



# Faith United Methodist Church September 2025



Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

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

It seems that summer begins to fade and fall is ready to approach. While summer gives more time to enjoy outdoor activities, fall will bring restful nights with cool breezes. Trees will show a colorful array of leaves. Farmers will be ready for harvest. Most schools have already begun a new school year. Some would like to prepare for Thanksgiving or for the coming winter. Yes, we are entering a season of transition.

In Mark 13, Jesus speaks to his disciples about the fate of Jerusalem, persecution and suffering, and the coming of the Son of Man. He is about to be betrayed, denied, and killed, but will rise from the dead. He wants his disciples to be prepared for his coming: “And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake” (Mk. 13:37). Jesus wants them to “keep alert” (Mk. 13:33) and to “keep awake” (Mk. 13:35, 37), so that his disciples can be aware of what’s going on around them.

It might be difficult to remain attentive when time is flying by quickly. It might be challenging to stay awake when things are changing rapidly. Yet we still can make some time to rest in Christ and to reflect on our life in him. Although we don’t know “when the time will come” (Mk. 13:33), we will stay focused on our Lord and Savior, so that we may be aware of and be prepared for his coming to each of us. A time to rest, a time to reflect, a time to reset...

Looking forward to seeing you on Sundays,

Your brother, KC

**PLEASE HOLD THESE PEOPLE IN PRAYER:**

Minneapolis school shooting victims

Students & Teachers returning to a new year

Janet Valley

Chloe Lebreque

John Adelman

Rev. Dick Pagano

Alan Riopelli

Our deployed military & families

Olivia

Eric & Liz Jones

Kati's niece's friend

Bob Buckley

Judy Devlin

Kati & Matthew Flood

Robert Pearson

Sally Latham

Janet Lavoie

Sondra Spence

Laurie Lebano

Edwina Lessard

Adam Boucher

Katie Boucher

Janet Valley's sister Laverne

Jeff

Ryan McCarron

Our Country

**FOLKS TO VISIT/CALL**

Barbara Atherton—Home

Eunice Bock—Home

Nancy Burke—Home

Sylvia Burns—Home

Charles Ferguson—Home

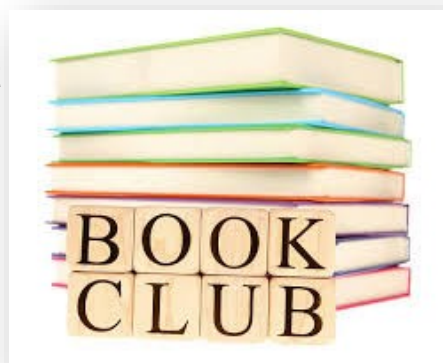
Carol Glancy—Home

Neil Marshall—Home

Dottie Squires—Home

Summer is almost Over, and the Book Club is back on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> at the home of Joan Forgie @ 6:30 pm. We will be discussing the book *"Mad Honey"* by Jodi Picoult & Jennifer Finney Boylan. *Olivia and Lily's journeys create a provocative exploration of the strength that love and acceptance require. "How similar must someone be to you in order for you to remember to see them, first, as human?"*

*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 12th, 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.**

**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.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**September 7th** Inside and back to regular worship time 10:00 am with a Potluck to follow

**September 9** AST Meeting 7:00 pm

**September 12** Cardmaking w/ Joanne 10:00 am

**September 14**—Worship Committee meeting after worship

**September 15** Book Club @ Joan Forgie's home 6:30 pm

**September 16** Newsletter Submissions Due

**September 16** Trustee Meeting 7:00 pm \*NEW TIME\*

**Tuesdays** 9 am Men of Faith

**Wednesdays** 7 pm Bible Study on ZOOM

**3rd Thursday** of each month—Wellington Assisted



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## SEPTEMBER

### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

9/3—Dave Mason

9/5—Pastor Kate Galop

9/12—Katie Masztal

9/13—Stanley Kruszyna

9/17—Charles Ferguson

9/27—Gail Jackson , Audra Pearson



9/4—Pam & John Barrett

9/28—Dave & Wendy Mason

### Liturgists

**9/7—Sondra Spence**

**9/14—Mike Adelman**

**9/21—Lee MacLean**

**9/28—Rich Pearson**

### Counters

**9/1—Bette Lacey & Lorrie Ludwin**

**9/8—Sallie Adelman & Susan Cassidy**

**9/15—Joan Forgie & Joy Jackson**

**9/22—Bette Lacey & Lorrie Ludwin**

**9/30—Joanne Milloy & Cheryl Boucher**

### Greeters

**9/7            Joan Forgie**

**9/14          Joanne Milloy**

**9/21          Jim Kahle**

**9/28          Merrilee Riopelli**



## CALLING ALL CRAFTERS

Please mark your calendars



**Faith UMC will be holding our Christmas Bazaar  
on Saturday, December 13, 2025 and your Christmas  
crafts are needed!**

**Please watch your upcoming newsletters for additional information  
regarding donations, ornament and candy making days, drop off  
times, as well as sign-ups in the months to come!**

**Could you donate items for gift baskets? Food, candles, household  
items. Ideas welcomed!!**





## **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.)

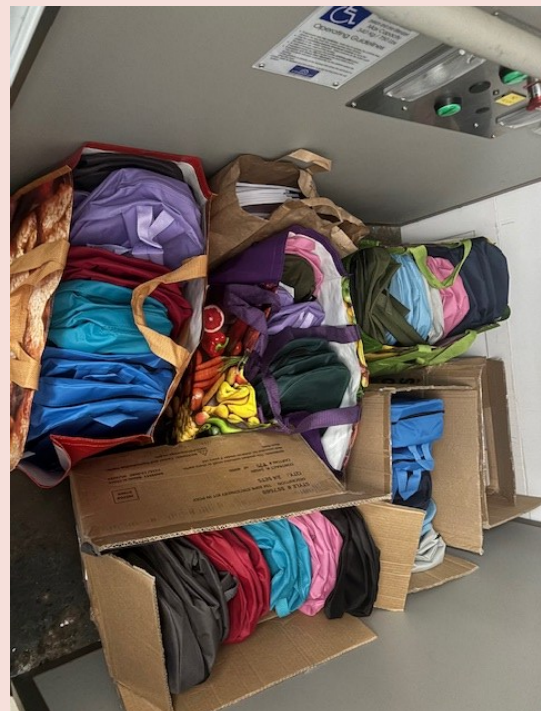
Personal Care (shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, women's products, diapers, etc.) **ALWAYS NEEDED!!**

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!!**



## **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 2, 2025. The last day to make a Memorial Gift is Sunday, October 26, 2024. 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 26, 2024.

**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.**

## **Staff-Pastoral Relations Committee**

Our Book of Discipline specifies each UMC congregation shall create a Staff-Pastoral Relations Committee. This committee may consist of 5-9 members, serving three year terms. Members terms are staggered to assure continuity. Despite common belief the SPRC does not hire nor terminate a pastor. The SPRC maintains privacy in all its dealings.

Current members of the SPRC are Sondra Spence, Bette Lacey, Susan Cassidy, Mike Adelman, Joanne Milloy and Rich Pearson.

The Pastor attends all meetings.

While there are 17 focus areas established for SPRCs, not all are relevant to all congregations. Most pertinent to Faith UMC include -

- 1: Encouraging and strengthening support and respect for the pastor, the staff and their families.
- 2: Meeting and advising the pastor and staff to assure effectiveness of ministry, maintaining positive relationships with the congregation, and resolving any barriers or conditions impeding the ministry.
- 3: Periodically confer and counsel the pastor and staff on matters pertaining to use of talents, skills, and time to assure effectiveness of ministry of the congregation. If needed, the SPRC may create continuing plans if any training or educational needs are identified.
- 4: Consult with the pastor and staff concerning any needs for continuing education, work-life balance, personal health and wellness, and spiritual renewal (including weekly sabbatical and annual vacation time). If necessary SPRC will arrange with AST and Trustees for time and financial assistance for pastor or staff to attend events to serve their professional and spiritual growth.
- 5: Confer with the pastor if it becomes apparent the best interests of the congregation and pastor will be served by a change of pastor. The committee shall cooperate with the pastor, the district superintendent, and the bishop to secure a clergy person.
- 6: Review proposals for compensation, travel expense, vacation, health and life insurance, pension, parsonage expenses.
- 7: The SPRC chair, the chair of the Trustees, and the pastor shall make an annual review of the church-owned parsonage to assure proper maintenance and to give immediate resolution to parsonage issues affecting the family's health and well-being.



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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**

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

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