



Faith United Methodist Church March, 2024



Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,



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

We are now in the season of Lent, and I pray your Lenten journey is going well. Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter are coming near this March, while we are still on our Lenten journey. Thank you all for joining in a joint Ash Wednesday service with the UMC of Holyoke, South Hadley, and Granby last month, who hosted the service and whom I appreciate, too. It was meaningful for me to worship our God with our sister church together. It's our turn this month. Our church will host the Maundy Thursday service and will worship with the UMC of Holyoke, South Hadley, and Granby on Thursday, March 28, at 7:00 P.M. Also, we'll have the Easter Sunrise service on March 31 at Joy's place (huge thanks to Joy!!!), followed by the Easter service at the church. Please mark your calendar and invite those around us to the church.

On Friday, March 8, the Rural Mission team will go down to Hollywood, South Carolina, and be back on March 17. The team will help some families in the area improve their living conditions. If you are interested in helping the team, please contact Dave Mason (dwjmason@charter.net). Your participation, donations, or prayers will be greatly appreciated.

Lastly, please don't forget our annual guest in March: Daylight Saving Time! I admit that I'm not a big fan of the Daylight-Saving Time system; it's somewhat annoying for me to turn clocks forward or backward. The most unfortunate feature of this time shift is it always happens on Sunday! Please keep March 10 in mind: don't be late or don't be too early! Thank you!

Looking forward to seeing you on Sundays,

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Your brother, KC



Cardmaking Class

March 8th, 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 meet, 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 by calling or emailing the church office. Neighbors, friends, family, and even men are welcome!



Bible Study on Zoom

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 pm

There are some perks to having Bible study on Zoom at night when weather can be iffy. 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. Let us know if you would like us to send you the link



From the Faith UMC Board of Trustees

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Book Club

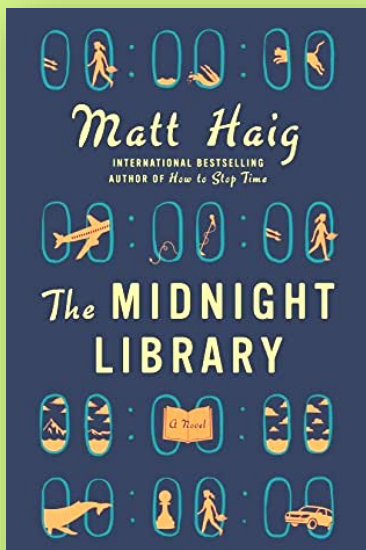
March 25th at 6:30 pm

at the home of Joan Forgie.

We will be discussing the book "The Midnight Library" by Matt Haig.

As always, we welcome anyone who would like to join us.

You can call Joan Forgie for directions.



"Between life and death there is a library, and within that library, the shelves go on forever. Every book provides a chance to try another life you could have lived. To see how things would be if you had made other choices . . . Would you have done anything different, if you had the chance to undo your regrets? A novel about all the choices that go into a life well lived."



**PLEASE HOLD THESE
PEOPLE IN PRAYER:**

Family of Jack Valley

Frannie Pearson

Alan Riopelli

Juan Castro Santiago

Cindy

Scarlett

Lynn Riopelli

Sally Latham

Baby Gus

Reg & Carol Tomkiel

Joe T & Gloria

Dr. Anthony Morgan

Sylvia Burns

Bob & Suzanne Wright

Connie Harris

Ryan & Maloah McCarron

Karen Harrington

Tim O'Donnell

Our Church

People of the World in
Conflict

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

Barbara Atherton—Home

Neil Marshall—Home

Dottie Squires—Home

Nancy Burke—Home

Mary Buss—Home

Eunice Bock—home

Connie Harris—Home

Carol Glancy—Home



**Set your clocks
FORWARD
one hour starting
March 10th**



MARCH



**BIRTHDAYS AND
ANNIVERSARIES**

3/1—Sylvia Burns

3/20—Mike Adelman

3/5—Merrilee Riopelli

3/21— Eunice Bock 102 years

3/7—Alan Riopelli

3/31—Lorrie Ludwin

3/16—Michelle Riether



3/25—Peter and Joanne Milloy

A Prayer for Openness

Open my mind to remember your presence

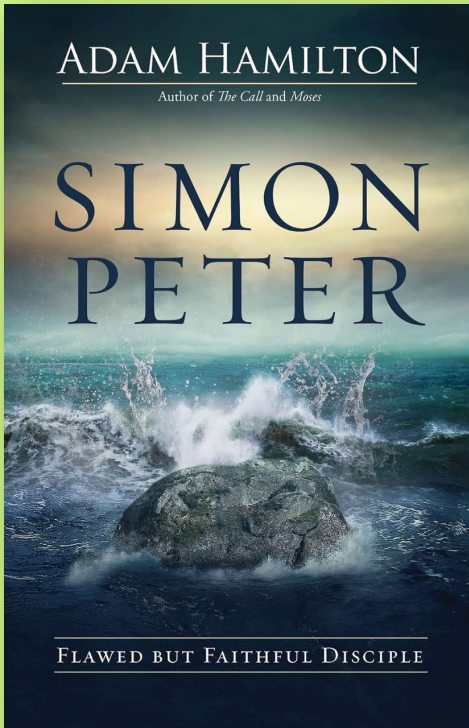
Open my mouth to speak your wisdom

Open my heart to extend your love

Open my hands to serve you generously

Open my whole being to you

Simon Peter—Flawed but Faithful Disciple by Adam Hamilton



“He left everything to follow his teacher and possessed a passion that would change the world. That’s one way to describe Peter. Here’s another: poor, uneducated, quick-tempered, and full of doubts and fears. Doesn’t even sound like the same man. And that’s the point of Simon Peter, a new book and six-week adult Bible study by Adam Hamilton. Peter was just an ordinary guy who heard and followed God’s extraordinary call. Discover how you, too, have special gifts, talents, and abilities that God can use to make a difference today.”

Join us on Tuesday nights at 7 pm for an hour
either in person or on ZOOM

(2/20, 2/27, 3/5, 3/19, 3/26)

All are welcome!



Holy Week

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| March 24, 2024 | Palm Sunday Worship Service 10 am |
| March 28, 2024 | Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm service @ Faith UMC |
| March 29, 2024 | Good Friday |
| March 31, 2024 | Easter Sunrise Service 6 am Joy Jackson’s Home |
| March 31, 2024 | Easter Worship Service 10 am @ Faith UMC |

Liturgists

3/3—Rich Pearson
3/10—Jim Cassidy
3/17—Bette Lacey
3/24—Jim Cassidy
3/31—Ferne Garceau

Counters

3/6—Sallie Adelman & Susan Cassidy
3/13—Joan Forgie & Joy Jackson
3/20—Sallie Adelman & Susan Cassidy
3/27—Joan Forgie & Joy Jackson
4/1—Sallie Adelman & Susan Cassidy



Roger LaCross—Organist
Sondra Spence: Lay Servant Minister
Mike Adelman : Lay Servant Minister
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The Missions Committee will be collecting Hand Sanitizers, Tissue Boxes, and Disinfecting wipes for the Fairview Elementary School.

Sondra will deliver to the school at the beginning of March. The Basket will be in the Narthex for collection.





Jesus said to visit the sick, care for the widow, the refugee, the orphan, and visit those in prison, for by doing so, you do so to him.

- Make time to visit people, give them a call, write a card.**
- Listen or sit in silence and just be present.**
- 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.**





FORTY DAYS – FORTY ITEMS

This year for each day of Lent, remove one item from your closet that you no longer wear or need and put it into a trash bag.

At the end of the 40 days, donate these items to the SHED in our parking lot so that they can be shared with someone who can really use them! Remember we only take textiles, shoes, and belts.

If you live in Chicopee bring US your PINK BAGS!

