



Faith United Methodist Church July 2025



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

One day, I went to see my child's outdoor track and field meet. It was an "outdoor" track and field meet; there was no shade. Hot and humid weather made athletes, coaches, officials, and spectators difficult to compete, coach, officiate, and cheer. While heat and humidity can be critical to anyone, something really happened during the meet. Waiting for my child's race, I was watching events on the track. The girls 100-meter dash final was about to begin; eight runners lined up at the start and began to sprint past. When they passed through half of the 100-meter lane, suddenly two girls fell onto the track, holding their legs. It seemed that they pulled their hamstring, which usually causes sharp pain. At that time, three things drew my attention.

First, while both girls were suffering from their injury, one of them began to slap the track so hard several times, which I was concerned about the health of not only her leg but also her hand. It looked like she was bitterly disappointed at the injury; she couldn't complete her final race. I couldn't imagine how discouraged she felt about that incident. Second, while she was slapping and crying, emergency teams on the track immediately intervened in the scene. They approached both runners, checked their condition, provided emergency care, and transported them to different locations. Lastly, while the athletes were being escorted from the track, spectators from the bleachers began to cheer them, giving them a big round of applause.

This scene reminded me of our faith journey. No matter how excellent our plans look like, we sometimes, often, or always, face something disappointing or unexpected. As the psalmist appeals, we might want to ask: "How long must I bear pain in my soul?" (Ps. 13:2). When we feel discouraged, however, we look upon God, ask for help, and God will respond to us: "When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and rescues them from all their troubles. The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit" (Ps. 34:17-18). Although we all are different, we encourage one another and cheer one another, because we work together: "For we are God's coworkers, working together" (1 Cor. 3:9). This summer, even if something discouraging happens to us, let's keep in mind that God is near to us to rescue us. We, God's coworkers, are not alone, but are working together with our sisters and brothers in Christ.

Looking forward to seeing you on Sundays,

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Your brother, KC



SUMMER OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Beginning July 6 – August 31

(weather permitting)

Summer Worship time changed to 9:30 am

NO Greeters needed

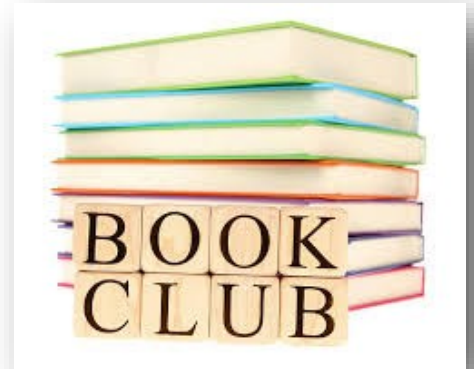
**Please bring your own lawn
chairs and water**



Bible Study on ZOOM Wednesdays

At 7:00 pm. A reminder email will be sent out weekly with the ZOOM link. If you do not receive the link and would like to join us please contact the office to be added to the list.

Book club will be taking a short break for the summer months. Stay tuned for when we will resume **September 15th** where we will be discussing the book *"Mad Honey"* a collaboration between Jody Picolt and Jennifer Finney Boylan



Sunday, July 6th—Outdoor worship at 9:30 am

Tuesday, July 8th—AST Meeting at 7:00 pm

Tuesday, July 15th—Trustee Meeting at 4:00 pm

Monday, July 21st—NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS DUE

Tuesdays—Men of Faith—9:00 am

Wednesdays—Bible Study via ZOOM—7:00 pm

PLEASE HOLD THESE PEOPLE IN PRAYER:

Diane Geving
Donna Denette & Family
Deployed Military & their families
Ryan McCarron
Olivia
Geri Long
Lynn Criss & Family
Fred & Family
Eric & Liz Jones
Kati's niece's friend
Janey Valley
Brady
Bob Buckly
Judy Devlin
Matthew & Kati Flood
Robert Pearson
Janet's sister Laverne
Sally Latham & Lynda Henderson
Adam Boucher
Katie Boucher
Sondra Spence
Sondra's granddaughter
Edwina Lessard
Janet Lavoie
Jeff
Laurie Lebano
Gail Jones
David Beeler
Our Country
Our World
FOLKS TO VISIT/CALL
Barbara Atherton—Home
Eunice Bock—Home
Nancy Burke—Home
Sylvia Burns—Home
Carol Glancy—Home
Neil Marshall—Home
Dottie Squires—Home



Collecting backpacks and school supplies for Fairview Veterans Elementary School for the Fall.

A **\$10.00 donation** will buy 1 backpack with the above items. Please make check out to Faith UMC with “missions” in the memo

We will also be accepting donations of pens, notebooks, tissues, and hand sanitizer.

A collection bin will be set up by the Fellowship Hall over the summer for collection.

Thank You!



During July & August while we worship outside we will not be livestreaming

LITURGISTS

July 6th—Jiwon Chang

July 13th—Lee MacLean

July 20th—Mike Adelman

July 27th—Linda Pearson

COUNTERS

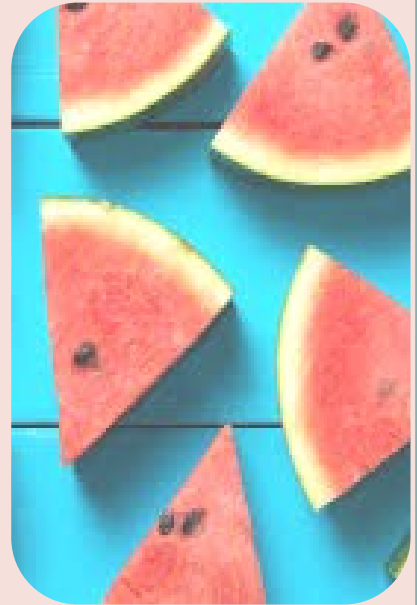
July 7th—Bette Lacey & Lorrie Ludwin

July 14th—Sallie Adelman & Susan Cassidy

July 21st—Joan Forgie & Joy Jackson

July 28th—Cheryl Boucher & Joanne Milloy

NO GREETERS NEEDED DURING THE SUMMER



JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

7/1—Peyton Justin

7/4—Caitlin McCarron Deely

7/7—Joanne Milloy

7/17—Stephanie Russell Castro

7/21—Cheryl Boucher

7/22—Rich Pearson

7/23—Heidi Tauer

7/28—Ed McCarron

7/30—Brandon Riopelli

Connor Riopelli

7/31—Rachel Zalenski Purdue



7/18—Christine Mills Larkin
and Michael Larkin



happy anniversary





Neighbors Helping Neighbors

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, diapers, toilet paper, 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 is set up just inside the front door for drop off.

Add To Your Collection!

SHOP NOW

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Follow the above link to order your cutlery from **RADA**, your purchase supports the church.



WISH LIST

Dish Soap

Tissue boxes (cube kind)

Sanitizing Wipes (Lysol)

If you see these items on sale when you do your grocery shopping, please consider buying an extra for the church. Your donation of these items will help the church defray costs. Items to be placed outside of church office. Thank You!

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 or call them**
- **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.**



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

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