



# Faith United Methodist Church May, 2024



Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

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

May would be a month to remember the excellent gifts and blessings of God. First, I would like to express my special gratitude to all mothers for their love: Happy Mother's Day! We thank our mothers who have given us life. We celebrate those who have nurtured us, whether they are our mothers or not. We remember all the ways they have shown their love for us as God has loved us. We honor our mothers and all women who have loved us.

Second, I would like us to commemorate all those who sacrificed themselves for the nation and others. We honor and remember those who have given their lives in war. As Jesus says, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13), they showed a great love by their sacrifice. We also pray for those who have lost their loved ones in battle. May God comfort them and filled them with peace and grace.

Finally, I would like us to be reminded how God has given us the wonderful blessings. Let's give thanks to God for giving us families. Let's be grateful for our friends who have helped us. Let's be thankful for our neighbors who have lived and worked with us together. Let's remember what kind of care and support we have received from others, as we've shown ours to them. This May let's give thanks to God for all these gifts, blessings, and people. Thank you.

Looking forward to seeing you on Sundays,

Your brother, KC



# HOME WORKS

A LIVING EXAMPLE OF THE GOSPEL

April 8, 2024

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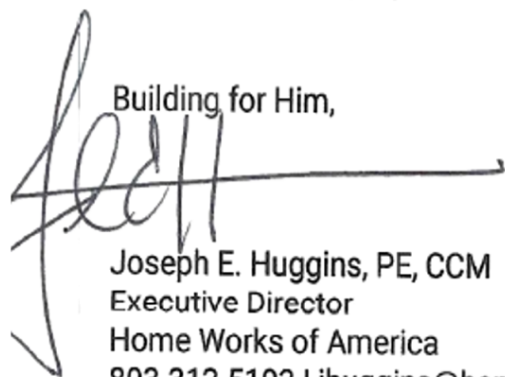
To the Faith United Methodist Church community,

On behalf of the vulnerable homeowners served each year through repair efforts, thank you for your generous support of and volunteer participation in the Home Works mission!

Thank you for your generosity that helps critical repairs remain free of charge for vulnerable neighbors across South Carolina. We are grateful that not only are homes physically repaired, but volunteers like yourselves also learn valuable skills, building relationships across differences in age and backgrounds. It is a powerful example of Christ's love put into action.

Last year, volunteer teams repaired 141 homes across our service footprint, and we thank you sincerely for being a part of this lasting impact in 2024 as we address this growing need.

Building for Him,



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Executive Director  
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**Date**      **Donation Amount**

3/19/24      \$3,000.00



**NO BIBLE STUDY MAY 1ST**

Bible Study remains on ZOOM Wednesday  
At 7:00 pm. A reminder email is sent out weekly  
If you have not received an email and would like  
to join the Bible study, give the office a call

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## NO BOOK CLUB IN MAY

The Book Club will meet next on **June 3rd**  
at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Joan Forgie. It will  
be the last meeting until Fall. We will be  
reading "***The Summer We Started Over***"  
**by Nancy Thayer**. It is the newest of her  
summer novels and will be available on April  
23rd. It us about how two sisters  
reconnect and pursue their dreams on the  
beautiful island of Nantucket, overcoming life's  
challenges and finding new love.





**PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE**

Family of Mary Buss  
Family of Bob Quintin  
Joan Forgie & Family  
Janet Lavoie  
Eileen  
Diane & Jay  
Jeff  
Judy Devlin  
Betty Griffiths  
Jim Kahle  
Janet Valley  
Alan Riopelli  
Juan Castro Santiago  
Lynn Riopelli  
Sally Latham  
Joe T & Gloria  
Bob & Suzanne Wright  
Dr. Anthony Morgan  
Karen Harrington  
Ryan & Maloah McCarron  
People of the Middle East  
World Central Kitchen  
People of Haiti, Gaza, Israel  
People of Ukraine

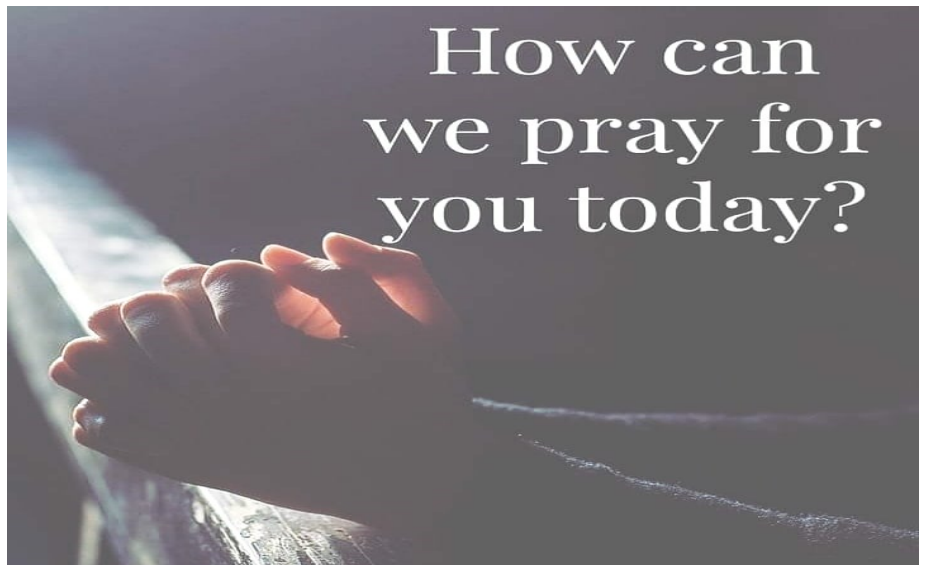
**Folks to Visit or Call**

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

**Just Beyond the Door**

*“His wrinkled hands are folded  
As though he were in prayer  
His heart is filled with loneliness  
For his children who aren’t there.  
The gift of life he gave them  
He loved them from the start  
How could they now ignore him?  
How could they break his heart?  
He’s always been a loving Father  
Giving everything he could,  
But now they seem to be so distant  
As if their hearts were made of wood  
Each day he tries to call them  
To remind them that he cares,  
But the message goes unanswered,  
They’re pretending he’s not there.  
If only they would change their ways,  
Be attentive as before, but until then their Father waits  
Just beyond the door.”*

By Paul E. Garceau



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesdays—Men of Faith 9:00 am

Wednesdays—Bible Study 7:00 PM ZOOM

5/1—NO BIBLE STUDY

5/10—Cardmaking w/ Joanne Milloy 10 am

5/12—Mother's Day

5/14—AST Meeting 7:00 pm

5/20—Newsletter Submissions Due

5/26—Memorial Sunday

6/1—Pre Conference Briefing 10-11:30 am OR

6/5—Pre Conference briefing 6:30—8:00 pm

**\*\*Pastor KC & Merrilee at NE Annual  
Conference June 19th—June 22nd\*\***



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/13—Jackson Skibel

5/17—Linda Barden

5/31—Laurie McCarron



## **Liturgists**

5/5— Merrilee Riopelli

5/12— Mike Adelman

5/19— Bette Lacey

5/26— Lee MacLean

## **Counters**

5/6—Joan Forgie & Joy Jackson

5/13—Sallie Adelman & Susan Cassidy

5/20—Joan Forgie & Joy Jackson

5/28—Sallie Adelman & Susan Cassidy

## **Greeter**

5/5— Joan Forgie

5/12— Merrilee Riopelli

5/19—Rich Pearson

5/26—Joanne Milloy



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**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.**





