

FaithLift History

The Evangelical Free Church of Pittsfield began our first FAITHLIFT women's conference in 1990 as a result of the burden of Ruth Anderson; she had a desire to minister to women of the Berkshires. FAITHLIFT was modeled after the original event, by the same name, hosted by Grace Chapel in Lexington, Mass. Our first FaithLift hosted forty women. Since that time, FaithLift has grown; in 2005 it ministered to more than 200 women from five states! Our goal is to provide women with opportunities for fellowship, worship, learning and fun!

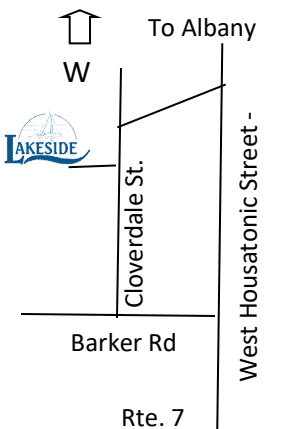
To Register online (using PayPal):
www.pittsfieldefc.org/FaithLift.htm

FaithLift will be held
 at Lakeside Christian Camp this year

Directions:

From North, East or South: Take Rte 7 to Rte 20 West (West Housatonic St.). Follow Rte 20 to Barker Rd. Turn left. Cloverdale St. will be on your right just past the airport runway. Lakeside is Approx. 0.5 m on your left.

From West: Follow Rte 20 East to Cloverdale. Turn right. Lakeside is Approx. 0.5 m on your right



2017 Workshops

HUNGRY HEART=THE GOD HOLE

This workshop will educate and inform the participate of the many masks that addiction can wear; teaching how to understand addiction when it involves a loved one or coming to an acknowledgement of our own struggles in anything from food to spending, TV watching, alcohol, drugs, codependency, sex, anger, bitterness, or unforgiveness as we try to fill the hole that only be filled by God. Addiction is a crisis in our society and most people aren't even aware of the fatal obsession and how it robs us of mental and physical health or our joy, happiness and our own self-worth!

READING CAFÉ

Do you enjoy fellowship with your sisters in Christ, or how about relaxing with a good book that may challenge, encourage, counsel, instruct or just plain may make you laugh and relates to your journey of faith? If you have answered yes to any of these questions, then the *Reading Café* may be a workshop designed for you. This café will not feed you physically, but offers spiritual nutrition by way of Christian authors who have been called to minister through the specific topics that God has assigned to them. Each participant will have opportunity to browse through a "menu" of some of the latest books written for women of "today". Each attendee will also leave this workshop with guidelines and resources for spiritual health as well as with a book in hand! Come, relax and be refreshed with friends and good book.

LIVING OUT YOUR FAITH

In a world that has strayed from the Gospel, and where restrictions are placed on our Christianity, how do we overcome these obstacles? How do we stand strong and not be tossed about by every wind and wave? How can we be a living example to this world of God's great and glorious love with unwavering faith? In this workshop, we will discuss, share, and look to the Word of God to see how we can be overcomers as we strive to live out our faith.

A PRAYER WALK

This workshop provides an opportunity to learn how to cultivate a discipline of ceaselessly hearing from God and interceding for our home, community, and work places. Participants will experience an actual prayer walk as a group on a trail throughout the camp property while enjoying a prayer and fellowship time together. (wear comfortable shoes for walking, etc.)

FORGIVEN TO FOLLOW JOY

This workshop will touch upon the necessity to forgive and to be forgiven. Using practical and humorous illustrations, you will learn the signs and steps to forgive and to continue to forgive others and yourself. To ultimately find the JOY of abundant life through forgiveness.

CRAFT - SPRING WREATH

Join us for an hour of fun and fellowship while making a Spring mesh wreath! By the time you leave your wreath will be ready for you to embellish with your own ideas (i.e.: flowers, seashells, do-dads and fandangoes'). Think about a special place that you would like to hang your Beautiful creation: front door, breezeway, porch or maybe a gift for someone.



OUR SPEAKER

Our Speaker, Denise Ridley , grew up on the Jersey shore and received Christ as Savior and Lord while pursuing her graduate degree in deaf education at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana.

Shortly after graduation, Denise was hired as a teacher of the deaf and moved to West Hartford, CT where she met her husband, George. They have been married for over 30 years and have two married sons and four grandchildren.

Denise completed her BA in Communication Sciences and Disorders, an MA in Deaf Education and an M.Ed in Rehabilitation Counseling. She has worked as an Educational Therapist, Admissions Coordinator and Director of Guidance at Pioneer Valley Christian School in Springfield, MA for 21 years and currently is employed as a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor for the State of MA, where she assists individuals with disabilities obtain employment.

Having ministered as a Bible study leader, retreat speaker, and conference host "in New England and beyond", Denise obeyed God's lead and founded Water's Edge Ministries Inc. in 2003. Since that time, the Lord has opened numerous doors for Water's Edge Ministries!

FaithLift 2017 Registration

Please make checks payable to Pittsfield Evangelical Free Church and mail to the address below. **Registration cutoff is April 21**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Home church, if any.... _____

FaithLift Registration:	Price
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee - Friday night & Saturday	\$90.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee - Saturday	\$45.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Craft Workshop Fee	\$ 6.00

Total \$ _____

Please write down any dietary restrictions/allergies or special needs

Workshop space is limited, please indicate your **1st** and **2nd** workshop choice (place a 1 or 2 on the appropriate line):

- ___ HUNGRY HEART=THE GOD HOLE
- ___ READING CAFÉ
- ___ LIVING OUT YOUR FAITH
- ___ FORGIVEN TO FOLLOW JOY
- ___ A PRAYER WALK
- ___ CRAFT - SPRING WREATH

Pittsfield Evangelical Free Church
 c/o FaithLift
 389 Cheshire Road
 Pittsfield, MA 01201



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Evangelical Free Church
of Pittsfield

Diamonds in the Dust

*"I will give you hidden treasures, riches
stored in secret places so that you will
know that I am the Lord, the God of
Israel who summons you by name."
Isaiah 45:3*

Friday May 5 &
Saturday May 6, 2017
Lakeside Christian Camp
195 Cloverdale St.
Pittsfield, MA

389 Cheshire Road
Pittsfield, MA 01201



2017 FaithLift Schedule

May 5 & 6, 2017

Friday:

Overnight participants:

Check in: 4:00pm - 6:00pm **Dinner: 6:00pm - 6:30pm - Promptly**

Friday night session 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Saturday:

Check in: 8:00am - 8:30am Breakfast: 8:00am - 8:30am

Sessions, workshops and lunch: 9:00am - 4:30pm

Why we have changed FaithLift?

The FaithLift committee has taken steps to improve the overall FaithLift experience.

Exciting:

FaithLift is once again located at Lakeside Christian Camp in Pittsfield. The Lakeside campus provides more options for workshop space and other amenities.

We will be offering Friday night session, along with the one day format we have had in the past, the schedule has been very tight with little down time between sessions. Starting on Friday evening will provide you with a more relaxed experience.

There is an overnight option for those who are travelling a distance to attend, or for those who just want to spend time with other women. If you choose to stay overnight with us, please note that bedding must be brought, as well as toiletries and towels.

Fees:

Friday night & Saturday includes: dinner, Friday night session, overnight accommodations, breakfast, lunch and all Saturday sessions.

Saturday includes: continental breakfast, lunch and all Saturday sessions.

Please Note:

If you are planning to stay overnight DINNER will be served promptly at 6:00pm and END at 6:30pm. If you plan to check-in after 6:30pm, dinner will NOT be provided.