



# His Mansion

A newsletter from  
First United Methodist Church  
of Southbridge

*"In my Father's House, there are many mansions... I go to prepare a place for you..."*

AUGUST 2020



*"Remember to be gentle with yourself and others. We are all children of chance and none can say why some fields will blossom while others lay brown beneath the August sun."*

*Kent Nerburn*

## Reminder:

We meet for worship at 10am and enjoy fellowship, coffee and treats afterwards



## FROM PASTOR SABINA'S DESK

Dear friends in Christ,

Well, here we are. The summer is winding down and the beginning of the school year (in whatever form that looks like) is at hand. While we are still in the midst of the pandemic life is marching on all around us and life here at FUMC is no different.

It has been wonderful to see some of you at our in-person worship services outdoors and we are rejoicing in the celebration of baptism as we welcomed into the household of God Freddy Suitter. We were able to worship in the sanctuary, with beautiful music by our organist extraordinaire, Bob Briere. We also had an impromptu renewal of baptismal vows for the congregation as the blessed water was available to us! Let us keep Freddy in prayer as he strives to grow into the full stature of Christ. It was also amazing

Let us also rejoice with Brandin Bauer who is looking forward to his own baptism; and Gayle, who will be renewing her baptismal vows and become an official member of the church. So much new life and new birth here at FUMC!

I just want to remind you that we will continue worship outside, weather-permitting and will move inside only in case of rain (the sanctuary has been extremely hot!). We have been experiencing with contemporary Christian music while outdoors, at the great delight of the people gathered. Right now, the music is recorded, but we are trying to put together a praise band to lead us in worship once a month when we start worshipping inside again. Remember: No need to bring your chair to the outdoor service. If you are displaying ANY of the symptoms of COVID 19, please stay home for yours and all persons health and well-being.

I am very grateful I was able to take a much-needed week off and give thanks to God for the gift of our guest preacher, Susan Niro! We will continue our sermon series on the unseen women of the Bible into September.

(conclusion on page 4)

**Something good is  
going to happen  
Some good is in store  
We're together again  
in praising the  
LORD.**



**Every Sunday at 10am**

**Outdoors (back of the church) if the weather holds**

**Inside if it rains: Please note that we have not tried worshipping inside yet. The Sanctuary may be too hot and not ventilated enough. If so, inside services will be cancelled.**

**Bring your masks!**



**CHURCH  
ONLINE**

Join us for Church at 10am on Facebook!!  
Go to The Southbridge First United Methodist Church Page and just watch!!



**SERVICE  
TIME  
CHANGE**

Our Sunday worship service is now and until further notice at **10am on Sundays.**

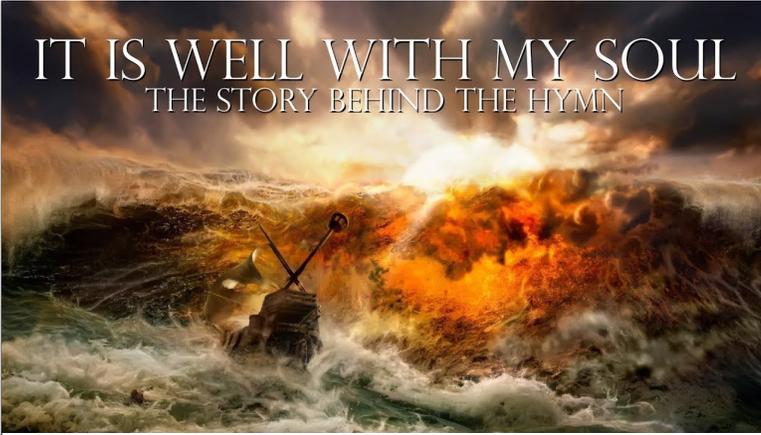
**COFFEE WITH THE  
PASTOR**

**EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 3:30 IN THE BACK OF THE  
CHURCH (WEATHER-PERMITTING)**



# IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

THE STORY BEHIND THE HYMN



When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea-billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
"It is Well, it is well with my Soul."

It is well  
With my soul  
It is well, it is well with my soul

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should  
come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul

It is well (it is well)  
With my soul (with my soul)  
It is well, it is well with my soul

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought  
My sin, not in part but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, o my soul

It is well (it is well)  
With my soul (with my soul)  
It is well, it is well with my soul  
It is well (it is well)  
With my soul (with my soul)  
It is well, it is well with my soul

Knowing that his friend Dwight L. Moody was going to be preaching in evangelistic campaigns in England in the fall of 1871, Horatio G. Spafford decided to take his family to England.

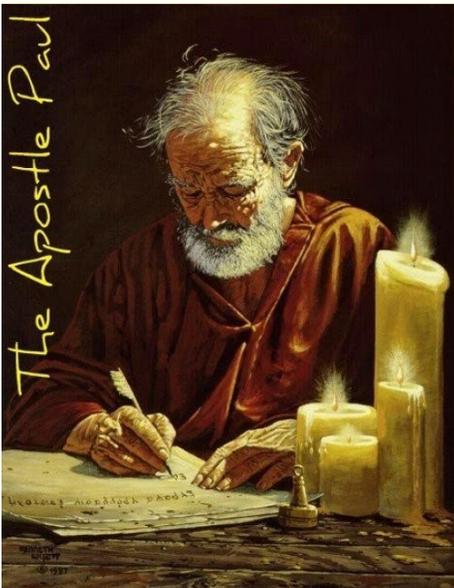
His wife and four daughters went ahead on the SS Ville Du Havre, and he planned to follow in a few days.

But on the Atlantic Ocean the ship was struck by an iron sailing vessel and sank within twelve minutes. Two hundred and twenty-six lives were lost---including the Spafford's four daughters.

When the survivors were brought to shore at Cardiff, Wales, Mrs. Spafford cabled her husband, "Saved Alone."

Spafford booked passage on the next ship. As they were crossing the Atlantic, the captain pointed out the place where he thought the Ville du Havre had gone down. That night, Spafford penned the words "When sorrows like sea billows roll.....it is well, it is well with my soul."

*Romans 5: 3-4 We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens out confident hope of salvation.*



## Who was the Apostle Paul?

Paul started more than a dozen churches, and he's traditionally considered the author of 13 books of the Bible—more than any other biblical writer.

For this reason, Saint Paul is often considered one of the most influential people in history. He had a greater impact on the world's religious landscape than any other person besides Jesus, and perhaps Muhammad.

But before he was known as a tireless champion of Christianity, Paul was actually known for *persecuting* Christians. The Book of Acts tells us that Paul was even present at the death of the first Christian martyr—where he “approved the stoning of Stephen” (Acts 8:1).

Want to know more? Stay tuned for the next newsletter!!

## FROM PASTOR SABINA'S DESK

### *(conclusion)*

I also want to thank from the bottom of my heart all who have volunteered of their time and efforts in making FUMC a vibrant church to and who have been helping to keep ministry happening during these times. Astrid, Cathy, Patti, Freddy, and many others. Not too mention the people who have been helping us with donations and meals. Viewpoint Church, Worcester Fellowship volunteers, Wellspring Church, individuals, Charlton City Church Bread Ministry. Without the efforts of these people, where would we be? I am proud of how FUMC is showing Southbridge we are such a loving and giving community, together we will continue to carry the gospel of Jesus Christ and minister in our community.

Enjoy the rest of your Summer and stay Holy, stay

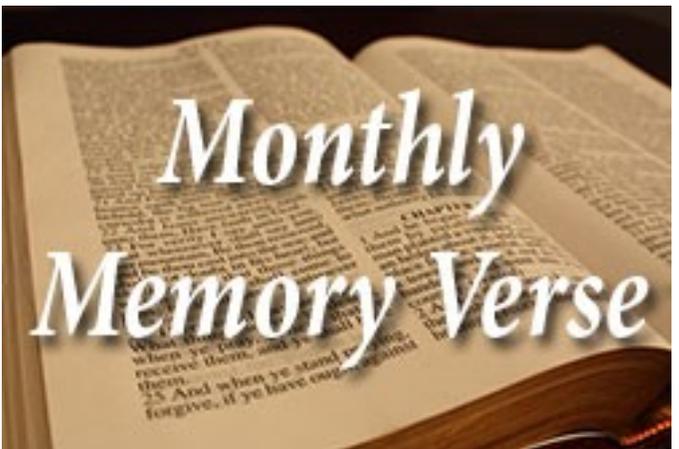
*Stay blessed, stay safe!*



## Prayer For New Month

Dear Lord, as we enter this new month we ask that you would draw us closer to you than we knew was possible. Please lead and guide us. Please go before us and make the rough roads smooth. Help us to order our days, to live life to the fullest and to take nothing for granted. We thank you for knowing our needs before we ask and for being by our side in all we face. May we be a blessing to others and point the way to you. We love you, Lord and we commit this day and month to your hands. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen



Matthew 5:16

*Let your light shine  
before men that they may  
see your good deeds and  
praise your Father  
in heaven.*



Oldie but goodie!!

***"Summer afternoon—summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language." Henry James***



During this pandemic, please join Pastor Sabina every week:

**Monday:**

- Office hours: 1:30 pm to 6:30 pm
- Story time for young and old, live on Facebook: 3:30 pm
- Free hot meal to go: 5 pm
- Bible study: 6:30pm

**Wednesday:**

Coffee with the Pastor: 3:30 pm

**Thursday:**

Devotional live on Facebook: 3:30pm

**Friday:**

Office hours: 12 pm to 6:30 pm  
Free hot meal to go: 5 pm

**Sunday:**

Worship: 10 am

Pastor Sabina is also available any time via email (pastorsabinaterrades@gmail.com) or by phone (508-450-1614).

**Bethlehem's Closet  
Thrift Shop**

You can find brand-name, gently used clothing and footwear for men, women, and children, at incredibly low prices. You won't believe the bargains!

**Located on  
Central Street in  
Southbridge, MA  
(Across from Cormier Jewelers)**

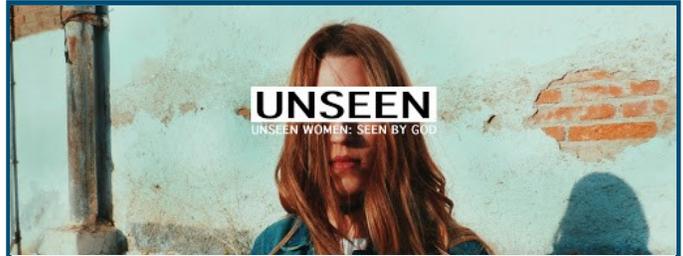
Store Hours:

Monday, Thursday, Saturday  
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Free items available on Saturday only between  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

100% of the profits benefit  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

*The little shop with a big heart!*



**Sermon Series**

**Unseen Women of the Bible:  
Seen by God**

We will continue our sermon series into September.

After Abigail, the bleeding woman, Hannah and Jephthah's daughter, we will discover other less known women, some unnamed: the woman at the well, Potiphar's wife, Phoebe, Jochebed, the poor widow, and the woman with the alabaster box.

Join us to hear about these women of faith and courage!

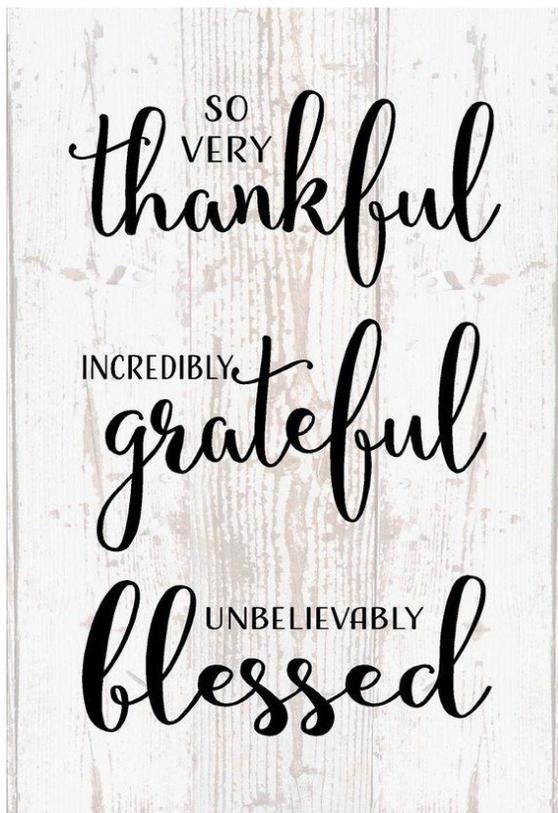




Congratulations to Freddy Suitter on his baptism!



*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
 dead in the tomb with Christ our King:  
 One with his rising, freed and forgiven,  
 thankfully now God's praise we sing.*



Thank you, Lord, for the ability to take a week of vacation! The Cape Ann area is absolutely beautiful: History, nature, beaches, great weather... What else could we ask for! I am now back revived and re-energized, ready to tackle the next challenges!!



*Thank you to Susan Niro for preaching and leading worship on Sunday, July 26! And thank you to her husband Jim for joining us as well!*



449 Main Street  
 Southbridge, MA 01550  
 508-764-6501  
[fumcsouthbridge.org](http://fumcsouthbridge.org)  
[fumcsouthbridge@gmail.com](mailto:fumcsouthbridge@gmail.com)  
 Pastor Sabina Terrades  
[pastorsabinaterrades@gmail.com](mailto:pastorsabinaterrades@gmail.com)



## His Mansion

*A newsletter from  
 First United Methodist Church  
 of Southbridge*

*"In my Father's House, there are many mansions... I go to prepare a place for you..."*



<b>Sundays</b>	<b>10 am:</b>	<b>Worship service at the church and live worship on Facebook</b>
<b>Mondays:</b>	<b>3:30 pm:</b>	<b>Story time live on Facebook</b>
	<b>5 pm:</b>	<b>Free meal</b>
	<b>6:30pm:</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
<b>Wednesdays:</b>	<b>3:30 pm:</b>	<b>Coffee with the Pastor</b>
<b>Thursdays:</b>	<b>3:30pm:</b>	<b>Devotional live on Facebook</b>
<b>Fridays:</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Free meal</b>