



Faith United Methodist Church April, 2025



Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

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

As we've in the Lenten season, I pray that we all enhance our spiritual walk during this Lent. I'm grateful for having the joint Ash Wednesday service with the UMC of Holyoke, South Hadley, and Granby. I appreciate your support and participation in the service. While Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent, the joint service was a timely reminder of our identity: who God is, who we are, and what is needed for our spiritual growth. While we are sinful, our God is gracious and patient. We turn our courses toward our God who is willing to give us a second chance and who is waiting for us. On our Lenten journey, let's stay on the right path together. If you've not tried the Lenten journal, it's not too late to take one copy and read it.

While our sisters and brothers visited us on Ash Wednesday, we will travel to South Hadley for the Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 P.M. on April 17. We are blessed to have the Easter Sunrise service on April 20 at Joy's place again, and I would like to express my deepest gratitude to Joy! Of course, we will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord together at the church as usual. Let's think about how the resurrection of our Savior Jesus has brought new life to us and to those in need. Please mark your calendar and be prepared for celebrating Easter.

Lastly, as we are in the season of Lent and heading towards Easter, I would like to conclude my letter with an excerpt from one of the books by Jimmy Carter, the 39th president of the United States and a devoted Sunday School teacher. This reminds us of the core of our faith, that is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ:

Fortunately, it's not important for us to understand the concept of heaven or the life of the resurrected body. As Paul reminds us, we don't need to know the details of what awaits us. What we need to know is that Christ died for us and lived again, and that, through faith in him, we, too, can enjoy a resurrected life---whatever it may be like.

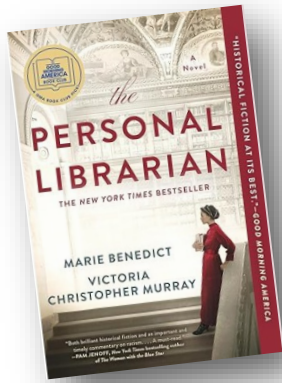
Looking forward to seeing you on Sundays,

Your brother, KC

1. Jimmy Carter, *Sources of Strength: Meditations on Scripture for a Living Faith* (New York: Three Rivers Press, 1997), 147.



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Our April meeting will be on **Monday, April 21st at 6:30** at the home of Joan Forgie. We will be discussing the book “Personal Librarian” by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. A remarkable novel about J.P. Morgan’s personal librarian Bella DeCosta Greene, the Black American woman who was forced to hide her true identity and pass as white in order to leave a lasting legacy that enriched our nation.

If you would like to join us, call Joan Forgie for directions. All are welcome!



Bible Study on Zoom

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 pm

The facilitators/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, let the office know so that you’ll be sent the Zoom link. If you’re more of a listener than a talker, that’s all right. We appreciate talkers and listeners.

Card-Making Class

April 11th, 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. Neighbors, friends, family, and even men are welcome!



PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE

Family of Bob Ramsey

Shari Garceau

Dylan

Julie Woodcock

Matthew & Kati Flood

Lynda Henderson

Sally Latham

Adam Boucher

Katie Boucher

Sondra Spence

Sondra's granddaughter Ester

Janet Valley

Edwina Lessard

Janet Lavoie

Theresa

Jeff

Laurie Lebano

David Beeler

Ryan

Jane Schneeloch

Suzanne Wright

Tim O'Donnell

Ryan McCarron

Folks to Visit or Call

Barbara Atherton—Home

Eunice Bock—Home

Nancy Burke—Home

Sylvia Burns—Home

Carol Glancy—Home

Neil Marshall—Home

Dottie Squires—Home

Easter Flowers

It has been discovered that local flower shops cannot quote prices for Easter Flowers, due to the present economic uncertainty.

We have decided **NOT** to order flowers from the shops. Instead, we will allow members to obtain Easter flowers of their choice and bring them to church.

Please bring them to the church **Saturday, April 19th** **between 10:00 am and 12:00 pm** so that the worship committee may decorate the church.

Due to the uncertainties involved, we will **NOT** be planning on creating a bulletin insert listing the names of persons in memory/honor of whom flowers were donated.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 6th—Special Choir Rehearsal after worship

Friday, April 11th—Cardmaking w/ Joanne Milloy 10:00 am

Sunday, April 13th—Palm Sunday 10:00 am

Thursday, April 17th—Maundy Thursday @ So. Hadley UMC
at 7:00 pm

Friday, April 18th—Good Friday, church open for prayer 8:30
am—1:30 pm

Sunday, April 20th—Easter Sunrise Service at Joy Jackson's
home 5:45 am and regular worship 10:00 am @ Faith UMC

Monday, April 21st—Book Club @ Joan Forgie's home 6:30
pm

Tuesday, April 22nd—Trustee Meeting 4:00 pm

Men Of Faith— Tuesdays at 9 am

Bible Study—Wednesdays at 7 pm ZOOM

3rd Thursday of each month—Wellington Assisted Living,
Springfield 1:30 pm



*“Cry out for insight, and ask for understanding. Search for them as
you would for silver; seek them like hidden treasures.”*

Proverbs 2: 3-4

April

Birthdays and Anniversaries

4/8—Jamila Sam

4/20—Ian Mason

4/11—Don Tauer

4/22—Janine Hidde

4/15—Lauren Tauer

4/26—Jordan Skibel

Josh Justin

Austin Campbell

4/17—Wendy Mason

4/19—Lauren Zalenski

4/27—Jill & Jimmy Skibel





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.**





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, etc.) **ALWAYS NEEDED!**

We will be collecting these items and more on 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.



[RADA Fundraiser](#)

Follow the above link to order your cutlery From **Rada** your purchase supports the church.

Rural Missions Work



Liturgists

4/6— Jim Cassidy

4/13—Ferne Garceau

4/20—Linda Pearson (Easter)

4/27—Mike Adelman

Counters

4/7—Joan Forgie & Joy Jackson

4/14—Bette Lacey & Lorrie Ludwin

4/22—Joanne Milloy & Cheryl Boucher

4/28—Sallie Adelman & Susan Cassidy

Greeters

April 6—Joanne Milloy

April 20—Jim Kahle

April 13—Rich Pearson

April 27—Joan Forgie



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