

# The Messenger

News and Information for the First United Methodist Church, Hudson, MA  
February 2022

***Join us this Sunday!***

**Current Schedule:**

**11:00am - In-Person / Online** Worship Service

*Our Online Worship services are broadcast on YouTube.*

Office Hours: Mon – Fri, 9:30am – 1:30pm

Church Phone: 978-562-2932

Email Church Office:

[HUDSONFUMC@gmail.com](mailto:HUDSONFUMC@gmail.com)

Web Page: [www.hudsonfumc.org](http://www.hudsonfumc.org)

## Staff Leaders 2022:

<b>Pastor:</b>	Kim Gold
<b>Music Director:</b>	Lisa Schliker
<b>Organist:</b>	Margarita Merriman
<b>Administrator:</b>	Bonnie Elman
<b>Newsletter Editor:</b>	Lisa Schliker
<b>Sexton:</b>	Mario DiMare
<b>Nursery Care:</b>	Kerry Mason
<b>Spiritual Lay Leader:</b>	Barbara Robinson
<b>Lay Leader:</b>	Ada Arenstrup
<b>TV Ministry:</b>	The DiMare family

## Mission Outreach for February:

Winter Clothing Drive through February We are collecting new or gently used winter wear; i.e., coats, gloves, hats for Quinn Middle School who have set up a program that will allow young students to select items they need for winter. There is a blue drop-off bucket outside our church office for collecting your items.

*Note: This is for clothing for young people, not little children.*



We will do this collection thru winter. Thank you for supporting this effort. Call the office if questions: 978-562-2932

**Happy Valentine's Day**



**Monday, February 14**

**Looking Ahead...  
Ash Wednesday**



**March 2nd**

## February Birthdays

2 Don Eastman  
7 Ron Paskavitz  
14 Jean Luther  
16 Cheryl O'Leary  
19 G. Mike Kauffman  
20 Lynn Kerner  
23 Katie Krasinski  
25 Joan Vincent  
25 Bob Berube  
27 Katie Dunnell  
29 Keaghan O'Leary

## February Anniversaries

14 Trina (Elman) & John Zompetti  
14 Christine & Mario DiMare  
24 Allen & Laurie Brown



### Bible Study

Wednesdays at 10:00am  
Led by Barbara Robinson in Lamson Hall.

## Caregivers meeting 1st and 3rd Monday of each month

We meet from 11:00 – 12:00. If you are a caregiver and feel alone and helpless sometime; we are here to help you through some of the tough emotions that come up. If you can get away for little while, please join us. You can share your thoughts and feelings or just sit, relax and listen.

Our next meeting is Monday, February 7th.

## For your Calendars:

Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm:

**Ham and Bean Supper** –You know how much you enjoy baked beans; these can't be beat and the ham and sides will be super delicious too!



Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup>:

**Girl's Night Out** (tentative) - More information forthcoming.

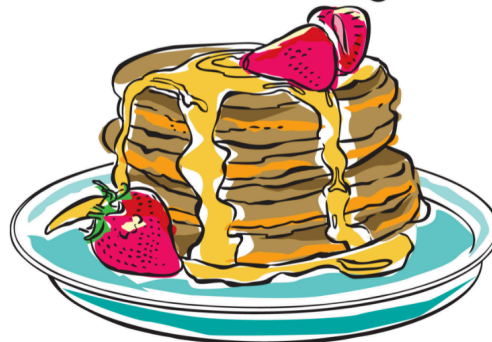
## Prayer concerns and celebrations

- For Pastor Kim's continued healing and for her return to the pulpit.
- Bonnie's grandson, Ian
- Barbara R.; over the loss of her brother.
- For Annette over the loss of her sister, Connie.
- For our youth and church leaders.
- Our President and world leaders.
- Those serving in the military and their families.
- Those with addictions and the lives affected.
- For a cure for cancer.

PLEASE  
PRAY

## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Tuesday, March 1 at 6pm

# Shrove Tuesday



## You Never Know

You never really know the true impact you have on those around you.  
You never know how much someone needed that smile you gave them.  
You never know how much your kindness turned someone's entire life around.  
You never know how much someone needed that long hug or deep talk.  
So don't wait to be kind. Don't wait for someone else to be kind first.  
Don't wait for better circumstances or for someone to change.  
Just be kind, because you never know how much someone needs it.  
- N. Banas (*shared by Bonnie E.*)

## Trustees Updates

Trustees are still working on roof issues. The first engineer got Covid, so we are starting over.

Working with new Brazilian church on use of our church

New lights in lower parking lot installed and are working awesome

## UMW SUPER SUBS

February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Place orders by February 6<sup>th</sup>.

Pick up on February 13<sup>th</sup> following worship.

COST \$ 6.00 each

ROAST BEEF\_\_\_\_ HAM\_\_\_\_ TURKEY\_\_\_\_ TUNA\_\_\_\_ VEGGY\_\_\_\_

CHICKEN SALAD\_\_\_\_

Mayo\_\_\_\_ Mustard\_\_\_\_ Oil\_\_\_\_

American Cheese\_\_\_\_ Swiss Cheese\_\_\_\_

Pickles\_\_\_\_ Tomato\_\_\_\_ Onions\_\_\_\_ Lettuce\_\_\_\_ Peppers\_\_\_\_

Cucumbers\_\_\_\_

ONE SUB PER FORM. Make checks payable to UMW with Super Subs on memo line.

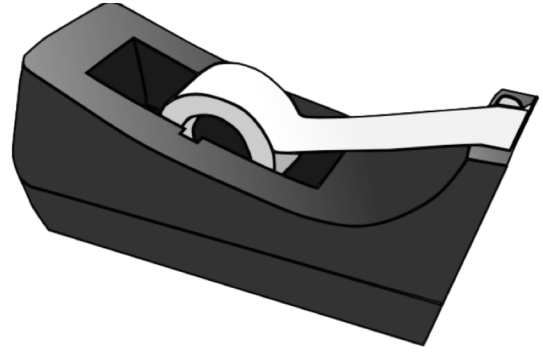
Place order form in Ada's church mailbox, weekly offering plate or email

[17arenstrup@gmail.com](mailto:17arenstrup@gmail.com)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

## Scotch Tape

Have you ever tried to re-roll scotch tape? It seems that no matter how hard you try, it will never be the same as it was before. You inevitably have small air bubbles or wrinkles in it and it probably will lose its sticking quality. Life is somewhat like that image. Once we begin to unroll it (live it), we must continue to go forward because it serves no purpose to go backward. We cannot relive our life. Like re-rolled scotch tape, life lived in the past is a waste. Life lived in the present projects into the future. It is very practical and can be very meaningful --not only to ourselves but to others as well.



What purpose does one's life have if not to live a life that touches others? One single life can be a sealer in someone else's life. It can be the glue that makes a difference in the future of another person. Of course, once we start unrolling ourselves we become vulnerable to the life we touch. We absorb the material of what we become bound to.

Once tape is placed on paper, especially one with print on it, it is almost impossible to remove the tape without taking some of the print or paper off with it.

Life is like tape. Sometimes as we begin to unroll it, to open up and be useful, we panic and try to re-do the wrappings. We don't want to become vulnerable. We deceive ourselves into thinking that we can remain attached unto ourselves but like the bubbles and wrinkles on re-rolled tape, we find that no matter how hard we try to be as we once were, we cannot fully achieve that task. The only way to smooth out the wrinkles and bubbles is to keep unwinding the roll. Tape unto itself it serves no purpose. It's only when it is applied to something that it becomes beneficial.

The lifespan of a roll of tape doesn't really matter. The important thing is that the roll was used. To keep to ourselves is selfish. Our life's purpose is not to remain rolled up but to become unrolled to benefit another person. What kind of life expectancy we have doesn't really matter. All that matters is how we use ourselves for God's purposes.

Deacon Barbara Robinson

## **Our Opportunity to Aid UMCOR** (the United Methodist Committee on Relief)

UMCOR is the humanitarian arm of The United Methodist Church. UMCOR provides humanitarian relief when war, conflict or natural disaster disrupts life to such an extent that communities cannot recover on their own.

M.O.O. (FUMC's Mission, Opportunity and Outreach team) has designated "US Disaster Response and Recovery" Advance #901670 as our effort to help those in crisis situations.

UMCOR, is the United Methodist Committee on Relief, acts on our behalf when there is a crisis. When we give to Advance projects, 100% of our gifts are directed to the designated response.

UMCOR responds to natural or civil disasters of such magnitude that they overwhelm a community's ability to recover on its own. When disaster strikes, it is local churches that provide the first response to their communities. When responding to a disaster in the United States, UMCOR provides training, financial assistance, expertise, community collaboration to churches and partners making them more resilient to disasters.

If you wish to donate, please make checks out to FUMC with "Advance #901670" in the Subject area. You may drop a check off at the office, mail to the church or put it in the collection plate on Sundays.



Thank you.

## **Music Notes:**

Happy 2022! If you have ever considered getting involved with the music ministry at FUMC, I encourage you to join us at a future rehearsal:

The Chancel Choir rehearses on Sunday mornings prior to worship services. We meet at 9:45am in the Sanctuary. New singers are always welcome!

The Handbell Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 pm. We rehearse in the Sanctuary. New ringers are always welcome!

We hope to see you at a future rehearsal!

Lisa Schliker  
FUMC Music Director

