



The Steeple

April 2021



WELCOME PASTOR JIM & US



We are pleased to welcome Rev. Jim Harvey, who will be our pastor until June 30. Beyond the fact that he is 82 and has Parkinson's, he is compassionate, warm and has a great sense of humor. Pastor Jim lives in Hadley and attends Wesley UMC. His history is fascinating and when he is not pastoring our church, he is busy learning new things through his involvement in a group that researches topics new to them, or he might be building a computer. Although he is assigned to us quarter time, he feels that preaching once a month is not fair and he decided he will preach another Sunday as well. So, he will be preaching the first and third Sundays, through June. The other Sundays will be covered by the Laity.

With Pastor Jim working quarter time, we are learning to do the many tasks Pastor Peter used to handle. We didn't realize how spoiled we were! But it's high time we learned to do what has to be done in order to keep the church operating, after all, it's our church.

The District Superintendent is working on a regular appointment for us for the year beginning July 1.

During the year of isolation, while we have been waiting for COVID to pass, one thing **I have learned is that we truly need each other.** With apologies to Pastors Peter and Jim, pastors come and pastors go, but we are the church and we need each other.

We are stronger together and we have been poorer for being apart. It is our **hope to be together outside again on Easter,** but we won't make a final decision until a



few days prior. Let's hope we don't have one of those April blizzards! I am hoping many of us will be there Easter morning to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and also the reunion of his people. If the weather prohibits us from being outside, we will be on Zoom as usual, and even when we are outside, we will continue to be on Zoom. Just as the Grinch couldn't stop Christmas, neither COVID nor a big stone can stop Easter.



It's time for us to shake off the robe of sluggishness brought to us by the virus and to begin coming out of our dens. We have been hunkered down so long that it might be difficult to think about leaving that safety zone, but with the vaccine being administered daily, and by continuing safety practices, we can do it.

On April 30 we will sell, for takeout, **Reuben sandwiches** with a pickle, chips, cookie and a soda for \$10. **You may help** by buying a sandwich, helping to clean the kitchen before we go in there to cook for the first time in a year, or even buying a virtual sandwich (translation- send \$10).



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Let's get moving and show the community the **Methodist Church is still here**. With all the publicity about the impending split, I find people are wondering if our church is open. Creativity is the name of the game as we brainstorm how to move forward, so if you have any thoughts, no matter how crazy you might think they are, please let us know. If you don't know who to contact with your thoughts or suggestions, you may leave a message on the church phone.



Have a blessed Easter. *Mary Lou*



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

April 1 7:00 p.m. On Maundy Thursday we will have a service on Zoom live from our sanctuary with Faith UMC joining us. We hope you will join us.

April 4 10:00 a.m. Easter Sunday, Jesus Lives! Easter morning is always a time of glorious celebration. We look forward to rebirth, to overcoming death, to the hope provided by the resurrection. Please join us as we lift our hearts and voices in joy and gratitude.

THANK YOU TO OUR D.S.

We would like to thank our District Superintendent, Rev. Megan Stowe for her work appointing Rev. Jim and for preaching on March 28. We also thank Duncan Washburn for leading worship on March 21.

FAITH-BASED ANXIETY SUPPORT GROUP

Do you struggle with anxiety? Do you believe in God? If so, we invite you to join us on Zoom every Friday from 5:30 to 6:30 PM. We are a small group of four who have found that meeting together to talk about our anxiety with others who truly understand this condition has been quite beneficial. We start our meetings with a brief/inspirational reading, usually from the Bible. We end our meetings with a prayer. In between we often talk about our faith in relation to our anxiety. Our current group of four would like to invite others to join us. If you might be interested, contact Bev Pead at bjpeado31@gmail.com for more information.



Bev Pead

MORE INTERESTING INFO ABOUT PASTOR

Introducing Rev. Jim Harvey

Rev. Jim Harvey was born in British India of missionary parents and has retained an interest in South Asia all his life. (Curry is his favorite food dish) After completing his academic work in physics, he married Gerry, his wife, and went to Pakistan in 1965 to teach physics in two colleges there. Five years later, he returned to the United States to teach high school physics in Tolland CT. Subsequently he became a computer programmer and computer instructor in a large insurance company and then spent nine years as a United Methodist pastor for 2 congregations, having returned to seminary for his divinity degree. In 2002 the Harveys moved to Hadley to be near their daughter and her family. In total he is the father of 4 children 2 of each gender.

Currently he is active in Five College Learning in Retirement where he regularly leads seminars and the Wesley United Methodist Church in Hadley where he conducts a weekly Bible Study. To relax he takes walks with Gerry in the lovely Hadley countryside, makes things out of wood and listens to jazz.

CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

Pray for: Carol Brunelle, Carol Szulc, Eunice Mittler, Harry Thomas, Beth Dietz, Pauline Kiakis, Samantha Snopek, Adele Reynolds, Bev Pead & Family, Doug & Dee Brooksbank, Frank Hudgik, Dave Fanaras, Tom Deren, Tim O'Donnell, Vinnie Deitner, Darlene Dout, Tom O'Dea, Bob & Viola Mortimer, Colleen Mortimer, Rev. Peter & Joanne Milloy



CASSEROLES

Twelve casseroles were delivered in March to Kate's Kitchen. Casseroles will be delivered at 9:30 a.m. on April 25. If you need your casserole picked up call Ann 695-1212 and make arrangements for your casserole to be picked up curb side.

STEEPLE LIGHTING

The steeple is lit during the month of April:

- In honor of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Tom & Carol Deren on 4/17/1076 .
- In celebration of Tim O'Donnell's birthday 4/11 by his living family.

If you would like the steeple lit for one month, the fee is \$25.00. The deadline is the 25th of the month. More than one person/family may participate.



A PRAYER

When we aren't sure, God,
 help us be calm;
 when information comes
 from all sides, correct and not,
 help us to discern;
 when fear makes it hard to breathe,
 and anxiety seems to be the order of the day,
 slow us down, God;
 help us to reach out with our hearts,
 when we can't touch with our hands;
 help us to be socially connected,
 when we have to be socially distant;
 help us to love as perfectly as we can,

knowing that "perfect love casts out all
 fear."

Help us, O God,
 that we might help each other.
 In the love of the Creator,
 in the name of the Healer,
 in the life of the Holy Spirit
 that is in all and with all,
 we pray. Amen.



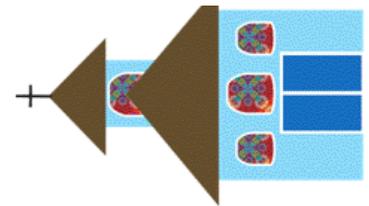
Part of a prayer by the Right Rev.
 Richard Bott, originally posted on Facebook
 Offered by William V. Burnside
 II, Conference Treasurer/Director of
 Administrative Services

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You are invited to the South Hadley Methodist Church
Sunday worship service 10:00 a.m.

The services will continue to be on Zoom and hoping to
also be in our parking lot soon.

We have been staying after service and visiting with each other while on Zoom.

NOTE: You will be muted upon entry to the service. You can un-mute yourself if you'd like to speak, such as during Joys and Concerns or other appropriate times. Be sure to mute yourself after speaking.

[Click here to join Sunday morning's service.](#)

The service will be live on Zoom. If you have any question or problems you can contact Mark Hudgik , call or text 413 474-0079.

To join the service go to the church web site: www.thesteepelinthefalls.org

The video of the service will also be available on our Facebook page thanks to Mark Hudgik. <https://www.facebook.com/TheSteepleInTheFalls/>



So. Hadley Methodist Church 30 Carew St
is making

Take & Go Reuben Sandwiches

April 30 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

For \$10.00 get

a Reuben sandwich on rye bread

bag of chips a pickle

can of soda cookie

To order You need to:

email churchoffice@the.steepleinthefalls.org

OR Text or call 413 695-1212

Include your name & number of sandwiches you are ordering.

Sandwiches will be delivered to your car. You pull into the church driveway and you will be directed on where to line up,, pay for your order and it will be brought to your car. Easy peasy!

Please place your order by April 28.

All are welcome! Join us for worship or join in one of our missions.

South Hadley Methodist Church



Worship Sunday 10:00 a.m. on Zoom

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