



Faith United Methodist Church February, 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!

It's February, and we are more than halfway through winter already! Of course, this doesn't guarantee that there will be no more snow (Snow, oh snow!). And in the middle of this month, we will enter the season of Lent. During this period, we will prepare ourselves for the celebration of the coming Easter. Beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending on Holy Saturday, this Lenten season we will examine ourselves and stay focused on Christ (or reorient our attention to him), who was baptized, was tempted, entered into Jerusalem, suffered and died, and was risen. This time will be a good opportunity for us to check our relationship with our Lord and Savior.

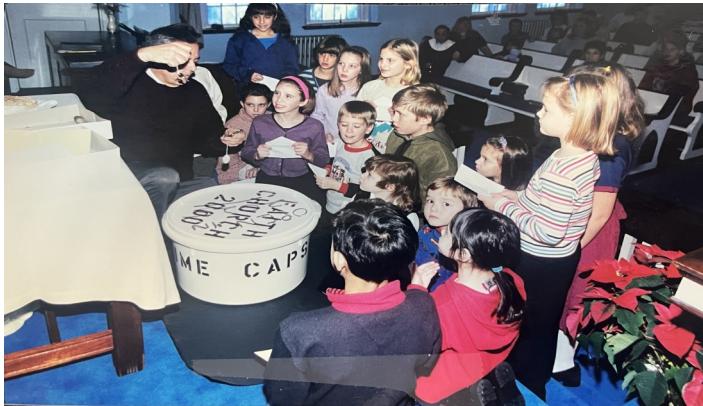
As we have done in the past, we will have a joint Lenten services with our fellow sisters and brothers in Christ of the United Methodist Church of Holyoke, South Hadley and Granby. On Wednesday, February 18 at 6:00 pm the 2026 Ash Wednesday worship service will be held at their church in South Hadley. On Thursday, April 2, our church will host the 2026 Maundy Thursday service here in Chicopee. Further information about the 2026 Lent services information will be available through this newsletter, Faith on Fridays email, the church Facebook group, or the pulpit, so stay tuned for the updates of what is coming next.

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I pray that we may grow in grace and faith this year. May we grow in the grace which God has so freely given to us through Jesus Christ. May we grow in the faith which is the gift of God. As our spiritual practice, or discipline, let's put our hope and trust in the Lord in times of uncertainty and fear, especially during this Lenten season. Thank you.

Looking forward to seeing you on Sundays,

Your brother, KC



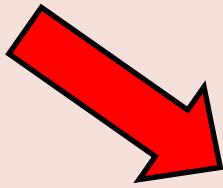
???? What's in the Time Capsule????

Back in the year 2000 (Y2K), the church kids placed items into a time capsule under the guidance of Mr. Ray Burke. Someone snapped a few photos. It was secured with a padlock, and Melissa Donze dropped the key into an envelope. Then Dave Mason "hid" it so well that many who walk past it today don't even notice it.

What's in the time capsule? I don't know. Maybe the kids themselves (now in their 30s) don't remember what they put there. **But we're going to find out!** On Sunday, February 15, we'll have a potluck in the fellowship hall after worship, and the capsule will be opened while we watch. If any of the "kids" who filled it are present, they'll have the honor of unlocking it, removing the cover, and spreading the items out on a table one by one.

Have a look at the photos. If you attended Faith UMC back then, you might recognize Kate Faivre, Jeff Mason, Melissa & Dylan Donze, Ryan McCarron, Danny & Tyler Breton, Robert & Stephanie McCray, and maybe others.

I wish to thank Christine Mills-Larkin for finding the key, Merrilee Riopelli & Sondra Spence for identifying some kids, my wife Joanne for displaying the photos, and Pastor KC for helping me figure out how we're going to get the capsule open.



Do you know anyone who can help plow our church parking lots, and sidewalks?

Please let any Trustee know or call the office with their information.



CALLING ALL CRAFTERS

Please Mark your new 2026 Calendars!!

Faith UMC will be holding our annual Christmas Bazaar in December 2026,(date to be determined) and you Christmas crafts are needed!

Please watch in upcoming newsletter regarding donations, ornament and candy making days, drop off times, as well as sign-ups in the months to come.



RURAL MISSION TRIP ON FOR MARCH

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

For more information please contact Dave Mason

Rural Mission Benefit Concert

We have decided to wait until springtime to hold the Rural Mission Benefit Concert; date to be determined. With the season of colds, flu and Covid going around, along with the cold, snow and ice, we thought this would be best. For those of you who like to make donations to help pay for the materials and services needed to help those in need in So. Carolina, we will have special envelopes in church during February.

Thank you,

Dave Mason



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, February 1st—After worship, Worship Meeting

Wednesday, February 4th—Mission's meeting on ZOOM

Saturday, February 7th—Rural Missions meeting 10:00 am

Friday, February 13th—Cardmaking with Joanne Milloy 10:00 am

Sunday, February 15th—ALL Church Potluck and opening of
the Time Capsule

Wednesday, February 18th—Ash Wednesday @ So. Hadley
UMC at 6:00 pm

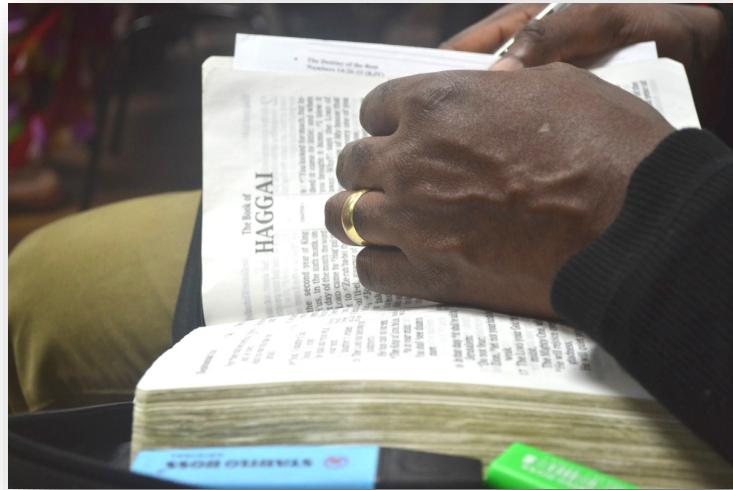
Rural Missions Trip March 6th—March 15th see Dave Mason

Men of Faith—Tuesdays, 9:00 am

Bible Study—Wednesdays, 7:00 pm on Zoom

**3rd Thursday of each month—Wellington Assisted Living,
Springfield 1:30 pm for singing and fellowship w/ residents**





Bible Study on Zoom

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 pm

There are some perks to having Bible study on Zoom—at night—in winter when weather can be iffy. The facilitator/teachers (Joanne and Peter Milloy) send out the questions to be discussed before we meet. If you'd like to see what it's all about, ask the church office and you'll be sent the Zoom link (413-533-6093) If you're more of a listener than a talker, that's all right. We talkers appreciate listeners.

“But, as it is written, “what no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him” these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches for everything, even the depths of God.”

1 Corinthians 2:9-10



**PLEASE HOLD THESE
PEOPLE IN PRAYER:**

People of Minneapolis
All those affected by violence
Sondra Spence
Johnathan Riopelli
Michaela Liebel
Kati & Matthew Flood
Judy Devlin
Bob Buckley
Katie Boucher
Kathy
Chris
Jim Cassidy
Josh
Edwina Lessard
Janet Lavoie
Ryan McCarron
Our Country

**Folks to Visit/Call/Send A
Card**

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

Card-Making Class

February 13th, 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. We have a good time, talking and making beautiful cards.

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 .Neighbors, friends, family, and even men are welcome!



Flowers for the Altar

As we enter our second month of 2026, we would love to add to our Sunday morning worship experience by adding flowers to the altar. It looked so beautiful over the holidays that the Worship Committee thought it would be a blessing to keep it going. Therefore, if you are interested in participating,, we ask that on the particular Sunday that you select and sign up for, you bring whatever type of flower arrangement or plant with you by 9:45 am so that we may set it on the altar for worship. After the service, please know you are welcome to bring your flower arrangement or plant home. Also, if you would like our church to know that you provided the flowers in honor or memory or that you provided the flowers for any reason, please let Merrilee know by Wednesday afternoon of that week.

Thank You so much!



2/9 - David Boucher

2/15 - Rick Hidde

2/20 - Jimmy Skibel

2/21 - Cathy Allen

2/23 - John Barrett

2/25 - Ron Jackson

2/25 - Edwina Lessard

2/27 - Linda O'Donnell



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.







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, or 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.

Liturgists

Feb. 1—Ferne Garceau
Feb. 8—
Feb. 15—Sondra Spence
Feb. 22—Rich Pearson

Counters

Feb. 2—Joy Jackson & Cheryl Boucher
Feb. 9—Sallie Adelman & Susan Cassidy
Feb. 16—Bette Lacey & Lorrie Ludwin
Feb. 24—Cheryl Boucher & Joanne Milloy

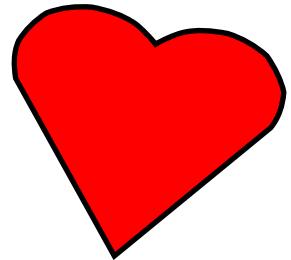
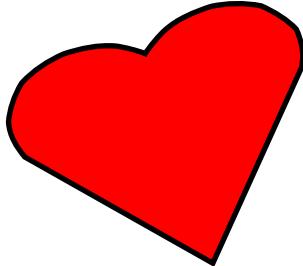
Greeters

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

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