

First Congregational Church, U.C.C.  
102 Middle Street  
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## *July - August*

### **CHURCH STAFF**

Pastor – The Reverend Peter Stilla

Deacons –

Lisa West

Ken Parker

Jonathan Morel

Donna Brewer-McGahie

Bob Andersen

Director of Music – Michael Stancill

Christian Ed Director – Shannon Stilla

Office Administrator – Cathy Samson

Custodian – Bryan Harper

### **WORSHIP SERVICES**

Sunday Morning – 10:00 a.m.

Worship services & past events can be accessed on Facebook and YouTube.

### **CHRISTIAN ED**

Sunday Morning – 10:00 a.m.

**Telephone: 413-584-4117**

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# *The Rooster Crows*

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July-August, 2024

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Dear First Church Family,

Well, we made it! If there was ever a doubt that summer as we know and love it would arrive when it should, it was dispelled by the hot, sunny days we've had all June long. But despite the heat, we had a fabulous month at First Church of Hadley and finished the first half of 2024 in fine style.

The Christian Ed Committee started us off on June 2 with a wonderful Children's Sunday service, and the following week we honored three of First Church's most distinguished high school graduates on Baccalaureate Sunday. By all accounts Sharon Howard did a fantastic job filling in for me on June 16 (thank you, Sharon!), and the month closed with a bang (and too many songs to count!) with our joyous and glorious Music Sunday service.

First Church of Hadley will be closed in July, but we're all invited to attend Sunday services at the North Hadley Congregational Church. In August we'll be returning the favor, and our North Hadley friends are invited to visit us on Sundays starting August 4. Have a restful, fun-filled and rejuvenating July, and I look forward to seeing all of you again in August!

In Christ,  
Pastor Peter

## MUSIC NOTES



For the month of August, we will have a "pickup" choir each Sunday. There will be no Choir Practice on Thursday evenings, we'll simply meet in the Sanctuary at 9:15 a.m. and learn an easy piece of music to sing for that service. No long-term commitment or extra travel! We'd love to see some new faces up front, so please join us!

Mike Stancill  
Music Director

## NEWS FROM THE MUSIC COMMITTEE



Music Sunday was on June 30. Everyone enjoyed the hymn sings and making a Joyful Noise. The choir performances were wonderful, and the prelude and postlude were awesome.

At the quarterly meeting on June 30, Rosalee Oakley was appointed to complete the term of Deb Ward. Thank you, Rosalee!

### Summer music:

When the services in August are at First Church, the regular and handbell choirs aren't rehearsing. If you are interested in offering your musical talents for a Sunday service, contact Mike Stancill at [michaelstancill1959@gmail.com](mailto:michaelstancill1959@gmail.com). Sing the anthem, play something on the piano that you last played in public in sixth grade, or tune up your guitar and accompany the congregation on a hymn. There will be a "pickup choir" on Sunday mornings at 9:15, where we learn a piece to sing that morning. ANYONE is welcome; come give it a try. Thursday evening choir rehearsals will resume on September 5.

The handbell choir will resume rehearsals on Tuesday, September 3. Fall is a great time to give ringing a try, as all the ringers will be rusty from having the summer off and so we will be focusing on basics for the first few weeks.

Ring of Joy may be taking the summer off, but Ruth will not be. She is going to the Handbell Musicians of America (HMA) National Seminar in Hartford in July. She is sure to come back full of new ideas and new challenges.

Ruth Morse,  
for the music committee (Barb Anderson, Rosalee Oakley, Mike Stancil)

# JULY

3	Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Hadley Women's Group AA Meeting
6	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Take & Eat
7	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	WORSHIP SERVICE NORTH HADLEY
10	Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Hadley Women's Group AA Meeting
11	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Hampshire County Farm Bureau Meeting
14	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	WORSHIP SERVICE NORTH HADLEY
17	Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Hadley Women's Group AA Meeting
21	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	WORSHIP SERVICE NORTH HADLEY
22	Monday	7:00 p.m.	DEACONS MEETING
24	Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Hadley Women's Group AA Meeting
28	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	WORSHIP SERVICE NORTH HADLEY
31	Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Hadley Women's Group AA Meeting

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# AUGUST

3	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Take and Eat
4	Sunday	9:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	PICK UP CHOIR WORSHIP SERVICE
7	Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Hadley Women's Group AA Meeting
11	Sunday	9:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	PICK UP CHOIR WORSHIP SERVICE
14	Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Hadley Women's Group AA Meeting
18	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	WORSHIP SERVICE AT PARKER RESIDENCE POTLUCK LUNCHEON
21	Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Hadley Women's Group AA Meeting
25	Sunday	9:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	PICK UP CHOIR BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS WORSHIP SERVICE
28	Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Hadley Women's Group AA Meeting

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