



Faith
United Methodist Church
January, 2025



“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!

Happy 2025! I would like to express my gratitude to you all: Thank you very much for your generous and consistent support and participation in the ministry and mission of our church! I believe the ministry of our church was possible because God worked through your prayer, support, and participation. God has made differences through your commitment and service to this body. May God bless you all and fill all your needs, as we continue to work for the ministry and mission God has entrusted to us.

God is leading us to a new life in 2025. As 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come” (*English Standard Version*). It’s an awesome declaration, isn’t it? Old things passed away, as new things have come! As we follow Jesus into this new year, let’s keep this promise in us on our new journey this new year. Let’s trust the power of God who can make things possible!

I’m a new creation in Jesus Christ and everything has become new!

Looking forward to seeing you on Sundays,

Your brother, KC



Thank you!!

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Book Club



The Book Club will meet Monday, January 20th at 2:00 pm (MLK jr. Day) at the home of Joan Forgie.

The book we will be discussing this month is *"A Little Italian Hotel"* by Phaedra Patrick. When a relationship expert's own marriage falls apart, she invites four strangers to Italy for a vacation of healing and second chances.

We always welcome new members.

Call Joan Forgie for directions

Card-Making Class

January 10th, at 10:00 am

Don't you just love it when you get a handmade card in the mail?! Now YOU can make 3 special cards to send or give to friends & family. You are invited to a card class in the Fellowship Hall of the church, taught by Joanne Milloy.

These classes will be 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 or letting Joanne know. Neighbors, friends, family, and even men are welcome!



**PLEASE HOLD THESE
PEOPLE IN PRAYER:**

Sondra Spence
Edwina Lessard
Cheryl Boucher
Janet Lavoie
Alan Riopelli
Jeff
Sylvia Burns & Family
Kati & Matthew
Suzanne Wright
Laurie Lebano
Bonnie Salm
Leann & John Hackett
Gail Jones
Bob Ramsey
David Beeler
Sally Latham
Lynda Henderson
Janet Valley's sister &
brother-in-law
Margaret
Ryan
Jane Schneeloch
Diane & Jay
Eileen
Ryan McCarron

Folks to Visit or Call

Barbara Atherton—Home
Eunice Bock—Home
Nancy Burke—Home
Carol Glancy—Home
Neil Marshall—Home
Dottie Squires—Home

Bible Study on Zoom

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 pm

There are some perks to having Bible study on Zoom—at night—in January when weather can be iffy.

The facilitator/teacher (Joanne Milloy) sends 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 talkers appreciate listeners.



RURAL MISSION TRIP ON FOR MARCH

Our trip is schedule for Friday March 7th—Sunday March 16th

For more information please contact Dave Mason



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Saturday, January 4th—Rural Missions Meeting 10:00 am
- ◆ Sunday, January 5th—Post Christmas Bazaar meeting 11:00 am
- ◆ Friday, January 10th—Card Making w/ Joanne 10:00 am
 - ◆ Tuesday, January 14th—AST Meeting 7:00 pm
- ◆ Monday, January 20th—Book Club @ Joan Forgie’s home
2:00 pm (MLK jr. Day)
 - ◆ Tuesday, January 21st—Trustee Meeting 4:00 pm
- ◆ Friday, January 24th—Rural Missions Concert—OCR –doors open
at 6:00 pm Free Will Offering

Rural Missions Trip

March 7th—March 16th see Dave Mason

Men of Faith—Tuesdays, 9:00 am

Bible Study—Wednesdays, 7:00 pm on Zoom

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



***“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
and all things will be given to you as well.”***

Matthew 6:33 NRSV

JANUARY

BIRTHDAYS

- 1/3— Hal Lacey
- 1/13—Janet Lavoie
- 1/18—Dan Breton
- 1/22—Johnathan Riopelli
- 1/22—Adam Boucher
- 1/23—Pam Barrett
- 1/27—Sallie Adelman
- 1/31—Joan Forgie





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, 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.**



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.





**COMING: FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2025
TO
FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
191 Montcalm Street, Chicopee, MA
6:30 – 9:00 PM**

OLD COUNTRY ROAD

**ALL proceeds to benefit Faith UMC's mission team's
March mission trip to South Carolina.**

Admission: Free-Will Offering

Coffee, soft drinks and desserts will be available



Liturgists

1/5—Jim Cassidy

1/12—Merrilee Riopelli

1/19—Ferne Garceau

1/26—Edwina Lessard

Counters

1/6—Sallie Adelman & Susan Cassidy

1/13—Joan Forgie & Joy Jackson

1/20—Bette Lacey & Lorrie Ludwin

1/28—Joanne Milloy & Joy Jackson

Greeters

1/5—Sallie Adelman

1/12—Bette Lacey

1/19—Joy Jackson

1/26—Joan Forgie



Roger LaCross—Organist

Sondra Spence: Lay Servant Minister

Mike Adelman : Lay Servant Minister

Merrilee Riopelli : Administrative Asst.

Church Office Hours

Tues., Wed., Thurs., and Friday

8:30 am—1:30 pm

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Men of Faith singing Christmas
Carols
at The Arbors