



The Steeple

April 2025



ALL ARE WELCOME

Lent Activities

April 3: 9:30 a.m. All are invited to Lenten Discussion with Rose

April 9: 9:00 a.m. UWF Come & make palm crosses and address cards for our friends at home.

April 10: 9:30 a.m. All are invited to Lenten Discussion with Rose

April 13: 9-11:30 a.m. UWF Bake Sale - support our missions.
9-12 Gather to make Easter cards, cookies, and more for our home bound friends.
-Easter plant orders are due.

April 17: 9:30 a.m. All are invited to Lenten Discussion with Rose



Holy Week Services

April 13: 10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday service

April 17: 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday - Faith UMC will join us for a Tenebrae Service

April 20: 10:00 a.m. Easter service, 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.



Mac & Cheese with Salad & Lemon Bars

Grab & Go

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

\$12.00



Menu: Mac & Cheese Salad Bun
Lemon Bar Beverage

To order: call: 413 532-0500

text 413 695-1212

email: office@umcsouthhadley.org

Include your name, phone & number of meals

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



UWF BAKE SALE

Sunday, April 13 9:00 a.m.

until sold out

Why: To raise money for the Methodist Women's Mission Projects

Who: Everyone can Participate

How: Bake, Buy or Donate

Why: To help support the United Women in Faith missions.

Where: Fellowship Hall

JOIN US ON APRIL 13

We will be gathering from 9:00 a.m. to noon in Fellowship Hall to make cards, cookies & bags to **give to our home bound**. Join the fun and show your love for others. We can even share cookies and jelly beans.

HELP DELIVER EASTER PLANTS & BAGS

It is so good to see the smiles when you bring a bag of goodies to our friends. If you will deliver an Easter bag and a plant to one or more of our friends at home, email church at

office@UMCsouthhadley.org or call the church office 413 532-0500 or talk to Ann. Plants & bags are delivered after service or during the week after Easter.





EASTER PLANT ORDER FORM

One of the visible reminders that Easter has arrived is the beautiful profusion of flowers that greets us Easter morning in the sanctuary. The more that are ordered, the more beautiful the display! It is a glorious and very appropriate way to honor a special person and to remember departed loved ones.

To order, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office by **April 13**. All plants may be taken after the service on Easter Morning. If you would like to deliver a flower to one of our home bound, please contact Ann at 695-1212 or email at office@UMCSouth Hadley.org

Your Name: _____

Please order @ \$9 each: _____ Tulip _____ Hyacinth _____ Daffodils
@ \$13.50 each _____ Lilies

Please indicate your wishes:

_____ Donate to a shut-in _____ I will pick up my plant after church

Pease complete for listing in the bulletin and newsletter;

In Memory of/Celebration of /Honor of _____
CIRCLE PLEASE

Given by/from/love _____
CIRCLE PLEASE

Listing will read "in memory of ... by..." if nothing is circled.

Amount Paid _____



On Friday, April 25 at 5:30 p.m. relax with us in Fellowship Hall with hot dogs, pop corn and a movie.

Bring the family. Bring friends. It's all free.

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

THE CASSEROLES FOR KATE'S KITCHEN ARE DUE **APRIL 27**



Thanks to all who helped, 6 casseroles were delivered in March to Kate's Kitchen. Thank you to Carol & Tom Deren for delivering the casseroles.

Everyone is invited to help.

All are invited to **join the United Women of Faith** on April 9 at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Ann will lead us in devotion and Rose will be hostess.

PLANT SALE

FYI: Last year the plant sale was a success so we are having one again this year on May 17, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. What can you do? You can bring plants, divide some perennials, share seedlings you may have started. You can bring a plant that you don't appreciate anymore. You might even purchase something to donate.



CELEBRATION, CONCERNS & MORE



PRAY FOR:

Carol Brunelle, Beth Dietz, Tim O'Donnell, Kathy Washburn, Lily Marion, Darlene Dout, Heidi Barta, Renata Cournoyer, Kevin McLaughlin, Jerry Rubackin, Jim Anspach's Family - parents, Gene & Rene and Uncles Earl & Tom Anspach, Mark Felsentreger, Anna Dunlap, Scott Shippey, Barbara Granger, Billy Clark, Robert Dout, Sage Marion-Patruno, Hugh 'Scotty' Hutton, Edgar & Maria, Lisa Barnes, Jessica Guarnera, Paul Winters & Family, George Kiakis & Family, Hwang & Sooyun & Family, our Church, our country, our world.

Prayers & sympathy to:

†Kevin McLaughlin on the death of his brother.

†Paul Winters and family on the death of his grandson, Kenneth Cudworth III.

†George Kiakis and Family on the death of his granddaughter, Kerrie O'Dea.



USE CAUTION If you see trash on the ground make sure you wear gloves/ protection to pick it up. You do not know what it is so protect yourself. A very small amount of fentanyl can be deadly.

April 29, 2025 is National Fentanyl Awareness Day—now in its fourth year—for more information go to fentanylawarenessday.org/

STEEPLE LIGHTING



Our steeple is lit during the month of April in loving memory of Carol Bergmann Carnemolla by her Family.

If you would like the steeple lit for one month, the fee is \$25.00. The deadline is the 25th of the month.



FROM OUR LAYLEADER

I am so proud of our church. When I had to announce that Hwang could no longer be our pastor, nobody asked what would happen to us, but were very worried about that family. I think that clearly shows who we are. We have weathered all kinds of situations and here we are, still being a church, still caring for one another, still being the hands and feet of God. I pray for our church – not the building, but the people, and I believe God cares for us and gives us the help we need, as we always come out of tough situations ready to carry on.



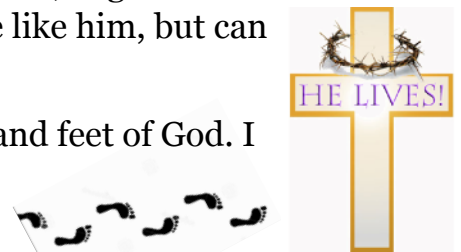
John Wesley taught us to “earn all we can, save all we can, and give all we can.” To earn all we can allows us to feed and care for our families. Putting money away gives a form of protection from earthly problems. When we save, we are ready for that rainy day that visits everybody, and we are then able to give all we can to help others. If we don’t earn, we can’t save, and if we don’t save, we have no resources to help our neighbors. Wesley’s very practical advice lives on as healthy money management.

Think of the crowd Jesus had been preaching to all day. All those hungry people could have erupted into bedlam, but the boy who shared his loaves and fish in John 6:9, demonstrated “give all we can” and Jesus used his offering to bless the entire crowd. That dramatic turn of events may not happen to us, but there are many ways our sharing can bless others. When we give, we don’t know who will be blessed by that offering, but we give anyway, trusting God to direct that gift where it needs to be. We never know if we are saving a life, feeding a little child, or providing medicine to someone’s parent, but we give anyway, trusting the Lord.

Later this month, we will celebrate Easter, the ultimate demonstration of love, of giving and of trust. Jesus did not have to lay down his life for us. He could have refused and I am sure God would have still loved him. But even though Jesus was human and his human self wanted to say, “No, I don’t want to do this,” (he sweated blood!) God created Jesus to be a little different from us mere mortals in one respect. Jesus had a love which surpassed that of all other people, and he chose to subject himself to the torture, degradation and death inflicted upon him by humans who can strive to be like him, but can never succeed. Jesus won that battle for us.

Keep on giving, keep on loving and keep on being the hands and feet of God. I wish you a joyous Resurrection Day!

Mary Lou



YOU DID IT - PRE-LENT CHALLENGE

Thanks to several people who donated white paper for the office. You made a tower of paper higher than the counter in the office. Thanks to David, Lois, Carol, Alan, George, Mark and those who anonymously left a ream or more of paper. THANK YOU.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR ALL WELCOME

Join us after worship join us in Fellowship Hall for coffee and...

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April 22: 6:00 p.m. Council & Trustees
in Pastor's office & on Zoom.

April 25: 5:30 p.m. Movie night, hot
dogs & pop corn - free

April 27: Casseroles for Kate's
Kitchen are due.

Sundays 11:00 Choir
11:30 Bell choir



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Return address service requested.