The Steeple

November 2026

FROM OUR PASTOR

As we enter November the calendar seems full. We think of all the gifts that God has given us during the year and give Him thanks as we prepare for Thanksgiving Day. We also think of the Season of Advent which starts at the end of this month, when we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ. We look forward to having you join us for these special days.

The time changes but God remains the same, loving and caring for all creation. His handiwork is all around us. Have you taken a Sunday drive lately and seen the color of the leaves? Soon they will be falling, sure feels like winter is on the way.

P.S.: Please take some time before or after dinner, and before the Football Game to remember to give thanks to God.

May God grant you Peace and Joy

George Kiakis

NOVEMBER 1 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 1st is All Saints Sunday. Join us as we remember those who have passed. All Saints Day is an opportunity to give thanks for those who have gone before us in the faith.

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

Come worship, give thanks for all that's good in our lives and pray for the future on Thanksgiving Sunday, November 22. You are invited to help those in need by bringing non-perishable food or a financial donation for Neighbors Helping Neighbors food pantry.

While hunger is a year round issue, the upcoming holidays tug at our heartstrings and we tend to be more aware at this time of year. You might want to make a monthly donation to any of the feeding ministries in our area.

All donations large or small are a blessing to those in need.

AN ANAGRAM INSTEAD OF A RIDDLE for you.

See last page for answer.

FROG

The the trivia series continues on the page 5.

Pastor George Kiakis | **Ann Felsentreger, Secretary** | **Worship Sunday 10:00 a.m.**
Church office: 413-532-0500 | **e-mail: office@UMCSouthHadley.org** | **Web site: UMCSouthHadley.org**
Heather Reichgott, Minister of Music | **Neighbors Helping Neighbors: 413-437-7593**

New England's premiere Eagles Tribute Band

"7 Bridges Road"

will be playing on

Saturday, November 21st 7pm

30 Carew St, South Hadley

Tickets $25 on line

https://givebutter.com/7-bridges-road-concert-up1j6q

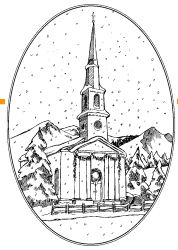
UWF BAKE SALE **Sunday, November 22 9:00 a.m.**

Why: To raise money for the Methodist's Women's Mission
Who: Everyone can Participate
How: Bake, Buy or Donate
Why: To help support the United Women in Faith missions.

CELEBRATION, CONCERNS & MORE

PRAY FOR Carol Brunelle, Beth Dietz, Tim O'Donnell, Kathy Washburn, Darlene Dout, Jim Anspach's Family - parents, Gene & Rene and Uncles Earl & Tom Anspach, Mark Felsentreger, Scott Shippey, Robert Dout, Lisa Barnes, Jim Barnes, Jessica Guarnera, Megan Motyka, Rob Barnett, Lois Felsentreger, Kevin McLaughlin, Mary Lou Guarnera, Tom Deren, our Church, our Country, our World.

✞ Prayers and sympathy to the Family of Richard Brooksbank who died on October 12.



STEEPLE LIGHTING

Our steeple was lit during the month of October in Honor of Vicki & Lee Wilson's 50th Anniversary by Betty McConnell.

Our steeple is lit during the month of November

✞ Anonymously asking us to "Let God's Light Shine Bright".

✞ In memory of women from our church who have passed during the last year by the UWF: Bonnie Randall.

Online Payments Are Here!

Giving made easy. Send gift to support the important work of your church. Scan QR code with your phone.

You did it!! 17 CASSEROLES KATE'S KITCHEN

You were challenged to make 15 casseroles for the UWF to bring to Kate's Kitchen and you exceeded the challenge - 17 casseroles were delivered on October 26th. People come to Kate's Kitchen for a meal; for many this is their only meal of the day and you helped to feed them.

Once a month we bring goulash (pasta with tomato sauce & Hamburg). Any casseroles we bring are appreciated but we can do better. Keep up the good work. Will you help?

This month the casseroles are due on November 29. The UWF provides a pan and you can bring it to church any time during the month and put it in the freezer but first put it in a plastic bag to protect it.

Thank you to all who help. Thank you to Carol & Tom Deren for delivering the casseroles on the last Monday each month.

CALLING ALL WOMEN

United Women in Faith

The next meeting of the UWF women will be on WEDNESDAY, November 11th at 9:00 a.m. and you are invited to join us. A few women of Faith United Methodist Church have been joining us. All are welcome to come to our UWF meeting.

If you haven't come to UWF before, this is a great time to come for fellowship, food, laughter and prayers. Devotions will be led by Carol and our hostess will be Anita.

"WAITING"

It's time for a Bible Study! We will be in Fellowship Hall from 10 to 11 a.m.
Sharyn will facilitate a study of Advent called 'Waiting'.
You are ALL welcome. Bring a friend.

Nov. 12 - History of Advent - What's all this waiting about?
Nov. 19 - Zechariah and Elizabeth waiting
Dec. 3 - Mary and Joseph waiting
Dec. 10 - The Innkeeper - waiting for what?

Please join us in Fellowship Hall for time together with God and each other.

On Friday, November 27 at 5:30 p.m. relax with us in Fellowship Hall with hot dogs, pop corn and a movie TBA.

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

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

Grab & Go

Meat Lasagna

&

Chocolate Raspberry Cake

November 20 **5:00 to 5:30 p.m.**

Menu: meat lasagna salad garlic bread
chocolate raspberry cake with whipped cream beverage

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

Include your name, phone & number of meals

Reservation needed by November 19

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

Mark Your Calendar

After worship join us in Fellowship Hall for coffee and fellowship.

November 1:. Daylight Savings set clocks back 1 hour

November 1: All Saint's Sunday

November 11: 9: 9-10 a.m. UWF - join us

November 12: 10-11 a.m. Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

November 15: 5 p.m. Church Charge Conference at Hadley United Methodist church

November 17: 6:00 p.m. Council & Trustees in Pastor's office & on Zoom.

November 19: 10-11 a.m. Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

November 20: 5-5:30 p.m. Grab & Go

November 21: 7:00 p.m. 7 Bridges Concert

November 22: 9- 11:30 a.m. UWF Bake Sale

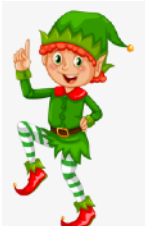
November 27: 5:30-8 p.m. Movie, hot dogs, popcorn & lemonade. All Free

November 29: Casseroles for Kate's Kitchen due.

BE A SANTA'S HELPER - How can you help?

'Tis the time for the Secret Santa Christmas program. We have children who will need gifts, and that means we need people to help. Last year we helped over 140 children have a happy Christmas.

You can help by:
-Matching the donated toys to a child's wish card. This happens in December, dates TBD.
-Donating new hats and/or mittens.
-Helping to shop for a gift from the child's wish card (around $30).



Your help is always welcome. If you have any questions or would like to help, talk to Ann

If you know of a family who will go without gifts, give their information to Ann. Names and all information will be kept confidential.

Catch the spirit of Christmas and become a Santa's Helper.

JOHN WESLEY TRIVIA

History is more than facts and figures. It is full of real people with real stories. Connecting with those people and stories helps us understand our lives and discern God's direction for our future. That is why it is important constantly to connect our teaching back to the important people in our church history. To help you do that, we have gathered some interesting, and maybe even surprising, facts about John Wesley to help you connect United Methodist history to your next lesson.

WESLEY HAD SERIOUS DOUBTS ABOUT HIS FAITH.

Questioning one's faith should not be disparaged. Doubts are essential to making any belief system one's own. They do not mean that one will let it go. In fact, even as Wesley struggled with deep doubts about faith, he followed the wise instruction of a mentor who told him to "preach faith till you have it; and then, because you have it, you will preach faith." Even as we struggle, we can maintain our hold on the truths we question until we can settle all of our doubts.

Written by Jeremy Steele, originally published on UMC.org
Link to the original story: https://www.umc.org/en/content/10-fascinating-facts-about-john-wesley

Join us
-Be part of our story-

CELEBRATE DIVERSITY

All are welcome - loved for who you are, exactly as you are.
Join us for worship 10:00 a.m. Sundays
in our sanctuary, on Zoom and on YouTube.
Join in one of our missions.

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Pastor George Kiakis

If you are in need of prayers or need to speak with Pastor call or email.
Email: office@UMCSouthHadley.org
Church office 413 532-0500. Leave a message.

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. 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, mittens and scarves.

TOLL HOUSE PIES

Thanks to Dave Towne we will be making 'Toll House Pies' to sell for Christmas for $18 each. More information to be announced. We have already received an order.

Anagram: FROG **F**ully **R**ely **O**n **G**od

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