

The Messenger

*News and Information for the First United Methodist Church, Hudson, MA
May 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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Pastor: Geisa Y. Matos

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Nursery Care: Kerry Mason

Spiritual Lay Leader: Barbara Robinson

Lay Leader: Ada Arenstrup

TV Ministry: Rick Andrews



Red Prayer Shawls for Pentecost, May 23rd

We're hoping that those of you who knit or crochet will step up to make knitted or crocheted RED prayer shawls to be made available for people to pick up prior to Pentecost Sunday on May 23rd. Any pattern will do but the size should be 2' x 4'.

Annual Church Yard Sale

June 12th 9:00am-2:00pm

Call the office to Sign up for a table for our Annual Yard Sale – If you think you'd like to set up a table, outside only, no rain date, please email or call the office. Table space will be \$10.00

Think of all that “stuff” you have laying around that has served its purpose and now you can make a little spare cash by selling it! Call the office or send email to reserve you space!



A Message from Pastor Geisa

I will be on vacation the last two weeks of May. I've already started packing, but not to go to an exotic country during my vacation. Instead, I've been packing to move near the church where I will be serving as pastor starting July 1st. It is hard to go through pastoral changes for both the pastor and the church. It is particularly difficult during a global pandemic. However, as I've emphasized on other occasions, seasons of transition give us an opportunity to develop new and exciting visions for the future.



The FUMC church family is in limbo as it waits to know who will be appointed to lead the church community. As the church continues to wait, it is natural for some members of the church community to feel some anxiety about the future of the church. It is my hope and prayer that God will provide everything the church needs during this season of transition. After all, it was during a transitional season that the Christian church was born!

After the Ascension of the Risen Christ, the disciples waited behind locked doors for the coming of the Holy Spirit. The uncertainty of the future must have been challenging! Jesus was no longer physically present and the Holy Spirit had yet to descend upon them. However, they already had everything they needed to go through the transition. They had strong leaders who dedicated themselves to prayer and remained together united. Therefore, fear not! The Christian story is our story! This story reminds us that as we cross new bridges, we are reshaped and empowered to face tomorrow with courage and hope.

May we experience a rebirth both individually and collectively as we embrace our present and prepare for a blessed future! In Christ - Rev. Geisa Matos

Girls Night Out - May

May 21st at 5pm

Place TBA



May Friendship Dinner

Spaghetti To Go

May 22nd

Pick up between 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Joys and Concerns

- Family and Friends of the Robinson's over the passing of Rob.
- Health concerns for Jo G.
- Stacey's son/Susan's grandson, Dominic; broken collarbone
- For Pam's best friend's mother, Margaret, who tripped and broke her hip.
- For everyone to find joy and gratitude wherever they are in life's journey.
- Prayers for good health.
- Those recovering from addictions, the Covid virus and other health concerns.
- For caregivers and their unique challenges.

May Birthdays

1	Sarah Brown
1	Joann Gour
4	Iris Lucy
5	Barbara Moore
7	Caralyn Addy
9	James Collins
15	Judy Jewett
15	Kelly Albino
15	John Wesley Taylor
15	Marianne Saluk
20	Heleena DiMare
22	Oliver Dean Williams
24	Susan Niro
25	Carol Sahlin

May Anniversaries

5	Dennis & Pam Sherman
24	Daniel & Tallessyn Grenfell-Lee



MAY's Mission, Opportunity and Outreach (M.O.O.)

This month we are asking our church family to contribute to the **Addiction Referral Center** Building Fund Campaign in Marlboro. Commonly referred to as the “ARC”, the program has been helping people in Hudson, Marlboro and surrounding communities for 45 years. It provides referrals, runs 12-step meetings every day of the week, and provides recovery coaching services at no cost to anyone struggling with addiction and their families.

The ARC has outgrown their current home. Covid-19 continues to fuel isolation, depression, anxiety and an increasing need for coping mechanisms. They have seen a surge in the demand for their services. They need to build a larger facility to accommodate the multitude of programs they have. Your donations will allow the purchase and renovation of a larger building which will hold conference rooms, a drop-in-center, office space, a computer / media lab, space for two Recovery Coaches, a large meeting space, and a kitchen that will ensure people with physical challenges can easily access the building.

It's very possible that someone in your life has received or could get help from ARC. A family in our church has been touched and affected by the effects of a family member's addiction. To witness the recovery in that person, that was achieved through using the services, meetings and other contact with the ARC's programs, is something that would not have happened without the help they received from the Center.

Please make checks out to “FUMC” with ARC in the Subject area. Thank you for caring.

Summer Mission Trip July 10th through 17th



- WHO:** We're looking for a team of enthusiastic, fun-loving, mission-oriented folks willing to work hard with a team, serving in Christ's name. No experience necessary (but valuable if you have it!)
- WHAT:** Home repairs and other work in an area of rural poverty
- WHEN:** Saturday, July 10th to Saturday, July 17th
- WHERE:** DownEast Maine, near Machias, Washington County
- WHY:** Because we are called to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our world.
- COST:** Cost per person to be determined. It will cover food and lodging for the week.

For more information please contact Susan or Jim Niro at 508-981-4538 or jniro@juno.com

A \$25.00 deposit is required to hold a spot for you on the team. Deposit is non-refundable after July 1st. Financial assistance is available for those who want to go but may not be able to afford the whole fee. You are responsible for arranging transportation to and from the mission destination.

Our "Food Relief" program will make its next delivery on Friday, May 21st.
Contact Stacey Hartford with questions or concerns 978-601-2494

For those wishing to donate food items:

Most needed food items include canned tuna, canned chicken, snack items, PB & J, soup, pasta, Knorr pasta sides, individual juices, canned vegetables.

Here's a list of where help is needed:

- Thursdays 6:30 10 volunteers needed
- Wipe down donations
- Pack bags
- Set up tables organize donations
- Break down and put food away
- Delivery drivers needed
- Friday 11:00 5 Volunteers needed
- Bring donations to delivery driver's car

Thank you to everyone who has and continues to help the most vulnerable individuals.

June Newsletter Deadline

All news articles for the June Newsletter are due Monday, May 24.

Please send all articles to me at: lpattovb@yahoo.com. Early submissions are always welcome!

Lisa Schliker – Newsletter Editor

