



Faith United Methodist Church May, 2026



Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

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

Is springtime your favorite time of year? Flowers are coming into bloom; birds are singing; days are becoming warmer and longer; insects are emerging. As spring, which refreshes things around us, is here, the resurrection of Christ has refreshed and changed our lives. We, “the Easter people”, “raise our voices”, because “everyday to us is Easter”, and “fear of death can no more stop us”. In May, we will continue our celebration of Easter and move toward Pentecost, as God has sent the Holy Spirit upon believers. We will open ourselves to the Spirit and seek God’s guidance.

In John 10, while some of the Pharisees are with him (Jn. 9:40), Jesus says he is “the gate for the sheep” (Jn. 10:7, 9) and “the good shepherd” (Jn. 10:11, 14). Although Jesus reveals his identity, that is “the gate” and “the good shepherd”, the Jews don’t understand his teaching (Jn. 10:6) but are divided (Jn. 10:19). Running out of their patience with Jesus, they ask him: “If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly” (Jn. 10:24). Jesus replies that he has already told them who he is, but they refuse to believe (Jn. 10:25). They have seen his ministry and heard his words, and yet they still question his identity and don’t believe. So, Jesus answers them: “My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me” (Jn. 10:27).

Let’s have a pause and think about who it is what we follow. Do we follow Jesus, who suffered and died for us, and still loves us and waits for those in need? Jesus asks us to turn to him for guidance and listen to his voice and words. The answers we seek are in him. Thank you.

Looking forward to seeing you on Sundays,

Your brother, KC

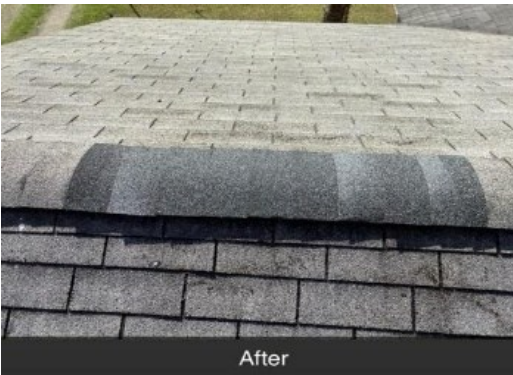
RURAL MISSION TRIP

The Rural Mission trip began on Friday, March 6th. With wet roads and temperatures around freezing the threat of black ice stayed with us until mid-morning. When we reached our hotel in Virginia for the night temps were in the 80's.

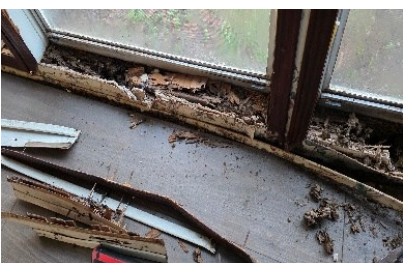
Our team consisted of 13 people, with 2 of those being our cooks. The team was given 3 homes to repair. The first home was a trailer owned by Elizabeth Johnson. The soffit and fascia on the house needed repairs and cover it with vinyl. There were electrical repairs and installation of handicap grab bars in the bathroom.



The second home was owned by Blondell Forrest. She needed grab bars and a hand-held shower installed. We also replaced missing ridge caps on the roof, built a step on her deck so she could use the door leading to the deck, installed a railing on her front stairs and cleared a drain



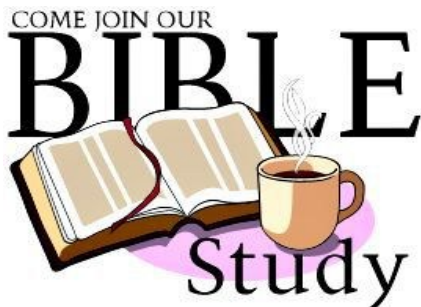
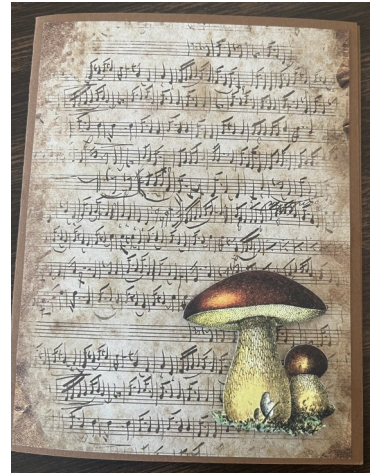
The third home was owned by Geneva Koger. The work included rust proofing and coating her roof. The framing under the triple window was rotted and needed to be restructured. We replaced the soffit and fascia boards in the back, added drip edge and painted the new soffit. We reset and adjusted the front door so it would close and a handicap lockset was added with the deadbolt rekeyed to match. Handicap grab bars and towel bars were added in her bathroom. The gate to the backyard was adjusted to close.



I would like to thank all those who donated funds and prayed for us. The support we get from you allows us to be as successful as can be. - Dave Mason

Cardmaking Class - Friday, May 8th 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 be held the 2nd Friday of each month. Neighbors, friends, family, and even men are welcome!



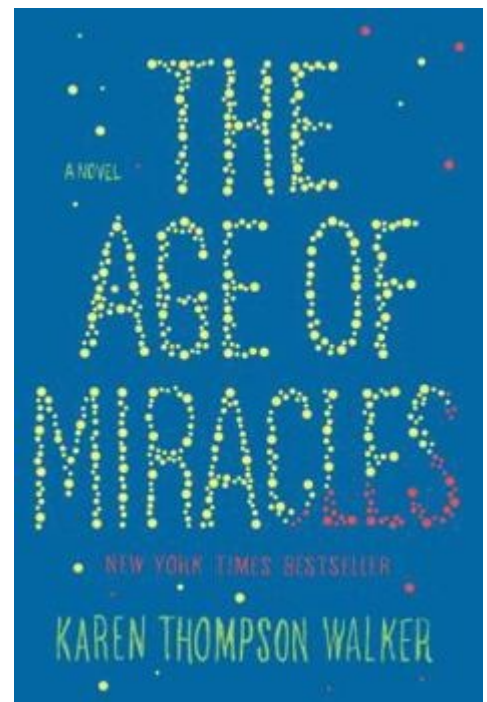
Bible Study remains on ZOOM Wednesday At 7:00 pm. A reminder email is sent out weekly. If you have not received an email and would like to join the Bible study, give the office a call

BOOK CLUB

Our next meeting will be on Monday, May 18th at 6:30 pm at the home of Joan Forgie. We always welcome new members. If you need directions, please call Joan

This month's book is "*The Age of Miracles*" by Karen Thompson Walker.

When Earth's rotation suddenly slows, affecting gravity and natural rhythms, Julia navigates adolescence, first love, and family tensions in an increasingly unstable world.



PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE

Sondra Spence

William Malia

Jimmy Wright

Lee MacLean

Sandy Naismith

Ellen Messenger

Pam Barrett

Dan Pilachowski

Teddie Perdue

Lucinda Willemain

Janet Valley

Arlene Mackie

Caroline

Kati & Matthew Flood

Judy Devlin

Katie Boucher

Fred Perdue & Family

Janet Lavoie

Edwina Lessard

Scott Hackett

Lynda Henderson

Ryan McCarron

Folks to Visit or Call

Barbara Atherton—Home

Nancy Burke—Maine

Sylvia Burns—Florida

Eunice Bock—Home

Carol Glancy—Home

Neil Marshall—Home

Dottie Squires—Home

Betty Kaeding—Veteran's Home
Holyoke



Pentecost—The birth of our church, May 24th Make sure you wear red to church



**Memorial Day—May 25th
We will never forget**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, May 5th—Trustee Meeting 4:00 pm

Friday, May 8th—Cardmaking class w/ Joanne Milloy 10:00 am

Sunday, May 10th—Mother’s Day

Tuesday, May 12th—AST Meeting 7:00 pm

Monday, May 18th—Book Club at Joan Forgie’s home 6:30 pm

Sunday, May 24th—Pentecost **WEAR RED**

Annual Conference—June 3rd-6th

Manchester NH—Office closed

Tuesdays—Men of Faith 9:00 am

Wednesdays—Bible Study 7:00 PM ZOOM

3rd Thursday of each month—Wellington Asst.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/13—Jackson Skibel

5/13—Paul Garceau

5/17—Linda Guzman

5/31—Laurie McCarron





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

- Make time to visit people, call them or send 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.**





Liturgists

5/3—Bette Lacey

5/10—Sondra Spence

5/17—Rich Pearson

5/24—Merrilee Riopelli

5/31—Ron Jackson

Counters

5/4—Sallie Adelman & Susan Cassidy

5/11—Bette Lacey & Lorrie Ludwin

5/20—Joan Forgie & Joy Jackson

5/26—Joanne Milloy & Cheryl Boucher

6/1—Sallie Adelman & Susan Cassidy

Greeters

5/3—Joanne Milloy

5/10—Jim Kahle

5/17—Merrilee Riopelli

5/24—Rich Pearson

5/31—Bette Lacey



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