



Faith United Methodist Church March, 2025



Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

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

The season of Lent is back, and this year it will begin on March 5, which is Ash Wednesday, and end on April 19, which is Holy Saturday. Lent is a season of forty days from Ash Wednesday and Holy Saturday, and the Sundays of Lent aren't included in the forty days of Lent because every Sunday is a day of a celebration of the resurrection. Lent is a time of self-reflection. During this Lenten season, we, Christians, are invited to repent our sins and to pray for God's mercy. We acknowledge that we are sinful and we need God's forgiveness. We look for a new way to live and draw our attention to Christ who lived, suffered, died, and rose again to give us a second chance.

This year, we'll continue to have special worship services with our sisters and brothers in Christ of the United Methodist Church of Holyoke, South Hadley and Granby. On March 5 at 7:00 P.M. we will host an Ash Wednesday service at our church. On April 17 at 7:00 P.M. we will travel to South Hadley to join a Maundy Thursday service. All are welcome to join both services, so mark your calendar and invite those in your mind, please. Let's be prepared for the journey with our Lord together.

Finally, don't forget another guest coming in March; Daylight Saving Time will begin on Sunday, March 9th! Please watch your clock so you won't be too late on that day.

Thank you!

Looking forward to seeing you on Sundays,

Your brother, KC

Cardmaking Class

March 14th, 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



Wednesday, March 5th— Ash Wednesday 7:00 pm @ Faith UMC w/ So Hadley UMC
Tuesday, March 11th—AST Meeting @7:00 pm

Rural Missions Trip March 7th—March 16th see Dave Mason

Friday, March 14th—Cardmaking Class at 10:00 am

Monday, March 17th—Book Club 6:30 pm @ Joan Forgie's home

Men of Faith—Tuesdays, 9:00 am

Bible Study—Wednesdays, 7:00 pm on Zoom

3rd Thursday of each month—Wellington Assisted Living, Springfield 1:30 pm for singing and fellowship w/ residents



Book Club

March 17th at 6:30 pm

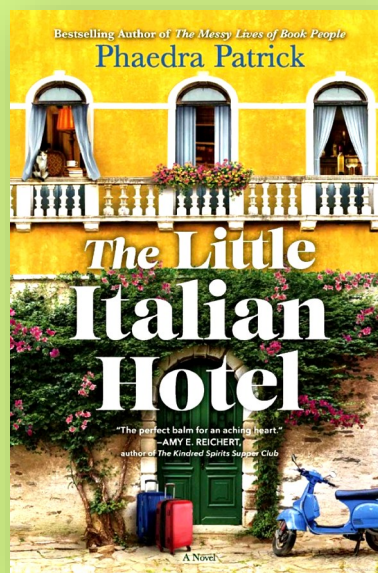
at the home of Joan Forgie.

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



**PLEASE HOLD THESE
PEOPLE IN PRAYER:**

Lee MacLean
Matthew Flood
Rosalie Goulet
David Beeler
Ryan
Cheryl Boucher
Sondra Spence
Edwina Lessard
Janet Lavoie
Jeff
Leann & John Hackett
Bob Ramsay
Sally Latham
Lynda Henderson
Margaret
Jane Schneeloch
Diane and Jay
Eileen
Ryan McCarron
Our Church
Our Country
People of the World in
Conflict

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

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



**Set your clocks
FORWARD
one hour starting
March 9th**

MARCH

**BIRTHDAYS AND
ANNIVERSARIES**

3/1—Sylvia Burns

3/20—Mike Adelman

3/5—Merrilee Riopelli

3/21— Eunice Bock 103 years

3/7—Alan Riopelli

3/31—Lorrie Ludwin

3/16—Michelle Riether

3/25—Peter & Joanne Milloy



“Show me your Ways, Lord, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.”

Psalm 25:4-5 (NIV)

A Note or Two from Finance

Several months ago I announced in church one Sunday morning that our payroll Company (Complete Payroll Solutions) had been paying taxes to the federal government for Pastor KC. Because of his status as a citizen of South Korea, he has no responsibility to pay taxes to the United States.

The company assured us that this was being taken care of and that we should be receiving a refund from the IRS. Several phone calls and emails were made and we finally received word that the IRS had approved a full refund.

In addition to the mistakes made with Pastor KC's payroll we were finding mistakes almost every time payroll was run. Our church treasurer, Jill Skibel worked diligently to find another service. Payroll items are now being handled by ADP.

Shortly after notifying Complete Payroll that we would be changing services the first of the year, we received the paperwork that they had filed on our behalf to recover those funds that had been incorrectly paid.

Fast forward to last week; we have received a full refund for those incorrectly paid taxes in the amount of over \$3,600.

Lastly, as you are all aware, our in-person services were cancelled the last two weeks because Mother Nature knows it is winter and wanted to share some snow with us. While the weather has not been good, our expenses to maintain our church and our missions continue. I'm asking that if all possible you try and get your weekly offering to the church. On behalf of the Finance Committee, I want to personally thank you for your financial commitment to OUR church!!

Rich Pearson

Chair of Finance



Holy Week

April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday Worship Service 10 am

April 17, 2025

Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm @ So Hadley UMC

April 18, 2025

Good Friday



Faith United Methodist Church

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! We're excited to share with you the impact your clothing shed made over the last year...

- 60,588 pounds of clothing were donated to your shed in 2024
- This was enough to clothe an estimated 11,161 people all over the world
- Based on this volume of clothing, your organization received \$2,424

Thank you so much for everything you, your volunteers, and your communities do to support the clothing shed program!

Sincerely,
The Team at
St. Pauly Textile, Inc.

Your generosity and that of our neighbors is such a blessing to this church and those in need that St Pauly helps!

Our goal for 2025 is to exceed \$3,000.00!

Clean out those closets, tell your friends and neighbors

“The issue of landfill waste is particularly significant in the United States. An estimated 11.3 million tons of textile waste end up in U.S. landfills yearly, accounting for approximately 85% of all textiles. This equates to an alarming 81.5 pounds (37 kilograms) of textile waste per person per year. “ State of Matter December 2023

Clothing shed at FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SPREAD THE WORD!

What 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!!

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.



Liturgists

3/2— Ron Jackson
3/9—Lee MacLean
3/16—Linda Pearson
3/23—Rich Pearson
3/30—Jiwoo Chang

Counters

3/3—Sallie Adelman & Susan Cassidy
3/10—Joan Forgie & Joy Jackson
3/17—Bette Lacey & Lorrie Ludwin
3/25—Cheryl Boucher & Joanne Milloy
3/31—Sallie Adelman & Susan Cassidy

Greeters

3/2—Sallie Adelman 3/23—Joan Forgie
3/9—Bette Lacey 3/30—Merrilee Riopelli
3/16—Joy Jackson



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

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CALLING ALL CRAFTERS

Please Mark your new 2025 Calendars!!

Faith UMC will be holding our annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 13, 2025, and you Christmas crafts are needed!

Please watch in upcoming newsletter regarding donations, ornament and candy making days, drop off times, as well as sign-ups in the months to come.





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!

