

The Messenger

*News and Information for the First United Methodist Church, Hudson, MA
March 2021*

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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Staff Leaders 2021:

Pastor: Geisa Y. Matos

Music Director: Lisa Schliker

Organist: Margarita Merriman

Administrator: Bonnie Elman

Newsletter Editor: Lisa Schliker

Sexton: Mario DiMare

Nursery Care: Kerry Mason

Spiritual Lay Leader: Barbara Robinson

Lay Leader: Ada Arenstrup

TV Ministry: Rick Andrews

Sunday Worship Service Themes - March

March 7th

“Condemned by the Righteous”

Psalm 19; Mark 14:53-65

March 14:

“Jesus, Barabbas, and Pilate”

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Mark 15:1-15

March 21

“The Torture and Humiliation of the King”

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Mark 15:15b-23

March 28

Psalm/Passion Sunday

Mark 15:1-39

This Sunday we will read the Scripture as a narrative

CORNER BEEF AND CABBAGE Fund Raiser Dinner - "to-go"

Saturday, March 6th

4:30 – 5:30pm

This is our annual Fund Raiser for Bridges to Malawi, a program led by our own Dr. Brian Lisse. The cost is \$12.00 per meal; checks made out to "FUMC" with "Malawi" in the Subject area. We suggest that you call ahead to order 978-562-2932, as this is always a well-received fund raiser meal and we want to be sure to have enough corned beef, etc. prepared.



Personal note from Dr. Brian: *"Please be sure to thank everyone for their plans to fundraise for Bridges to Malawi in March. There is a tremendous need for help fighting COVID 19 in Malawi due to a sudden and huge spike of COVID there. An oxygen concentrator costs about \$2000. We hope to help purchase a number of these to help provide oxygen for hospitalized COVID 19 patients. The money we raise will go towards this as well as masks, PPE, dexamethasone, and patient education. My colleague, Peter Minjale, whom you met, is now recovering from COVID 19 after being hospitalized for a week. We have been able to get oxygen for him, but there are 7 others in his ward also in need of oxygen who do not have it available, a problem we wish to solve. Oxygen can be the difference between life and death in treating COVID, so the money we raise can literally save lives".*

YOU CAN HELP! If you're able to donate some of the veggies that we'll be serving we need the following: Turnips, Potatoes, Onions and Cabbages. Please drop off the UNCOOKED vegetables by **Thursday, March 4th**. OR, you may send a check to help cover the grocery items. Please make the check payable to FUMC with "Malawi" in the Subject area. Thank you. (and don't forget to call in your "dinner to-go reservation"!)

Prayer Joys and Concerns

- For Mario's dad, now in rehab following a fall at home.
- Bonnie's classmate who lost her husband recently.
- Texas flood victims still struggling and trying to recover.



March Birthdays

4	Adam Krasinski
6	Janice Owen
6	Frances Wolfe
10	Christopher Jordan
10	Brody O'Leary
11	Karen Wetherell
16	Melissa Sniffin
23	Deb O'Malley
24	Meaghan Scerra
28	Becky Millbury (nee Kauffman)

March Friendship Dinner To Go

Saturday, March 27th

Pick-Up 4pm

Dear FUMC – Thank you for all you do.
Don and Edwina Eastman

Several weeks ago, a fire across the street for church, completely destroyed the homes of the residents. Until recently all but one resident had found new living arrangements. Lisa Comeau, who has been so instrumental in helping the families with all the necessary concerns to begin a fresh life, has informed me that the last tenant, who has been housed in a local hotel, now has gotten into a new apartment.

Thanks to Lisa and all who have played a part in this outreach effort to help the needy in our community. Donations have been such a blessing as they have been what's made this emergency situation tolerable.

Blessings to all who have given or worked to help in so many ways.

Dear Barbara,

We just wanted to thank you for continuing the Friendship Dinners during the pandemic! Although we miss being able to gather in person, we feel connected as we bless the food and eat it together. Thank you for this nourishing ministry and connection during a truly challenging time.

Love,

The Grenfell-Lees

Tallessyn, Dan, Telynia, and Leyalyn



Easter – April 4

Sunrise: 6:00 am Tripps Pond

Worship service: 11:00 am



April Newsletter Deadline

All news articles for the April Newsletter are due Monday, March 29. Please send all articles to me at: lpattonvb@yahoo.com.

Early submissions are always welcome!

Lisa Schliker – Newsletter Editor

We will be decorating our altar with beautiful Easter flowers “In Memory” or “In Honor” of a loved one. Please complete this order form and return it with your check made payable to “First United Methodist Church.” Note “Easter plant” on the Subject Line. Deadline for ordering: **Palm Sunday, March 28th**. The cost remains at \$10.00 per plant. Thank you. Pick up plants following Easter worship or call the office during the week of 4/5-4/9 to arrange pick-up.

NAME: _____

PHONE #: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

Lily _____ Jonquil _____ Daffodil _____ Tulip _____