



Faith United Methodist Church April, 2024



April 2024

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

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

Christ is risen! As you know, yesterday, March 31, was Easter, and I was grateful to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord with you from dawn to morning. I would like to express my gratitude to Joy for allowing us to have the Easter sunrise service at her place. May God bless us and all those who need the risen Lord who defeats the power of death and gives hope for God's great victory.

In the four Gospels, we can see the journey of Jesus with his disciples usually, a large crowd followed him. When Jesus went on to the Lake of Galilee, many people followed him from everywhere (Mk. 3:7-8). They heard Jesus' astonishing teaching; how he healed the sick and cast out demons; they heard whom he called to follow him. Probably, the crowd might expect that they also could have an opportunity to experience his ministry in person. They might consider how they could meet this incredible teacher and finally make their way to a place where they could find hope, although they hardly knew about him. What they knew about him was just a rumor, a verbal report passed from person to person.

But they might know what they needed. Some might need new insights; some physical and emotional healing and recovery; some absolute freedom from demons. They would know one thing about them, that they were people who needed to be restored, rearranged, and reborn. And they would know that this teacher from Galilee could be the One who could renew, recover, and redeem them. They would travel across the land and follow him to see, meet, and hear from him. And it's the same thing. We are people who need to be reordered, restored, and reborn, and Christ is the One who can recreate us as we were created to be. As the crowd did, we also rise from our places of despair and distress and come to our Lord to follow him. Let our risen Lord refresh and renew us, as we keep following him.

Looking forward to seeing you on Sundays,

Your brother, KC



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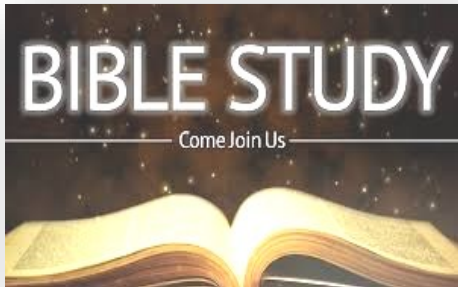
Our April meeting will be on **Monday, April 15th at 6:30** at the home of Joan Forgie. We will be discussing the book “Frozen River” by Ariel Lawhorn. Set in 1789 Maine, it is a gripping historical mystery inspired by the life and diary of Martha Ballard. A renowned 18th century Midwife who defied the legal system and wrote herself into American history. 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 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.

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 by calling or emailing the church office. Neighbors, friends, family, and even men are welcome!



Rural Mission Work

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE

Donald—Joanne's brother

Eileen

Amber

Judy Devlin

Michael Adelman

Betty Griffiths

Jim Kahle

Janet Valley

Alan Riopelli

Juan Castro Santiago

Lynn Riopelli

Frannie Pearson

Sally Latham

Paul Garceau

Joe T & Gloria

Sylvia Burns

Bob & Suzanne Wright

Dr. Anthony Morgan

Reg & Carol Tomkiel

Tim O'Donnell

Karen Harrington

Ryan & Maloah McCarron

Folks to Visit or Call

Mary Buss—Home

Eunice Bock—home

Barbara Atherton—Home

Nancy Burke—Home

Neil Marshall—Home

Connie Harris—Home

Carol Glancy—Home

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Dottie Squires—Home



Roof Work from Rural Missions trip to Hollywood SC



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, April 9th—AST Meeting 7:00 pm

Friday, April 12th—Cardmaking w/ Joanne 10:00 am

Monday, April 15th—NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE

Monday, April 22nd—Book Club @ Joan Forgie's Home
6:30 pm

Tuesday, April 16th—Trustee Meeting 3:30 pm

Thursday, April 18th—Pastor KC vacation day

Men Of Faith— Tuesdays at 9 am

Bible Study—Wednesdays at 7 pm ZOOM

Pastor's Sabbath—Fridays

Pastor KC and Merrilee Riopelli will be attending New England Annual Conference in Danvers, MA

The office will be closed June 20th and 21st



***“Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.”
Hebrews 13:2 (NIV)***

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.



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

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.



Liturgists

4/7—Ron Jackson
4/14—Edwina Lessard
4/21—Jiwoo Chang
4/28—Mike Adelman

Counters

4/8—Sallie Adelman & Susan Cassidy
4/15—Joan Forgie & Joy Jackson
4/22—Sallie Adelman & Susan Cassidy
4/30—Joan Forgie & Joy Jackson

Greeters

April 7—Rich Pearson April 14—Joanne Milloy
April 21—Sallie Adelman April 28—Joy Jackson

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

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