

The Messenger

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

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Pastor: Kim Gold

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Sexton: Mario DiMare

Nursery Care: Kerry Mason

Spiritual Lay Leader: Barbara Robinson

Lay Leader: Ada Arenstrup

TV Ministry: The DiMare family

Worship Committee Update

Did you know that Christmas day is the start of the 12 days of Christmas, not the end? December 25 is the 1st day of Christmas and day after the 12th day of Christmas is Epiphany. It is for this reason that all the decorations are still up in the sanctuary even though retailers are already focused on Valentine's Day.

We hope you enjoyed poinsettias display on Christmas Eve. This year the poinsettias surrounded the beautiful Advent candle and manger scene set up by Christine DiMare. Christine has been setting up all our special displays for the past year and a half; we feel so blessed to have someone with her talents as part of our congregation.



January Birthdays

4 Dave James
5 Patricia Gigliotti
6 Kevin O'Leary
9 Carol Lazzaro
10 Melissa Cronin
11 Caitlin McGowan
13 Tom Barry
15 Ernest Sahlin
16 Brittany Scerra
18 Leyalyn Jisun Grenfell-Lee
20 Dennis Sherman
25 Doug Wolfe
31 Vicki Peterson

January Anniversaries

8 Skip & Karen Wetherell
11 Rick & Diana Andrews
29 Ken and Cookie Lizotte



Christian Education Updates

We had a fabulous month learning the nativity story. We performed in the Christmas pageant with the rest of the congregation and it was so much fun!

The Christian Ed team will meet in January.

Blessings,

Stacey Hartford CCLLP

Christian Education Superintendent



Thank you!

I have so much gratitude for my church family and for the many friendships I have had for so many years. Thank you for your generosity on Christmas Eve for my "church family gift".

You are all very special to me

Bonnie

I'd like to thank my church family for your generous Christmas gift that was presented to me on Christmas eve!

I am so blessed to be a part of this church!

Warm regards,

Lisa

Trustees Updates

Parking lot lights are in. Handicap entrance will be done in Mid Jan.

Emergency furnace switch will also be moved at that time up to the kitchen door.

All sand and salt pails put out.

Waiting to meet with slate roof Co. Gentleman had COVID so meeting was postponed.

2022 – A New Year

Be gentle to yourself this year...and know that you are never alone as you walk into the future. Psalm 139 reminds us that we are precious in God's eyes and we always will be, no matter what. We are also reminded that at times that we may be overcome by darkness in a world or a darkness within ourselves which leaves us depressed. It may seem as if the light of Christ has lost its glow and its warmth.

2022 may be a time of trial in so many ways... anxiety, and confusion, life threatening diseases, concerns about decreasing human and Christian rights diminishing for hope for so many people. Today will become yesterday and tomorrow will become today in an unending cycle of time. Let us never forget that we have within us the ability to be a beacon of light for those whose light is fading.

We are not alone... we are never alone. God is always with us granting us strength to continue to face each day in renewed hope. He is in control of all things even though we may not understand how.... He walks with us, leading us, blessing us, loving us.

Let our faith in God, which we confess, be stronger than ever this year. Let it be professed in words and deeds as we live following the example of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen

Barbara A. Robinson

The Forget-Me-Not

When to the flowers so beautiful
The Father gave a name,
Back came a little blue-eyed one
(All timid it came);
And standing at it's Father's feet,
And gazing in His face,
It said in low and trembling tones,
"Dear God, the name Thou gavest me,
Alas! I have forgot."
Then kindly looked the Father down,
And said, "Forget Me Not.

*In Memory of Mary Collins
By Fran Wolfe*

Friendship dinners – January

This month we will have two dinners:

Saturday, Jan. 1st (Barbara's Pot Roast)
Saturday, Jan.22nd.

Both served at 4:30pm. All are welcome.

