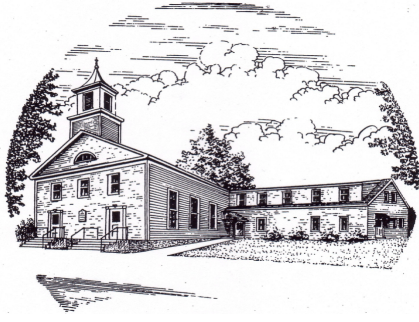


*“So that the Gospel may be preached
amongst us here”*



FEEDING HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Newsletter

May/June 2026



*“We celebrate and share God's love by connecting people with God and each other
through acceptance, worship, mission, community, and the gospel of Jesus Christ.”*

Sunday Worship: 10:00 am

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(The latest newsletter is also available on the church website)

Dear Friends,

As I write this, we have entered “ordinary time” in the liturgical calendar, which tends to be anything but ordinary. In recent weeks, we celebrated Christ’s ascension to heaven and also Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. Pentecost is often considered the birthday of the church, which ironically coincided with my anniversary here, as your pastor. This year marks three years that we have been worshiping and doing life and faith together, and I am so thankful for this time and each of you! We have had many memorable moments in worship, fellowship and in service, and I look forward to many more.



As our thoughts turn to summer fun and vacations, I have been trying to make space in my schedule to just be present. In housesitting for our neighbors, I have been spending lots of time walking dogs. This has led to many early mornings, but also created time to look and listen to the sounds of the country. I’ve listened to the guitar strum of the frogs in the bog, heard owls hooting, seen beautiful birds and felt the sunshine (and the rain, because the dogs walk in all weather!) I have been surprised by how much I have felt the presence of God in these moments. And caused me to wonder, how do we experience God? I am curious where and how you feel and know the presence of God the father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. As we move into summer, take notice of these places in your own life.

I look forward to worship, fellowship and serving alongside you this summer!

Blessings,

Pastor Janet

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George & Betty Kopy Memorial Service

Mark your calendars for worship service on Sunday June 28, which will be dedicated to the memory of long time FHCC members Betty & George Kopy.



Congratulations 2026 Crop Walkers

The walkers this year raised over \$2300 – well done!

Thank you Ashley for serving as coordinator, and motivating the team.





What's Going on at the Church Cupboard

The Church Cupboard celebrated its 1st birthday in May. Its mission has reached so many in the community experiencing food insecurity. The volunteers, donors, and supporters are truly a blessing.



**This week marks
1 year since we
opened to serve the
community!
MANY THANKS to
all of our volunteers,
donors and partners
who continue to be
the heart of this
work!**



- *More than 6000 items given out!***
- *Serving 55 families, 129 individuals***
- *Assisting households in 11 local communities!***
- *10 Community Partner Agencies/Organizations!***

If you haven't checked out the Church Cupboard room lately, you've missed the new wheeled shelving units purchased and assembled by the Agawam Rotary Club. The Club also helped clean out all the clutter that was still in the storage area. They have been a generous supporter of activities at the Church Cupboard. Here is a picture of the Rotary volunteers, with the new shelves visible in the background



If you are a gardener, consider planting a little extra and share the bounty with the Cupboard!



In June the Cupboard will be open June 6 & 20:



**Open June 6th & 20th,
9-11 AM!**

*always 1st & 3rd Saturday
mornings of each month*

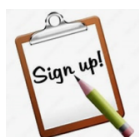
**21 N. Westfield St.
Feeding Hills, MA**

Individuals/Families are
eligible to receive a grocery
supplement **ONCE** each
month

Questions? Call 786-5061

June Wednesday Worship Services

All are welcome to these informal, reflective services. This month services will be June 10th and 24th, at 7:30 pm.



Coming: Rotational Roster of Worship Roles

A rotational roster is being drafted for worship assistant, monthly Communion servers, and post-worship refreshments. This will help avoid last minute scrambles for coverage, and provides more stability to the worship experience.

Please consider adding your name to a role. Not only can it be rewarding to be an active participant, but it helps to keep FHCC strong. You can share with another person if you like. As the saying goes, “many hands make light work”! Sandi will be collecting names over the coming weeks.

THANK YOU!



Request from Council – Only Water in the Sanctuary

Warmer temperatures are coming, and we want to stay hydrated during worship services. The church council kindly requests that only water be consumed in the sanctuary. This minimizes stains and odors from any spills. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Worship Leader Sunday June 21

Pastor Janet will be away Sunday June 21. Matt will leading service that day.

? Bible Trivia

Match each question with its correct corresponding answer:

<u>Ques.</u>		<u>Ans.</u>	
1	Longest book of the Bible?	a	Exodus
2	Shortest book of the Bible?	b	Luke
3	Only book mentioning the Magi?	c	Psalms
4	Bible book with the story of Noah?	d	Matthew
5	Bible book with the story of David & Goliath?	e	3 John
6	1st book containing the 10 Commandments?	f	Genesis
7	Book where Jesus heals the 10 lepers?	g	1 Samuel

(See the correct answers after the prayer requests)



- Mimi, Lily, and Esther
- New graduates
- All those who served, or are serving, in the armed forces.

***“In HAPPY moments, PRAISE God.
In DIFFICULT moments, SEEK God
In QUIET moments, WORSHIP God
In PAINFUL moments, TRUST God
In EVERY moment, THANK God”***

Please send any prayer concerns to include in future newsletters.

Bible Trivia Answers:

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| 1 | c |
| 2 | e |
| 3 | d |
| 4 | f |
| 5 | g |
| 6 | a |
| 7 | b |