 for those requiring hotels. The fees include gas, rental vehicles, 2 nights hotels, host church fee, and food while in South Carolina, including the Saturday night team dine out. Sunday is a day to explore the region, some go to Charleston or Savanna, or explore the sites close to where we stay. You are responsible for your own dinner that night. We work from Monday through Friday on the homes on our list. Jobs vary from roofing to floor repairs to painting, etc.. No need to have any skills, just the heart to help others live in their homes safely.

Our stay at the Presbyterian Church is in 2 bunk rooms with 6 bunk beds in each room. You will need to bring sheets, blankets, and pillows for your comfort. HomeWorks of America supplies all necessary tools, materials, equipment and permits. There is no need to take tools.

Our first planning meeting will be on Saturday, December 6th at 10 am. It will be in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in going on the trip, please try to attend the meeting. If you can't attend the meeting and are thinking of going on the trip, please let me know.

Dave Mason dwjmason@charter.net

Fanfare Brass Choir

Christmas Concert and Sing Along

Sunday December 7th—3 pm



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191 Montclam St, Chicopee MA

Sample Program: Fanfare for Christmas - brass Only
For Unto Us A Child is Given - Brass only
Chestnut Roasting on an Open Fire - Sing along
Away in the Manger - Sing along
White Christmas - Sing along
We Wish You a Merry Christmas - Sing along
Wassail Song - brass only
The Holly and the Ivy - Brass only
Silent Night - Sing along

O Come All Ye Faithful - Sing along
What Child Is This - Sing along
Westminster Carol - Sing along
Jingle Bells - Brass only
Sleigh Ride - brass only
Oh Holy Night - Sing along
Angels from the Realms of Glory - Sing along
O little town of Bethlehem - Sing along
Christmas - Sing Along

Free and open to the public

Add your name to our mailing list - email: tbn8@aol.com, www.PremierEntertains.com
contact David Neill at (413) 686-5027 or tbn8@aol.com

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Chicopee Cultural Council,
a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council a state agency



Save the date

Christmas Bazaar



Saturday, December 13th

9 am - 1 pm



**PLEASE HOLD
THESE PEOPLE IN
PRAYER:**

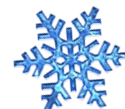
Frank—hospice
Betty Gosselin
Family of Bill Kaeding
Bruce Long
Leon
Fred Perdue
Sondra Spence
Josh
Kati & Matthew Flood
Jeff—end of life issues
Judy Devlin
Edwina Lessard
Adam Boucher
Katie Boucher
Dave Helman
Dan Pilachowski
Sally Latham
Janet Valley
Janet Lavoie
Ryan McCarron
Our Church

Folks to Visit:

Barbara Atherton
Eunice Bock
Charles Ferguson
Carol Glancy
Neil Marshal
Dottie Squires
Betty Kaeding



DECEMBER



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



12/1 Lee MacLean
12/4 Peter Milloy
12/9 Kehinde Idowu
12/11 Sondra Spence
12/12 Susan Cassidy
12/15 Joe Ludwin
12/31 Ferne Garceau

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 7th – Fanfare Brass Choir sing-along 3pm

Dec. 13th – 3rd annual Holiday Bazaar 9-1:00 pm

Dec. 15th – Book Club at Joan Forgie's Home
6:30 pm

Dec. 24th – Christmas Eve Service – 5:00 PM

March 6th – March 15th – Rural Missions Trip

Tuesdays Men of Faith 9:00 am

Wednesdays Bible Study via Zoom 7:00 pm

3rd Thursdays of each month – Wellington Assisted
Living, Springfield – 1:30 pm for singing and fellowship



But the angel said to them "Do not be afraid; for see-I am bringing you good news of great joy for all of the people"
Luke 2:10

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

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

- Tomato Products
- Soups
- Cereal (Hot and Cold) HOT ITEM
- Canned meat (Spam, beef stew, tuna, hash, etc.)
- Personal Care (shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant,
- women's products, diapers, etc.) NECESSARY ITEMS

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 the front door for drop off.



Liturgists

12/7—Jiwoo Chang
12/14— Merrilee Riopelli
12/21— Ferne Garceau
12/24—Rich Pearson
12/28—Bette Lacey

Counters

12/1 Sallie Adelman & Susan Cassidy
12/8 Joan Forgie & Joy Jackson
12/15 Bette Lacey & Lorrie Ludwin
12/22 Sallie Adelman & Susan Cassidy
12/30 Joanne Milloy & Cheryl Boucher

Advent Readers

11/30 Hal & Bette Lacey
12/7—Jackson, McCarron, and Skibel families
12/14—Perdue Family
12/21—Allens & Naismiths
12/24—Pearson Family

Greeters

12/7—Bette Lacey
12/14—Joy Jackson
12/21—Sallie Adelman
12/28—Joanne Milloy
12/24— Joanne Milloy



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

Church Office Hours
Tuesday through Friday
8:30 am—1:30 pm
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Rev. Hyunung “KC” Chang
FaihtPastor191@gmail.com
Pastor’s office hours by appointment

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

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