



Faith United Methodist Church August 2024



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

My family and I visited our families in Korea for two weeks in June and July. Because we hadn't been back to Korea for eight years since we came to the U. S. in 2016, we had wonderful time with our families. Of course, visiting families in Korea was not the only goal we wanted to achieve. There were several things we needed to take care of, and one of them was to get rid of stuff in parents -in-law's house which we stored away when we left in 2016. I left a pile of books, about a thousand pieces of them, in one of the rooms in their house, and it was the time to clean up the room and to give it back to the owners.

As you can assume, it took some time to sort them out, because I inspected each book thoroughly. The ISBN of each book was scanned via an application on my cell phone to figure out whether or not the book could be sold at a used book shop. Front and back covers were checked in order to make sure each book was clean. If a book was underlined too much, it was excluded, too. Once a book was determined to be eligible to be sold, it was set aside to become a mounting pile of books. About 15 % of the books was separated from the bookshelves and ready for a new life in a used book shop, while the rest of them was destined for recycled papers. It was bittersweet when I saw the books were examined by a staff at a book shop and placed on new bookshelves. It was bitter that my old friends disappeared from my sight. It was sweet, however, that they were not recycled but would be sold and meet a new reader. I was grateful that they would live a new life at a new home, waiting for a new journey as a book.

The Bible introduces those who got an opportunity to live a new life. Abraham lived a spectacular life once God called him to leave everything behind and to go on a new journey. Peter, James, and John were ordinary fishermen until Jesus called them to follow. Paul was Saul and persecuted followers of Jesus until he met the Lord on the way to Damascus. When God called them, they responded to obey and lived a new life. As the Bible says, they became "a new creation" (2 Cor. 5:17). Wherever we came from, whatever we sought, one thing matters to us, and that is whether or not we are in Christ. As long as we are in Christ, we are a new creation: "Therefore, if anyone is united with the Anointed One, that person is a new creation. The old life is gone—and see—a new life has begun!" (2 Cor. 5:17, *The Voice*)

Looking forward to seeing you on Sundays,

Your brother, KC



August Soul Café 6:30 pm potluck

approx. 7:00 pm—Focus on Faith

Every Sunday evening in August we will meet in the church Fellowship Hall for Soul Café. It's a time to enjoy a meal together, to get to know one another, and then to focus on our faith.

I predict cool weather but just in case that doesn't happen, I want you to know what to expect. The Fellowship Hall will be hot, but there will be fans. If it happens to be cooler outside than it is inside, the doors will be open to let in the cool air. There will be cold water to drink.

You may be wondering about what food to bring for the potluck. What do you like to eat? Do you want to spend all afternoon slaving over a hot stove? I hope not. Think light and cool.

In 2011 Pastor Heather started Soul Café with a promise of salad and watermelon followed by a time of worship. We must have liked it because we're still doing it in 2024. These days the food choices have expanded and the after-potluck-time is lay-led and not necessarily a worship time but definitely a focus on faith. Your presence will make this event even better.

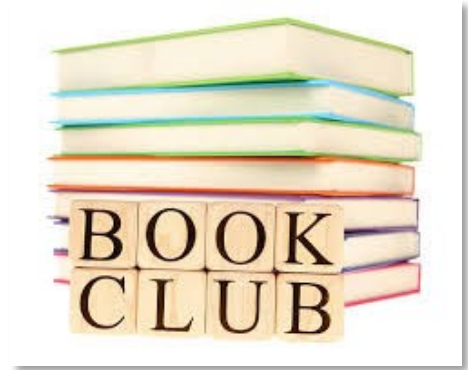
Joanne Milloy for the Worship Committee



Bible Study on ZOOM Wednesdays

At 7:00 pm. A reminder email will be sent out weekly with the ZOOM link. If you do not receive the link and would like to join us please contact the office to be added to the list.

Book club will be taking a short break for the summer months. Stay tuned for when we will resume in the fall



OUTDOOR WORSHIP 9:30 AM PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN LAWN CHAIRS

Sunday, August 4th	6:30 pm	Soul Café potluck starts at 6:00 pm with worship to follow
Friday, August 9th	10:00 am	Card Making with Joanne
Monday, August 19th		NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS DUE
Tuesday, August 20th	4:00 pm	Trustee Meeting

Tuesdays—Men of Faith—9:00 am

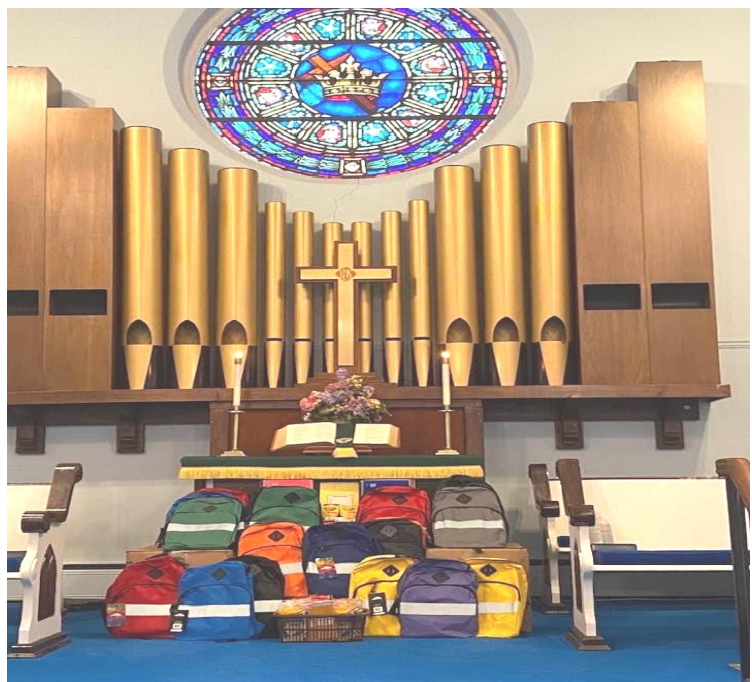
Wednesdays—Bible Study via ZOOM—7:00 pm

**PLEASE HOLD THESE PEOPLE
IN PRAYER:**

Alan Riopelli
Kevin Milloy
Jan Matzel
Johnathan Riopelli
Sally Latham
Elizabeth Morgan
Joan Forgie
Margaret
Alan—friend of Sondra's
Marilyn
Jane Schneeloch
Steve
Dianne A.
Millie Campbell Hayward
Bob Ramsey
Janet Lavoie
Diane & Jay
Eileen
Janet Valley
Jeff
Lynn Riopelli
Tim O'Donell
Ryan & Maloah McCarron
Karen Harrington
Our Church
Our Country

FOLKS TO VISIT/CALL

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



It is that time a year again when we collect school supplies . This year we are doing things a little different. *Bags in Bulk* offered Backpacks filled with school supplies for \$10.00 per backpack. Please see Sondra Spence to contribute or place a check in the offering plate...In memo “ mission—*school supplies* ”

You may still buy supplies on your own to help out!

When buying sanitizing products they cannot have bleach in them. We help out Fairview Veterans Memorial Elementary School.

Fill A Backpack Items

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| • Pencils & Pens | Notebooks & Paper |
| • Pencil/Pen Case | Binders & Folders |
| • Pencil Sharpener | Tissue Packs |
| • Erasers | Tissue Boxes |
| • Highlighters | Wet Wipes |
| • Glue Sticks | Plastic Rulers |
| • Hand Sanitizers | Crayons/Markers |
| • Colored Pencils | Sanitizing Wipes |



LITURGISTS

August 4th—Linda Pearson

August 11th—Lee MacLean

August 18th—Mike Adelman

August 25th—Sondra Spence

COUNTERS

August 5th—Bette Lacey & Lorrie Ludwin

August 12th—Cheryl Boucher & Joanne Milloy

August 19th—Sallie Adelman & Susan Cassidy

August 26th—Joan Forgie & Joy Jackson

**Do you have a birthday or anniversary that
hasn't been listed—let us know!**

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

8/23—Nancy Burke

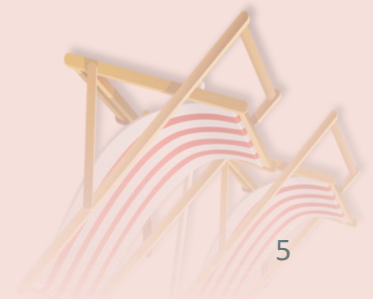
8/28—Joy Jackson

8/31—Barbara Atherton



8/8—Mike & Sallie Adelman

8/17— Wanda Santos-Perez & Rene Perez





The Springfield Rescue Mission is in urgent need of men's and women's hygiene items. Our supply has been diminished due to the number of individuals coming to our Give Away Center. Also, because most of our men come through our men's emergency shelter and rehabilitation programs, we do go through quite a bit.

Items most needed are: Disposable Razors, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Shaving Cream, Soap, Shampoo

Any amount can help! Donations can be made Monday through Saturday, 8am to 6pm at 10 Mill Street, Springfield. SRM greatly appreciates your support! If you have questions, please contact us 413-732-0808.





Neighbors Helping Neighbors

These are the top five categories, but anything is greatly appreciated!

- Tomato Products
- Soups
- Cereal (Hot and Cold) **HOT ITEM!!!!**
- Canned meat (Spam, beef stew, tuna, hash, etc.)
- Personal Care (shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, women's products, diapers, toilet paper, etc.)

•ALWAYS NEEDED!

We will be collecting these items and more on an ongoing basis. Anything that you can donate will be greatly appreciated.

The “Campbell’s Soup” Barrel is set up just inside the front door for drop off.



Add To Your Collection!

SHOP NOW

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Follow the above link to order your cutlery from [RADA](#), your purchase supports the church.

WISH LIST

Dessert size paper plates

Cocktail size napkins

Zipper style sandwich bags

Sanitizing Wipes

If you see these items on sale when you do your grocery shopping, please consider buying an extra for the church. Your donation of these items will help the church defray costs. **Items to be placed outside of church office.** Thank You!



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 or call them
- 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.



Roger LaCross—Organist
Sondra Spence: Lay Servant Minister
Mike Adelman : Lay Servant Minister
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