

# ***The Messenger***

*News and Information for the First United Methodist Church, Hudson, MA  
November 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:*** Kim Gold

***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:*** The DiMare family

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## **FUMC Communications team**

It is a wonderful testament to the Hudson FUMC that the leadership of the congregation is so dedicated to the mission of being Christ's hands and feet in the world. To help us keep everyone informed and in the know, we have initiated a **Communications team** that will help provide timely and appropriate information to the congregation and to the community. To help us do that, the Communications Team and myself, ask that you please do the following:

- All committees and teams that are part of the FUMC of Hudson, provide for inclusion in the monthly newsletter a short submission including articles, announcements, or notices about the work that has been going in your group. This may be celebrations of work completed or requests or information about upcoming events or projects.
- Outline meeting dates, and any expected special events and program specifics as needed so everyone will know what is happening in our church through the Monthly Messenger Newsletter.
- Email these notices and articles to **Lisa Comeau by the 20th of each month**. She will be our gate keeper for these communications. [lelecojo@hotmail.com](mailto:lelecojo@hotmail.com)
- Lisa Schliker will continue to create our monthly Newsletter.

Please contact me, or any member of the Communications team with any questions. Thank you for your help in making FUMC a wonderful church home.

Blessings - Pastor Kim

## A Note from Pastor Kim:

As I watch the leaves falling from the trees in the backyard, I am reminded of how blessed we are to live in such a beautiful place. Just today, when meeting with a group of clergy, I was informed by a fellow pastor that it is a gift that we experience every year. As a Texas native, she never thought was real until she was transplanted to New England. The amazing process of leaves changing color the onset of that crisp air that fall brings also brings me memories of the joys of autumn for the church's life.



I realize that not everyone appreciates my affinity for this time of year. I am sure that some of you will understand my love of snow, but for now, if we might agree that what we experience in the fall is a gift from God.

With the falling leaves and sweater weather, we also engage in a season of other recognition. Let us consider and appreciate and recognize again the expressions of faith that we made or were made on our behalf at our baptism to faithfully participate in the church's ministry through our prayer, presence, service, witness, and gifts.

For five weeks, we consider how we engage in these as a spiritual practice and how others have shown us how to live out our faith through these:

- **October 24<sup>th</sup>:** An offering of Prayer: Communication with God.
- **October 31<sup>st</sup>:** Reformation Sunday-An Offering of Witness: Seeing God. Gospel: **Mark 12:28-34**
- **November 7<sup>th</sup>:** All Saints Sunday – An Offering of Service: Making things happen. Gospel: **John 11:32-44**
- **November 14<sup>th</sup>:** An Offering of Presence: Being together. Old Testament: **Ruth 1:1-18**
- **November 21<sup>st</sup>:** An Offering of Gifts: Total Gratitude. Gospel: **Mark 12:38-44**

Through this series, we can examine our relationship with God of our whole selves and can be witness to Christ's Presence in our lives.

I look forward to sharing this experience with you as we consider those promises made at our baptism.

Blessings

Pastor Kim

*Pastor Kim can be emailed at: [pastorkim1umc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorkim1umc@gmail.com)*

*Please be sure to include HUDSON in the subject line so she knows which church she is addressing.*

## November Birthdays

6 Nelson Vincent  
11 Michael Kauffman (son)  
12 Sara Ewing Merrill  
13 Jean James  
17 Jacob Scott Curtis  
20 Susan Yeaton  
28 Donna Bradley  
29 Margarita Merriman  
29 Julie McGowan

## November Anniversaries

19 Doug & Frances Wolfe  
22 Fred & Iris Lucy



## M.O.O. Moment - December

On **Sunday, December 12**, the Missions, Outreach & Opportunity (M.O.O.) Team will be sponsoring a “**Cookie Walk**”, to benefit FUMC! We are asking FUMC bakers to bake about three dozen cookies.

After church that day, we will have cookie tins for sale and folks are welcome to fill their tins with a sampling of the yummy cookie varieties available! *(If anyone has a stash of Christmas-y tins that are taking up space, we would welcome any donations!)*

If you are willing to share your recipe with your church family, we would be delighted to add it to an upcoming recipe booklet!

## Help Needed with Baskets for our Christmas Country Fair

This is a very popular table at our fair and helps raise money for the church while pleasing those who are purchasing the finished baskets. Pick a theme and get items that will go into a basket (check out Savers for good buys!)

Please contact Deb Kauffman if you can help or have questions. Deb is seeking help with items for the baskets and they can call her anytime for questions or advice. She can help with wrapping any baskets if needed.

Debbie - 978-562-2158



## Crafter's Group

We have begun our weekly meetings, to prepare items for our annual Christmas Country Fair! All are welcome. We meet every Tuesday, in Lamson Hall, at 1:00pm and for a few hours, we get creative making craft items to sell, we laugh and just have a really good time. Think about joining us...no artistic talent is necessary, just a desire to enjoy good fellowship while doing something creative to make the Fair a success!

## Caregivers meeting

On the first and third 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.

## Christmas Country Fair needs...

The "**Red Elephant**" and "**Mrs. Claus's Bling**" tables will be returning to the Christmas Country Fair this year! We would welcome any gently used jewelry or scarves, Christmas ornaments, decorations, and/or Christmas- or winter-themed linens that might be taking up space in your home. If you'd like to share the joy they've given you over the years with someone else who could enjoy them, kindly consider donating them!

There will be specially-designated boxes in Wesley Hall on Sundays, and downstairs in the entry-way during the week.

## New Stair Lift!

We now have a NEW stair lift leading down to Lamson Hall with the help of Avidia Bank, St Marys Credit Union and two anonymous donors. The lift was installed by 101 Mobility out of Marlborough.

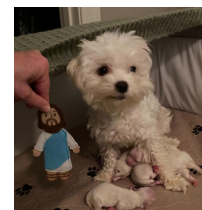
A huge shout out to these organizations and individuals for making this happen without using any church funds.

Bob S



## Sunday School and Christian Education

The kids and youth are traveling with Jesus during Sunday school. Our first couple of weeks they learned the scripture **Luke 2:41-52** the time Jesus went missing when his family was traveling. Mary and Joseph went looking for Jesus and they found him at a temple sitting amongst the teachers. We had fun outside playing hide and go seek with flat Jesus, the game where is Jesus, drawing my father's house, and built a church out of blocks. We played the opposite game in the sanctuary during our church Children's message.



We have learned about three families in our congregation through our Flat Jesus activity. Flat Jesus is on a special trip with one of the members of the congregation. We look forward to many more interesting and fun activities that will meet everyone's learning style and age level. Check out our Facebook news feed for the pictures the families took during their time with Flat Jesus. We have had a delicious healthy feast on world communion Sunday. All children and youth are

invited to join in the fun!

We are excited to announce we are building up a diverse Christian education team and we are happy to announce that Lacey Mason and Barbra Robertson have joined the team with Pastor Kim, Kerry Mason and Stacey Hartford. We are inviting more people to join us the more diverse the team the better. If you feel called or are feeling a little nudge from God to learn more about the Christian Education Team please contact Pastor Kim or Stacey Hartford.

## Prayer concerns and celebrations

- Susan Niro; Jacob, age 16, recovering from back surgery.
- Barbara Robinson; prayers for safe travel for her and the group she is traveling with.
- Janice O. asks for healing prayers for David M.; a resident at the Artisan complex.
- For Jo & Dennis G.
- For Mary & Bob
- Christine D.
- For little Izaiah
- For Rita's brother, Paul.
- 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.



### Mission – Outreach – Opportunity November

ROLAND's House in Marlboro, a temporary emergency shelter in Marlboro serving up to 16 adult males, need new twin size sheets and pillowcases new pillows, and new white men's socks

### Downtown Winter Markets

Saturday November 20 and Saturday  
December 18

### Friendship Dinner

Saturday November 27 from 4:30pm to  
5:30pm in Lamson Hall  
Susan's Famous Spaghetti  
EAT IN or TO GO



### Harvest Potluck Dinner The Celebration of Stewardship

Sunday November 14 in Lamson Hall right  
after church. More information to follow...

### Girls' Night Out

Friday November 19 at 5pm. We will be  
dining at Kennedy's Restaurant (RT 85,  
Marlboro)

### Looking Ahead...

#### Friendship dinners:

January 1, 2022 (for December)  
January 22, 2022

#### Community Christmas Dinner:

December 11 in Lamson Hall at 4:30pm

#### Soups On:

Saturday January 8, 2022

#### Mission Trip Fundraiser Dinner:

Saturday February 9, 2022



**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COUNTRY FAIR**  
**SATURDAY December 4, 2021**  
**LAMSON HALL 9am to 2pm**

**Come and explore:**

- Our Unique Silent Auction; with a variety of gifts and gift certificates for giving or enjoying
- OUR FAMOUS THEMEND GIFT BASKETS; for all ages
- Santa's Country Store; with CABOT cheddar cheese, homemade fudge, home canned goods, and many other surprises
- The Claus' Homemade Baked Tables
- Mrs. Claus' Bling
- Red Elephant Table; gently used Christmas décor
- OUT OF SANTAS' WORKSHOP; Crafts and Knitting Projects that will make you smile and help you stay warm
- United Methodist Women's Table; grab our Cookbook with famous recipes of our church
- The Claus' Café from 11am to 2pm; Homemade Corn Chowder, Sue's Famous Chili, Hot Dogs and Chili Dogs
- SANTA CLAUS HIMSELF 11:30am to 1pm

***You can help make the fair a success!***

**Donate items:**

- *Themed Baskets – contact Deb Kaufman for help*
- *Silent Auction items or gifts of your time or talents*
- *Goods for the Country Store; homemade or candy and items for kids.*
- *Baked goods for the bake tables*
- *Crafts you have made, knitted, crochet or sewn etc.*
- *Gently used BLING or CHRISTMAS décor*

***ALL ITEMS TO BE AT THE CHURCH BY FRIDAY EVENING***

**Help with the fair!:**

*Help is needed Friday and Saturday for decorating and set up*

*Help is also needed Saturday to be sure things run smoothly*

*Help is needed after the fair to breakdown and clean up!*



# First United Methodist Women's Group

34 Felton Street, Hudson, Massachusetts 01749

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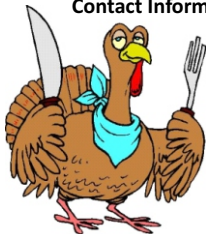
## Thanksgiving Pie

Order by November 21st

Pie (prepaid preferred)	Qty	Price \$12ea
<input type="checkbox"/> Apple		
<input type="checkbox"/> Apple—Sugar Free		
<input type="checkbox"/> Blueberry		
<input type="checkbox"/> Cherry		
<input type="checkbox"/> Pumpkin		
<input type="checkbox"/> _____		
<b>Totals</b>		

Pie pick-up will be at the church from 5:00pm - 7:00pm  
on Wednesday November 24th, *thank you!*

Contact Information:



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Best \_\_\_\_\_

Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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## Christmas Pie

**Order by December 19th**

Pie (prepaid preferred)	Qty	Price \$12ea
<input type="checkbox"/> Apple		
<input type="checkbox"/> Apple—Sugar Free		
<input type="checkbox"/> Blueberry		
<input type="checkbox"/> Cherry		
<input type="checkbox"/> Pumpkin		
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<b>Totals</b>		

**Pie pick-up will be at the church from 5:00pm - 7:00pm  
on Thursday December 23rd, *thank you!***

**Contact Information:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Best Number(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

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# UMCOR FLOOD BUCKETS



There is a need for flood buckets in response to the flooding caused by Hurricane Irene this weekend. **UMCOR Supply**

**Kits** help to care for the most vulnerable people during times of

crisis. By donating kit supplies or financial gifts to purchase the supplies, you make a direct, tangible difference in sustaining people's lives.

**5-gallon bucket with resealable lid** - Buckets from fast food restaurants or bakeries can be used if washed and cleaned. Do not use buckets that have stored chemicals such as paint or pool cleaner. Advertisements on the outside are acceptable

- **liquid laundry detergent** - (two 25 oz. or one 50 oz. bottles only)
- **liquid household cleaner** - 12-16 oz. liquid cleaner that can be mixed with water, no spray cleaners
- **dish soap** - 16-28 oz. bottle, any brand
- **1 can air freshener** - aerosol or pump
- **1 insect repellent spray** - 6 - 14 oz. aerosol spray pump
- **1 scrub brush** - plastic or wooden handle

- **18 cleaning wipes** handi wipes or reusable wipes; no terry cleaning towels
- **7 sponges**
- **5 scouring pads**
- **50 clothespins**
- **Clothesline** - two 50ft. or one 100ft.; cotton or plastic
- **24 roll heavy duty trash bags**
- **5 dust masks**
- **2 pair disposable kitchen gloves** - rubber or latex
- **1 pair work gloves** - cotton or leather

## **Important Notes**

- All items must be new except for the actual bucket and lid.
- All cleaning agents must be liquid and in plastic containers. No powders please.
- If you cannot find the requested size of a liquid item, use a smaller size. Including larger sizes of any item will prevent the lid from sealing.
- Cleaning buckets are only used within the United States.

**YOU DO NOT NEED TO BUY EVERYTHING ON THIS LIST. ONE OF THE ITEMS LISTED WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**