



The Steeple

October 2024



FINANCIAL UPDATE FROM COUNCIL AND TRUSTEES

Last month the congregation was made aware of the rising costs associated with running our church. As a result of the information, a few people have given extra monies to help us meet our obligations.

The Council and Trustees would like to thank those members and encourage other members to think about, pray about and act on how they also can help.

Together – working as one – we can come to a solution that includes our church being here for us in the future.

Martha for the Church Council & Trustees



In October we celebrate Laity Sunday, and this year, it will be on October 20. Did you ever wonder why we



have that special day? Perhaps it's to give the pastor a rest. Maybe there are people who want to have their say? This is what Discipleship Ministries says, "Laity Sunday is a special Sunday defined by General Conference "to celebrate the ministry of all Christians." There are no rules about what Laity Sunday should look like, and the pastor can be as involved as he or she wants.

What will Laity Sunday look like in our church? You should come see for yourself, but I will tell you, our young people will be very involved. Some will be reading, some (at least one) will be giving a message. I hope more than one will have something to say. It can be hard to speak in front of people and I know our youth will be appreciated. I hope you will be there to support our young people.

Mary Lou

Pastor Hwang Heo
Email: pastor@UMCSouthHadley.org
Office hours by appointment.
Dr. Heather Reichgott, Minister of Music

Ann Felsentreger, Secretary
Church office: 413-532-0500

Worship Sunday 10:00 a.m.
e-mail: office@UMCSouthHadley.org

Web site: UMCSouthHadley.org
Neighbors Helping Neighbors: 413-437-7593

HOW WE COMMUNICATE. Is your info up to date?

Do you know someone who would like to receive “The Steeple” or the “Weekly Invitation”? Have them send their email to the church office at office@UMCSouthHadley.org



The newsletter is our primary means of communication. Most newsletters are sent via email, but we do mail paper copies for people who do not have email.

Please make sure your contact information is updated. Email the church office at office@UMCsouthhadley.org or calling Ann at 413 532-0500.

A ‘Weekly Invitation’ is also emailed. If you are not receiving it and would like to please let Ann know.

JOIN THE WOMEN

All are welcome to join the women on October 9 at 9:00 a.m. We will gather in Fellowship Hall & on zoom, plan our missions, support each other, share a devotion, pray. There will be refreshments, laughter and fellowship.



It’s time to plan our November 24th Bake sale, crafts for White Christmas bags, Secret Santa and more.

Kathy Washburn will lead devotions and Ann Felsentreger will provide refreshments.



Nine Casseroles were delivered to Kate’s Kitchen in September thanks to Carol & Tom Deren. Thank you to all who help.

The next delivery of casseroles will be on October 27th. Your help is always welcomed.



On Friday, October 25 at 5:30 p.m. relax in Fellowship Hall with hot dogs, pop corn and a movie - Inside Out (requested by youth at last month’s movie night).

Bring the family.

Bring friends.

It’s all free.

Is there a movie you would like to see? Let the office know.

CELEBRATION, CONCERNS & MORE



PRAY FOR: Carol Brunelle, Beth Dietz, Jessica Guarnera, Dave Fanaras, Tim O'Donnell, Kathy Washburn, George Kiakis, Lily Marion, Darlene Dout, Heidi Barta, Andrea Schlachter, Renata Cournoyer, Lucy Huegli, Bill Guarnera, Kelly & Steve Camp, Kevin McLaughlin, Bill Pead, Cathy Demers, Bill Beyer, Jerry Rubackin, Jim Anspach's Family - parents, Gene & Rene and Uncles Earl & Tom Anspach, Mark Felsentreger, Bob Falgares, Anna Dunlap, Mary Lou Guarnera, Barbara Granger, our church



Congratulations to Aimee (Deren) & Kody Adrian on the birth of their son on September 20th. The proud great grandparents are Tom & Carol



STEEPLE LIGHTING

Our steeple is lit during the month of October in honor of our grandchildren & great granddaughter by Alan & Ann Felsentreger.



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 YOU CALENDAR ALL WELCOME

Every Sunday after worship join us in Fellowship Hall for coffee and...

- October 6: After service choir rehearsal
- October 9: 9:00 a.m. UWF All invited to join us.
- October 10: 6:00 p.m. Bell choir
6:45 p.m. Choir
- October 17: 6:00 p.m. Bell choir
- October 18: 5-5:30 p.m. Grab & Go
- October 22: 6:00 p.m. Council & Trustees in Pastor's office & on Zoom.
- October 24: 6:00 p.m. Bell choir
6:45 p.m. Choir
- October 25: 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Movie Night
- October 27: Casseroles for Kate's Kitchen are due.

COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE



To Benefit Our Senior Centers & Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Pantry. Area churches and businesses will have out bins and boxes for collections.

Please bring Non-Perishable In Date Foods to support those in need until October 12th.

Let's Come Together And Support Our Community.

UWF: HATS, MITTENS, SCARVES



It's time to start knitting and buying mittens, hats & scarves. There will be a Christmas tree to hang the hats and mittens on. We will deliver them to those in need and most will be used for the Secret Santa gifts. New are best but slightly used are welcome. All sizes are needed. This mission project has been going on in our church for what seems like forever and the children and adults who are cold appreciate the hats and mittens.

Gift to UMCOR

-In the wake of **Hurricane Helene**, countless families are facing the overwhelming aftermath of destruction—homes, churches and businesses leveled, communities displaced, and essential resources like food and water in short supply. The road to recovery will be long, but together, we can bring hope and healing to those affected by this disaster.

UMCOR-trained Early Response Teams (ERTs) are coordinating across the region to remove debris, tarp roofs and clean out homes. Cleaning and hygiene kits are being shipped and delivered to hard-hit areas. And most importantly, UMCOR is supporting the vital efforts of annual conference disaster response ministries.

You can make a difference today by giving to UMCOR, **100 percent** of your donation will go directly to assist families impacted by Hurricane Helene. Your generosity will provide immediate relief and also support long-term recovery efforts in communities all across the southeastern United States.

Together, we can serve as the hands and feet of Christ alongside those suffering at this time, offering them the care and support they need to rebuild their lives.



In Mission together,
Roland Fernandes
General Secretary,



So. Hadley Methodist Church

Grab & Go

Chili with Cornbread & Salad & Cookies & Cream Brownie

October 18 5:00 to 5:30 p.m.

\$12.00

Chili Cornbread

Cookies & Cream Brownie Beverage

To order: call: 413 532-0500 text 413 695-1212
email: office@UMCsouthhadley.org



Include your name & no. of meals

Notify us if anyone in your party has a food allergy.

**Meal will be delivered to your car.
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!**

If you will help prepare the food call or email the church.

PRAYER

Written by a cabin of youth for morning devotions in 1931 at Senior High Camp in Winthrop, Maine.
Submitted by Norman Thombs, Director, Camp Mechuwana

God, sometimes I feel overwhelmed with all the hard things going on in our world. We (the 9th grade cabin) do not understand why we have turned our backs on your teachings, your love, your acceptance of everyone. We are especially concerned with how people choose to

judge people for their beliefs, the way they look, how much money they have, who their friends are, how smart they are, what job they have, how they worship, and how they talk to God. It seems like we are judged on every aspect of our life. That is why today we give thanks to you God, for providing us with this week where we can be us and no one will tell us that we need to change. Amen



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.

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Pastor's office hours by appointment.

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



If you are in need of prayers or need to speak with pastor call or email.

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