



The Steeple

February 2023



PASTOR'S PAGE

My gosh, is it possible that 2023 is going by even faster than 2022? How can January be almost over (or over by the time you get this) when it seems Christmas was only a day or two ago? At this speed, we should have left the lights and tree up because it will seem like only tomorrow when we're putting them back up again!

For those who requested a copy of the Spiritual Gifts survey, I hope it was an interesting and fun experience that opened a little window into yourself. For those that would like to share their results, we're going to have a family style 'sit around the table' discussion over a light lunch on February 26th after Worship Service. My thought is that everyone can bring something to share. If you haven't asked Ann for the survey yet – there's still time to send the office an email (office@umcsouthhadley.org).



As members of the body of Christ, we need to talk about the roles we can play in sustaining the life of the church. We need to recognize and appreciate the few committee members the church has relied on for years. We are at a point they need to pass the baton and allow someone else to fill in.



If you don't think the year is moving fast enough, Lent begins February 22nd; Ash Wednesday. As we did last year, I'll be offering 'drive by' ashes in the morning between 8:30 and 10:00. I'll be at Holyoke Medical Center administering ashes from 12:00 to 2:00 and then back outside church from 3:30 to 5:00. If you know anyone who may want ashes but may not feel comfortable in church, please let them know.

I am happy to announce that we will join together with Faith UMC in an Ash Wednesday Worship Service at 7:00 PM. Sharing a Worship is a tradition that goes back many years and was halted due to the COVID pandemic. Health trends permitting, the tradition lives on. So I hope many will join us at Faith UMC (191 Montcalm St, Chicopee) on February 22nd at 7:00 PM.

And back by popular request is the world famous (well – maybe South Hadley famous) Mark's Family Movie Night on February 17th at 6:30, featuring as the main event Mr. Popper's Penguins. This is the same night as our Grab&Go so we'll have some tables set up in Fellowship Hall for those who buy a meal (baked ziti with meatballs, garlic bread, and chocolate trifle) and want to eat it before the movie begins. As usual, there will be fresh popped popcorn (Mark won't have it any other way), special recipe movie munchies, and something to drink – all free. Mark puts his heart into this and I pray you all come with friends, neighbors. It's a great way to spend quality time with your family.

For all those who are suffering, lonely, and have lost their sense of purpose and need, always remember that God loves you for who you are, exactly as you are – and so do we. Should you need someone to reach out to, an ear to vent to, or just a presence to know you are not alone, I am only a call away.

May grace and blessings be in your path,

Pastor Joe ...

CELEBRATION, CONCERNS & MORE



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

† Carol Brunelle, Beth Dietz, George Kiakis, Samantha Snopek, Adele Reynolds, Doug & Dee Brooksbank, Dave Fanaras, Tim O'Donnell, Lily Marion, Kathy Washburn, Darlene Dout, Jessica Guarnera, Heidi Barta, Lucy Huegli, Marion Winters, Andrea Schlachter, Kelly & Steve Camp, Kevin McLaughin Family, Dot Lambert Family, Dulude Family

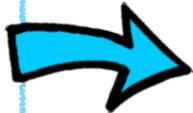
† Prayers & sympathy to Nancy Uhl on the death of her sister, Sharon Uhl.



STEEPLE LIGHTING

The steeple is lit during the month of February in loving memory of our mom, Kay Washburn, Love The Washburn 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.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Worship on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Live, on Youtube & Zoom

- February 8: 10:00 a.m. United Women in Faith on zoom
- February 12: 11:15 a.m. Worship committee
- February 16: 9:30 a.m. Food prep for Grab & Go
- February 17: 10:30 a.m. Prep for Grab & Go
5:00-5:30 p.m. Grab & Go meal
6:30 Movie night. It's free!
- February 19: 11:15 a.m. Education meeting
- February 21: 6:30 p.m. Council & Trustees on Zoom
- February 22: 7:00 p.m. Ash service Wednesday at Faith Methodist Church
- February 26: 11:15 a.m. Luncheon 'sit around the table' discussion
Casserole for Kate's Kitchen are due.

Church office: 413-532-0500

e-mail: office@UMCSouthHadley.org

Dr. Heather Reichgott, Minister of Music

Neighbors Helping Neighbors: 413-437-7593

Worship Sunday 10:00 a.m.

web site: UMCSouthHadley.org

Ann Felsentreger, Secretary



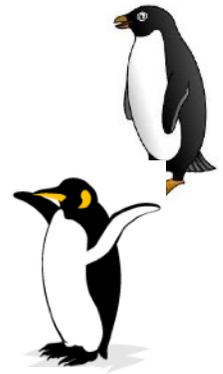
It's all free!
Movie Snacks **Pop Corn Beverages**

in Fellowship Hall on
 Friday, February 17

Invite friends, neighbors & family to watch

Mr. Popper's Penguins

6:00 p.m. Short/cartoons 6:30 p.m. Main movie.



So. Hadley Methodist Church is cooking

Grab & Go
Brownie Trifle &
Ziti with Meatballs



February 17 **5:00 to 5:30 p.m.**
\$12.00

Menu: **Ziti with Meatballs** **Garlic Bread Sticks**
 Brownie Trifle **Beverage**

To order: **call: 413 532-0500** **Text 413 695-1212**



email: office@UMCSouthHadley.org

Include your name, phone & number of meals
 They will be delivered to your car.

CASSEROLE FOR KATE'S KITCHEN

- Who: **Will you help?** Join us by making a casserole for Kate's Kitchen
- When: Once a month or whenever you can. This month's casseroles are **due February 26th**.
- What: Cook one pound of some sort of pasta, add pasta sauce, add ground meat or turkey, and maybe cheese.
- How: The UWF provides a pan and asks that the casseroles be frozen and then put in a plastic bag. You can bring it to church any time during the month and put it in the freezer.
- Why: To do the work of God by helping feed hungry people.

Thank you for any help you can give towards this mission project.

The casseroles are much appreciated. Six casseroles were delivered in January.
 If you have any questions call 413 695-1212 or email: office@UMCSouthHadley.org.

PRAYER Wonder-making God, today we reflect on one of four Servant Songs in Isaiah. Jesus reads one of these Servant songs in the temple and announces that the scripture is fulfilled in him. Jesus is the Word made flesh, the light of the world, the very righteousness of God incarnate.

Jesus is our hope, our Savior, and our light. We do not know what this new year brings. However, we can hope, and trust that You will continue to be with us. Your endless and glorious light will light our path and shine on us. Help us to be light bringers and light givers so that those who are blind, those who are captive and those who live without hope, can find healing and wholeness in You. Help us to act, talk, and live in ways that draw others to Your redeeming, restoring, and life-giving love.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

By Rev. Wanda Santos-Pérez, Seacoast District Superintendent

- CELEBRATE DIVERSITY -

All are welcome - loved for who you are, exactly as you are.
Join us for worship or join in one of our missions.

United Methodist Church

Of

Holyoke, South Hadley & Granby

30 Carew Street

South Hadley, MA 01075

Worship Sunday 10:00 a.m. in our Sanctuary and on Zoom and YouTube

Pastor Joe DeGrande 413 237-6823

Pastorjoe.umcsouthhadley@gmail.com

My office hours are Tuesday & Thursday 10:00-2:30 p.m.

My door is always open so please stop by.

Should something be weighing heavy on your heart, I'm only a phone call away - no matter what day or time.



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

30 Carew Street

South Hadley, Massachusetts 01075-2705

Return address service requested.

Name: _____

ON THE ROAD TO EASTER WORD SEARCH



Ash	Holy Week	Palm Branch
Wednesday	Holy Thursday	Forty Days
Sacrifice	Good Friday	Jesus
Almsgiving	Holy Saturday	Passover
Prayer	Easter	Foot Washing
Fasting	Palm Sunday	Resurrection
Lent	Purple	Love

