



Faith United Methodist Church October 2026



Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

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

“Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” (Mk. 4:40). Well, I would like to defend the disciples if I was in their shoes. They were crossing the lake by boat, presumably not a cruise ship but a small one. Everything looked fine, so far. Jesus showed his authority and power as the Son of God. He called his disciples, healed the sick, cast out demons, taught people. Some rejoiced; some grumbled; some were enraged; some were confused. It’s not easy for people to understand who this rising Teacher was, and it seems that it was the same to the disciples to know whom they were following.

“Let us go across to the other side” (Mk. 4:35). As Jesus ordered the disciples to cross the lake, they found a boat and began to go across the lake with him. Some of the disciples were skilled fishermen; they knew how to find a safe way on the lake and how to maneuver a boat. They were locals: they spent most of their life in this area around the lake. Because crossing the lake was nothing new to them, they were not worried...until they encountered something. A “great windstorm” (Mk. 4:37; in Greek literally “a storm great”) was waiting for them, and the waves began to smash the boat they got into. The disciples thought that they were about to die, so they asked Jesus for help. Then, something unbelievable happened. The wind and the lake began to stay calm after Jesus’ stern order, and there was a “dead calm” (Mk. 4:39; in Greek literally “a calm great”). After Jesus rebuked the disciples for their lack of faith, they were filled with “great fear” (Mk. 4:41; in Greek literally “fear or awe great”).

“Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?” (Mk. 4:41). The disciples tried to understand who their Teacher was. When they were in trouble, they came to Jesus and complained that Jesus didn’t care for them. After the rescue, Jesus reminded them who was with them: “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” (Mk. 4:40). We might complain to Jesus that he doesn’t care about us, but Jesus would ask us whether or not we have faith in him. We might see something fearful, but Jesus would order us to see the One who is with us. We might hear something discouraging, but Jesus would proclaim this loudly: “Be silent! Be still!” (Mk. 4:39). He would want us to choose faith over fear.

Looking forward to seeing you on Sundays,

Your brother, KC



Thanksgiving Collection

The Mission Committee will again collect food for Thanksgiving. We will also take money towards turkeys. If anyone would like a Thanksgiving food basket or knows of someone in need, please speak to Sondra Spence. If no baskets are needed, then everything will be given to the local food pantries. All items should be in by November 15th.



Christmas Bazaar News



Our Christmas Bazaar will be held Saturday, December 12th 9am - 1pm!

Dates to remember:

Starting Sunday, November 1st - Look in the Fellowship Hall sign-up sheets for baked goods and our Friendship Soup & Cookie board!!

We are also looking for new or clean and gently used Christmas items!

All Friendship Soup and Cookie mix items can be brought to the church during church hours and placed in the kitchen

All Christmas items can be brought up to the classroom with the decorated door at the top of the stairs starting Sunday, November 1st through Sunday, December 6th.

We will be needing help to set up tables on Thursday, December 10th, as well as people to man the tables, and for clean up on Sunday, December 13th after coffee hour.



Bible Study on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm on ZOOM.

If you'd like to join us, just call the office (413) 533-6093 and Merrilee will send you the Zoom link.

There's always a lively discussion, some humor and some insights into scripture.

Collection of Hygiene Items for Chicopee High Schools

Items we are collecting

- ♦ Shampoo & Conditioner
- ♦ Body Wash & Soap
- ♦ Deodorant
- ♦ Toothpaste & toothbrushes
- ♦ Feminine Hygiene products
- ♦ Body Lotion
- ♦ Hair Care products
- ♦ New Socks & undergarments (men and women)

Every contribution—big or small—makes a huge difference. **Thank you** for your support. Contributions are collected in the baskets under the table in the Narthex

Memorial Giving

Anyone, at any time, may establish a memorial to a departed loved one, simply by making a gift. It does not necessarily mean the one whom you wish to honor was a member of this church, but simply that he or she lies close to your heart. Gifts may be made to the Memorial Fund in any amount, large or small. The name of the person memorialized will be inscribed in the Book of Remembrance. The name of the donor will be recorded also but no record of the amount of the gift will appear.

All such memorial gifts are added to the Memorial Fund, to be used in such a manner as the Memorial Committee may determine to increase the religious beauty of the church or add to its service of Christian worship. Such funds will be expended for permanent projects of a tangible nature, which may be readily identified and will not be spent on items shown in the church budget under current operating expenses. The Memorial Committee will purchase every memorial object.

***Please fill out the Memorial Giving sheet below to make a Memorial Gift.**

Memorial Gifts

The Memorial gifts will be dedicated on All Saints Sunday, November 1, 2026. The last day to make a Memorial Gift is Sunday, October 25, 2026. If you wish to make a memorial gift, please complete this form. All checks should be made out to Faith United Methodist Church indicating "Memorial Fund" in the memo section. This may be mailed to the church or placed in the offering plate by October 25, 2026.

Mail to:

Faith United Methodist Church

191 Montcalm Street

Chicopee, MA 01020

Attention: Memorial Committee

A gift in Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Please print out all the names exactly the way you would like them to appear in the Memorial Booklet. Include an address if a family member is to be informed of your donation.

**PLEASE HOLD THESE
PEOPLE IN PRAYER:**

The Pearson Family

Pam Perdue

Michelle Goulet

Paul Garceau

Dave Hellman

Mary Lou Guarnera

Young Ju Kim

Scott Hackett

Joe & Lorrie Ludwin

Dick

Steve Griffiths

Sondra Spence

Kati & Matthew Flood

Alan Riopelli

Katie Boucher

Edwina Lessard

Janet Valley

Janet Lavoie

Ryan McCarron

Our Country

FOLKS TO VISIT:

Barbara Atherton – Home

Sylvia Burns – Florida

Eunice Bock – Home

Charles Ferguson – Home

Carol Glancy – Home

Neil Marshall – Home

Dottie Squires – Home

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Janet Valley – Washington

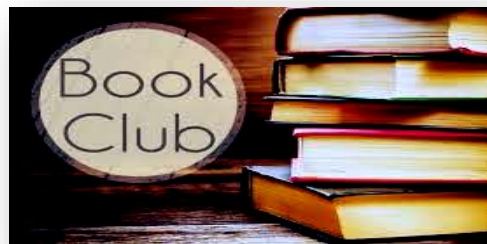


Card Making

With Joanne Milloy

Friday, October 9, 2026, 10:00 am

Come and enjoy the fellowship and take home some
handmade cards to share with family and friends



The next meeting of the Book Club will be Monday,
October 19th at 6:30 pm at the home of Joan Forgie.

We will be discussing the book

"The Calamity Club" by Kathryn Stockett

In 1933 Oxford, Mississippi, Prohibition is on the wane,
and the Great Depression is tightening its grip. Poor and
rich folks alike have fallen on hard times, even as the old
social order remains. For women on the margins, the
options are few and the price of dignity and
self-determination is unbearably high.

We welcome new members any time, We would love to
have you!

Call Joan for directions.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 4th – Annual Crop walk at Trinity UMC
Springfield

Friday, October 9th – Cardmaking class with Joanne
Milloy at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall

Monday, October 19th – Book Club meets at Joan
Forgie's home at 6:30 pm

Tuesday, October 27th – AST Meeting at 7:00 pm in
Batchelor Room

Tuesday, November 10th – Trustee meeting at 4:00 pm

Sunday, November 15th – Church Conference to
be held at Wesley UMC in Hadley MA at 5:00 pm

Tuesdays – Men of Faith – 9:00 am

Wednesdays – Bible Study – 7:00 pm on ZOOM

3rd Thursday of each month – Wellington Asst. Living,
Springfield 1:30 pm



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

October 5—Marie Rainey

October 11—Ryan McCarron

October 16—Dottie Squires

October 18—Pastor KC

October 21—Kati Flood

October 23—Cari Kaeding



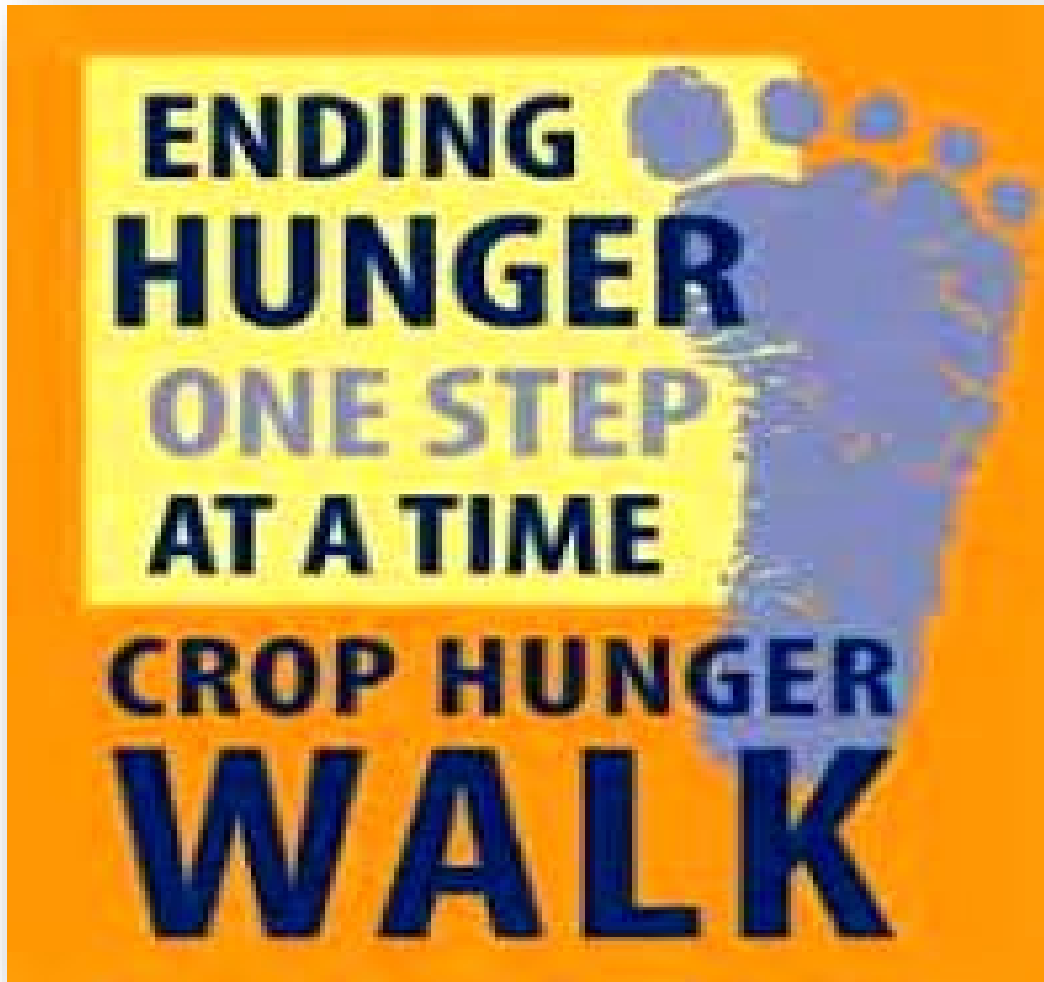
October 5—Rick and Janine Hidde

October 6—Merrilee and Alan Riopelli

October 20—Cathy and Robert Allen

October 26—Laurie and Ed McCarron





There will be Greater Springfield CROP Hunger Walk at Trinity United Methodist Church on **Sunday October 4th** (361 Sumner Ave, Springfield, MA 01108). Registration will start at 1pm and the walk will begin at 2pm. To find out more, please follow the link below:

[Click here for more information on how to sign up](#)

Liturgists

10/4—Mike Adelman

10/11—Wendy Mason

10/18—Jim Cassidy

10/25—Jiwoo Chang

Counters

10/5—Joan Forgie & Joy Jackson

10/12—Sallie Adelman & Susan Cassidy

10/19—Bette Lacey & Lorrie Ludwin?

10/27—Cheryl Boucher & Joanne Milloy

Greeters

10/4—Sallie Adelman

10/18—Joan Forgie

10/11—Joy Jackson

10/25—TBD



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 the front door



Serving Others



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

Church Office Hours
Tues. through Friday
8:30 am—1:30 pm

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Email : office@chicopeeumc.org

Rev. Hyunung “KC” Chang
FaithPastor191@gmail.com

Pastors office hours by appointment