



Faith United Methodist Church December 2024



Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

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

The annual church conference was held on Saturday, November 16. I want to express my appreciation for your presence at the conference, as well as your support and prayers for it. It was a good opportunity to reflect on God's grace shown us and worked through and for us this year. As God has given us abundant grace and blessings, we've tried to be faithful and loyal servants to carry out the mission that God has entrusted to us. I'm deeply grateful for your commitment to this church and participation in the ministry.

The Christian calendar with the Advent season is derived from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming". Jesus came to the world to give eternal life; Jesus still comes in Word and Spirit; and Jesus will come again in final victory. Advent is a season to celebrate the coming of Christ. It's a season to experience his coming into our daily life. It's a season to wait for his coming final victory. For all human beings and the world, Jesus' comings are the Good News, because all may ask mercy of him, as the criminal on the cross did, and Jesus can show mercy to all: "Jesus, remember me...today you will be with me in paradise" (Lk. 23:42-43, NRSVUE).

This December, let us wait for the coming of Christ with joy. This December, let us put our hope in Christ. This December, let us celebrate his coming to us. This December, let our families, neighbors, and the world hear and see what Christ has done for them. Thank you.

Looking forward to seeing you on Sundays,

Your brother, KC

¹ *The United Methodist Book of Worship, p. 238*





The book club will meet next on Monday,
December 9th at 6:30 PM at the home of Joan Forgie.

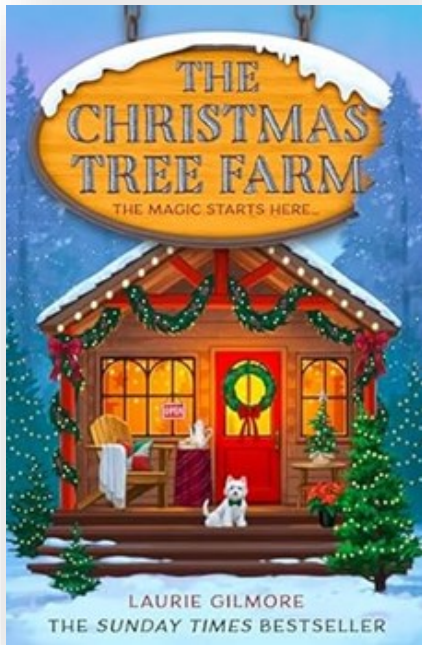
“The Christmas Tree Farm” by Laurie Gilmore

“Kira North hates Christmas. Which is unfortunate since she just bought a Christmas tree farm in a town that’s too cute for its own good.

Bennett Ellis is on vacation in Dream Harbor trying to take a break from both his life and his constant desire to always fix things.

But somehow fate finds Ben trapped by a blanket of snow at Kira’s farm, and, despite her Grinchiest first impressions, with the glow of the fairy lights twinkling in the trees, and the promise of a warming hot chocolate, maybe, just maybe, these two lost souls will have a Christmas they’ll remember forever...”

As always we welcome anyone who wishes to join us. If you need directions call Joan Forgie.



ADVENT READINGS

WEEK 1: DECEMBER 1, 2024
HOPE-

ISAIAH 60:2-3

WEEK 2: DECEMBER 8, 2024
LOVE

MARK 1:4

WEEK 3: DECEMBER 15, 2024
JOY

ISAIAH 35:10

WEEK 4: DECEMBER 24, 2023
PEACE

ISAIAH 9:6-7



Christmas Eve Candlelight service—5:00 pm
Christmas Story and Hymns

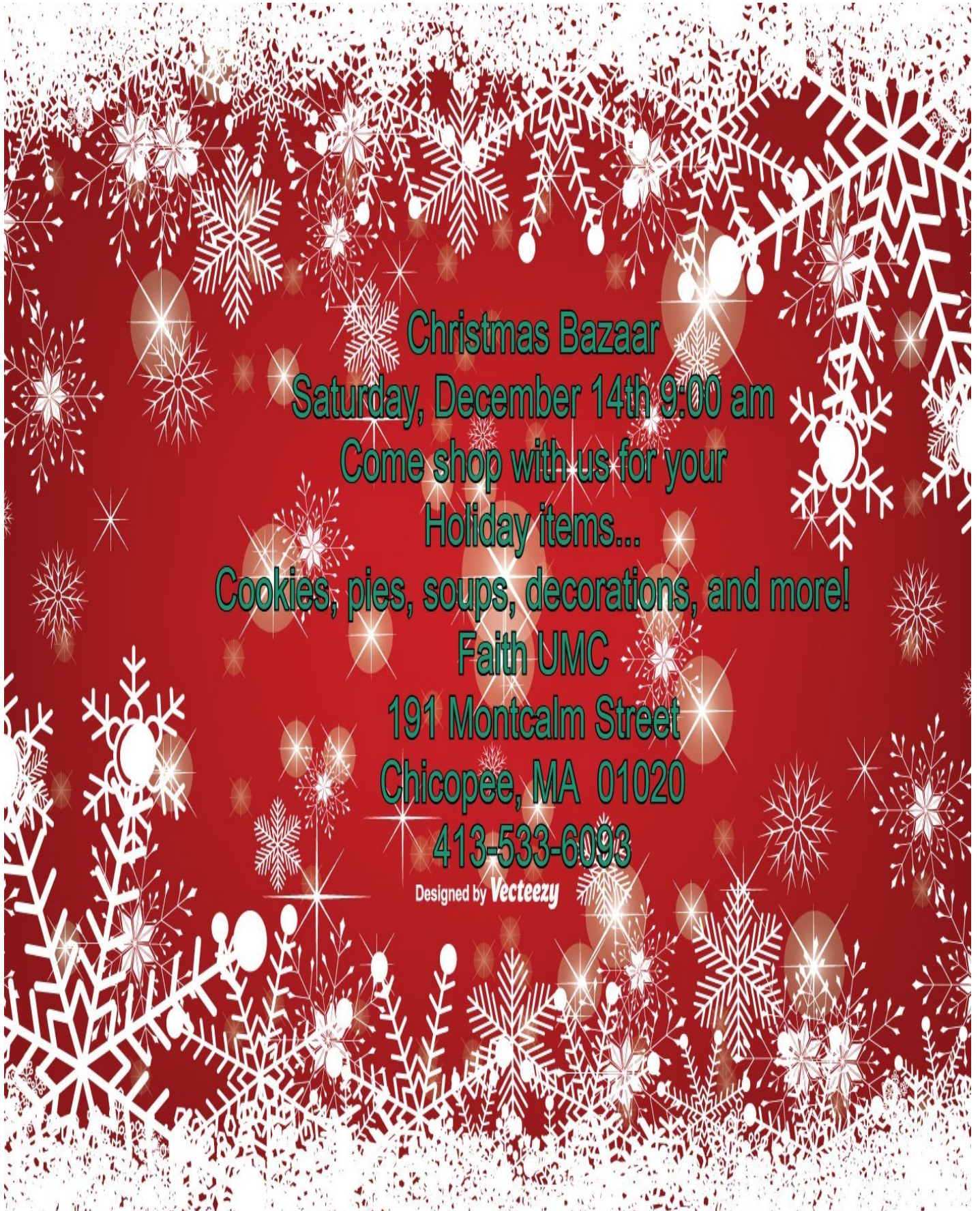


Bible Study on Zoom
Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 pm
There are some perks to having Bible study on Zoom – at night – in December when weather can be iffy.



The Rural Mission trip has been scheduled for Friday, March 7th through Sunday, March 16th. For more information, please contact Dave Mason at dwjmason@charter.net





Christmas Bazaar
Saturday, December 14th 9:00 am
Come shop with us for your
Holiday items...
Cookies, pies, soups, decorations, and more!
Faith UMC
191 Montcalm Street
Chicopee, MA 01020
413-533-6093

Designed by *Vecteezy*





CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you would like to place a poinsettia in the church for our Christmas season, please fill out the form below, and make your check pay able to Faith UMC. **Please designate “poinsettia” in the memo line.** Also, please note: The deadline for all requests is **Friday, December 6th.**

You may place your check and order form in the offering plate or leave them at the church office. Each plant is \$10.00 (RED ONLY)

Number of Poinsettias ordered: _____

Check total enclosed with order: \$_____

Name (s): _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Please Check One:

I will pick up my poinsettia after the 5pm worship service on Christmas Eve.

I do not wish to pick up my poinsettia. Please use for worship.

Please put your order in the offering plates or



**PLEASE HOLD
THESE PEOPLE IN
PRAYER:**

**Katie Boucher
Family of Jack
Bill
Sylvia Burns & Family
Rural Missions Team
Kati & Matthew
Jeff
Elizabeth
Suzanne Wright
Laurie Lebano
Judy Devlin
Bonnie Salm
Leann & John Hackett
Steve & Mary Valley
Scott P
Gail Jones
Edwina Lessard
Bob Ramsey
Sally Latham
Lynda Henderson**

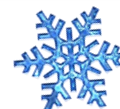
**David Beeler
Janet Valley
Ryan McCarron
Our Church**

Folks to Visit:

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



DECEMBER



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



**12/4 Peter Milloy
12/9 Kehinde Idowu
12/11 Sondra Spence
12/12 Susan Cassidy
12/15 Joe Ludwin**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 6th – POINSETTIA ORDERS DUE

Dec. 9th – Book Club at Joan Forgie’s Home 6:30 pm

Dec. 14th – 3rd annual Holiday Bazaar 9-1:00 pm

Dec. 24th – Christmas Eve Service – 5:00 PM

March 7th – March 16th – Rural Missions Trip

Tuesdays Men of Faith 9:00 am

Wednesdays Bible Study via Zoom 7:00 pm

3rd Thursdays of each month – Wellington Assisted Living, Springfield – 1:30 pm for singing and fellowship with the residents



But the angel said to them "Do not be afraid; for see-I am bringing you good news of great joy for all of the people"
Luke 2:10

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, etc.) NECESSARY ITEMS

We will be collecting these items in an ongoing basis.

Anything that you can donate will be greatly appreciated.

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



Liturgists

12/1 Jiwoo Chang
12/8 Lee MacLean
12/15 Ferne Garceau
12/22—Sondra Spence
12/24—Rich Pearson
12/29—Mike Adelman

Counters

12/2 Joanne Milloy & Cheryl Boucher
12/9 Sallie Adelman & Susan Cassidy
12/16 Joan Forgie & Joy Jackson
12/23 Bette Lacey & Lorrie Ludwin
12/30 Joanne Milloy & Cheryl Boucher

Advent Readers

12/1—Fern & Paul Garceau, Jim Kahle
12/8—Jackson Family
12/15—Joe & Lorrie Ludwin
12/22—Hal & Bette Lacey
12/24—Pearson Family

Greeters

12/1 Joy Jackson
12/8 Merrilee Riopelli
12/15 Joanne Milloy
12/22 Rich Pearson
12/24 Joan Forgie
12/29 Jim Kahle



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

Church Office Hours
Tuesday through Friday
8:30 am—1:30 pm

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Pastors office hours by appointment

“Faith United Methodist Church’s mission is to share God’s love and encourage others through worship and service to our community and beyond”

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