



Faith United Methodist Church February, 2024



***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!

Lent has returned. Lent is "a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday". According to the lectionary of this year (Year B), Lent will begin on February 14 (which is Valentine's Day, too!) and end on March 30. During this season, Christians remember and meditate on Christ's life, ministry, passion, death, and resurrection, and prepare themselves for celebrating Easter. I would like us to join this journey with Jesus Christ together, confirming or reaffirming our calling.

This Lenten season, we will have special worship services with our fellow believers in Christ of the United Methodist Church of Holyoke, South Hadley, and Granby. On Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14), we will worship God together in South Hadley, while our church will host a Maundy Thursday service on March 28. Please mark your calendar and invite others to join these two special joint worship services. In addition, the Lenten book study will begin on Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 7:00 p.m. We will read one of Rev. Adam Hamilton's books, *Simon Peter*. We will think about what it means for the ordinary to follow the extraordinary Christ. Thank you!

Looking forward to seeing you on Sundays,

Your brother, KC

John "Jack" Valley of Chicopee, MA passed peacefully in the company of his loving family on February 2, 2024.

Jack leaves his beloved wife of 63 years Janet (Hartranft) Valley; his son Steven and wife Mary (Kovalski) Valley; his nephews Scott Valley, Eric Valley, Sean Valley, and John Anderson. Jack was predeceased by his parents, his brother William Valley and his sister Marjorie Ann Valley Anderson.

Calling hours will be held on Monday, February 12, 2024 from 5:00 -7:00 PM at the Grise Funeral Home, 280 Springfield St, Chicopee. A Memorial Service will be held in Faith United Methodist Church, 191 Montcalm St, Chicopee at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 followed by military honors and committal prayers in the chapel of the MA Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Agawam at 1:00 pm

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made in his name to Faith United Methodist Church, 191 Montcalm St, Chicopee, MA 01020, or to the Boys and Girls Club of Chicopee, 580 Meadow St. Chicopee MA 01013.





Just a few pictures by Jack Valley



69,351—12,775—\$2,774

These numbers were recently reported to us by St. Pauly Textile, Inc., the company that placed the clothing shed in our parking lot and empties it each week.

69,351 is the number of pounds of clothing that was donated to our shed in 2023. This equates to 34.7 **TONS**.

12,775 is the number of people who were clothed all over the world as a result of the donations received in our shed.

\$2,774.00 is the amount of money that Faith has received because of the clothing donations received.

St. Pauly Textile expressed their appreciation and thanks for the volume of donations received during 2023.

As we look ahead to 2024, we ask that you continue to support the clothing shed and let your friends and neighbors know about how easy it is to drop off their unused clothes in our clothing shed.

Thank you for your generous donations and keep them coming!! Let's go for \$3,000 plus in 2024!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, February 9th—10:00 am Cardmaking w/Joanne Milloy

Saturday, February 10th—10:00 am Rural Missions Meeting

Tuesday, February 13th—11:00 am Funeral for Jack Valley

Wednesday, February 14th—7:00 pm Ash Wednesday
@ So. Hadley UMC

Tuesday, February 20th—3:30 pm Trustee Meeting

Tuesday, February 20th— 7:00 pm Lenten Book Study

Tuesday, February 27th—7:00 pm Lenten Book Study

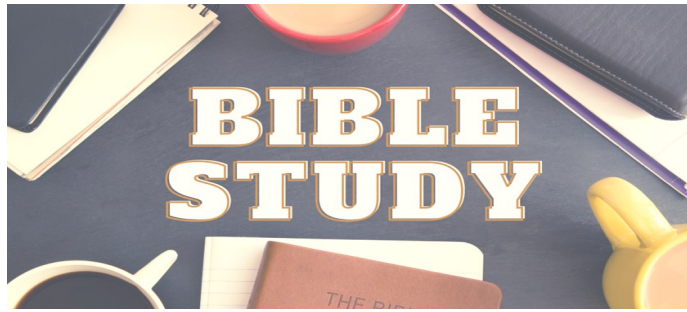
Rural Missions Trip March 8th—March 17th see Dave Mason

Men of Faith—Tuesdays, 9:00 am

Bible Study—Wednesdays, 7:00 pm on Zoom

Choir Rehearsal—Thursdays, 7:00 pm





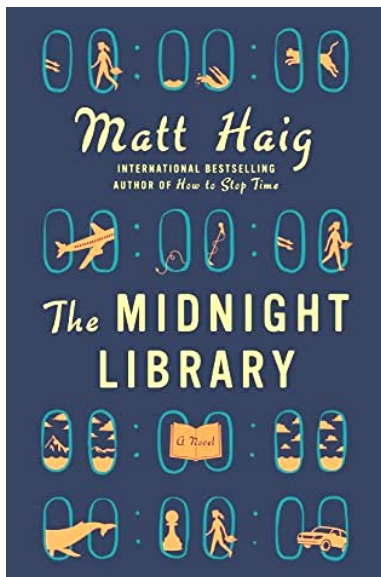
Bible Study on Zoom

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 pm

Our Wednesday night Bible study will be taking a break February 7th and February 14th and will resume on February 21st. If you want to make sure you get the Zoom link for joining, ask the church office to get you on the list (533-6093)

Book Club

We will be taking a pause in February. Our next meeting will be on Monday, March 25th @ 6:30 pm. We will be discussing the book "The Midnight Library" by Matt Haig



"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
- Family of Rafael Fernandez
- Alan Riopelli
- Juan Castro Santiago
- Lynn Riopelli
- Sally Latham
- Baby Gus
- Paul & Ferne Garceau
- Joan Forgie
- Eileen
- Joe T & Gloria
- Dr. Anthony Morgan
- Kati Flood
- Sylvia Burns
- Bob & Suzanne Wright
- Connie Harris
- Ryan & Maloah McCarron
- Karen Harrington
- Tim O'Donnell
- Folks to Visit/Call/Send A
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



Card-Making Class

February 9th, 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 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 .Neighbors, friends, family, and even men are welcome!



Valentines Candy/Cards

**This candy will be sold after worship on
February 11th for Valentines Day**



Flowers for the Altar

As we enter our second month of 2024, we would love to add to our Sunday morning worship experience by adding flowers to the altar. It looked so beautiful over the holidays that the Worship Committee thought it would be a blessing to keep it going. Therefore, if you are interested in participating, please know that starting **Sunday, February 18th**, we ask is that on the particular Sunday that you select and sign up for, you bring whatever type of flower arrangement or plant with you by 9:45 am so that we may set it on the altar for worship. After the service, please know you are welcome to bring your flower arrangement or plant home. Also, if you would like our church to know that you provided the flowers in honor or memory or that you provided the flowers for any reason, please let Merrilee know by Wednesday afternoon of that week. **Thank You so much!**

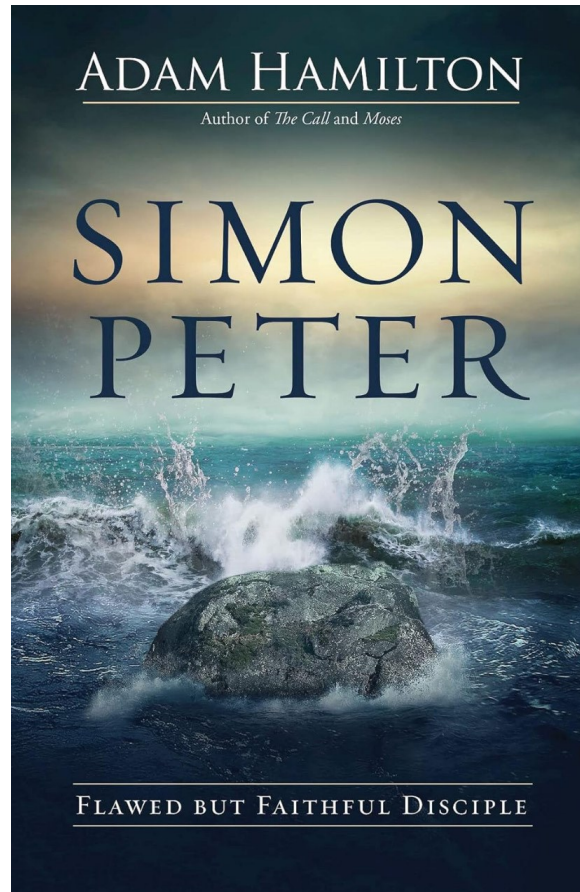
LENT

February 14th	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday <u>AT So. Hadley UMC</u>
February 20th	7:00 pm	Lenten Book Study “<i>Simon Peter</i>” by Adam Hamilton
March 24th	10:00 am	Palm Sunday
March 28th		Maundy Thursday
March 31st	6:15 am	Sunrise Easter Service at Joy Jackson’s
March 31st	10:00 am	Easter Service @Faith UMC

2/9 - David Boucher
2/15 - Rick Hidde
2/16— Bill Kaeding
2/20 - Jimmy Skibel
2/21 - Cathy Allen
2/23 - John Barrett
2/25 - Ron Jackson
~~2/25~~ - Edwina Lessard
2/27 - Linda O’Donnell



LENTEN BOOK STUDY 2024



“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 “hourish” for 6 weeks

(2/20, 2/27, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26)

All are welcome!



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.**



Liturgists

2/04—Jim Cassidy

2/11—Ferne Garceau

2/18—Rich Pearson

2/25—Jiwoo Chang

Counters

2/05—Sallie Adelman & Susan Cassidy

2/12—Joan Forgie & Joy Jackson

*2/20—Sallie Adelman & Susan Cassidy

2/26—Joan Forgie & Joy Jackson

*** Denotes Monday holiday—President's Day banks closed**

Greeters

2/4—Joan Forgie

2/11—Rich Pearson

2/18—Joanne Milloy

2/25—Merrilee Riopelli

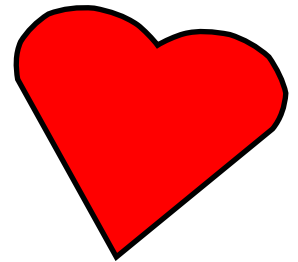
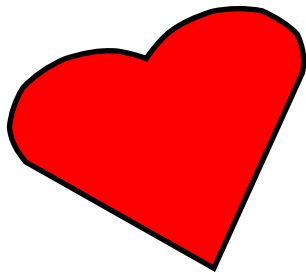


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Mike Adelman : Lay Servant Minister
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