

The Messenger

*News and Information for the First United Methodist Church, Hudson, MA
October 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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Nursery Care: Kerry Mason

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Lay Leader: Ada Arenstrup

TV Ministry: The DiMare family

**Church
News**

November Newsletter Deadline

All news articles for the November Newsletter are due Monday, October 25. Please send all articles to me at: lpatttonvb@yahoo.com. Early submissions are always welcome!
Lisa Schliker – Newsletter Editor

A word from our Music Director...

Both of our music ministries kicked off in September:



- **Chancel Choir** rehearsals take place on Thursday evenings at 7pm.
- The **FUMC Handbell Choir** rehearsals take place on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 pm.

Both groups are open to any youth / adult who are interested in joining us! Just come to a rehearsal!

Lisa Schliker – FUMC Music Director

From Pastor Kim Gold

There is an old song I remember from my childhood by The Byrds. The beautiful song that takes its lyrics from the book of **Ecclesiastes** is known as **Turn, Turn, Turn**. *"For everything (turn, turn, turn), there is a season (turn, turn, turn) and a time for every purpose under the heaven."* As a song, it is a wonderful way to hear scripture speak to our hearts. It is easy to become busy and forget why we do what we do. **Ecclesiastes** continues... *"9 What gain have the workers from their toil? 10 I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. 11a He has made everything suitable for its time; ...13but is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil."*

In the fall, we get busy. We restart programs and seasonal events that are milestones of the local church year, and we again recognize the work and time of God's people in this place called the FUMC. However, before we get too busy, let us focus. This month we will honor the work of the past and intentionally consider the work of our hands. What we are called to in this time and what we need to address in this season?

In the autumn of the year, we set time apart to consider the work of the saints. People who have lived lives for God's purpose. Those saints we know in our faith community can be the best examples of living for God.

We will consider the saints through the Hymn: **I sing a song of the saints of God** (#712 in the United Methodist Hymnal). Please be sure to join us that day for a special presentation that will help us understand how we spend our time in Service to God. It will be meaningful and enlightening but also a Time for Fun! On October 31 (Halloween) I encourage you to come dressed as your favorite Saint. It may be a historical figure like St. Francis (Remember he loved Animals) or Mother Teresa. You may also want to dressed as someone closer to you, like the person who influenced your faith journey most. You decide! Oh, there will be UNICEF Boxes too! (Distributed in early October)

Then, join us again on **ALL SAINTS DAY** which we will celebrate on November 5. We will celebrate the Saints we have known and who have gone on to God's Glory. Please use the form in this newsletter or the church bulletin to provide information about people you wish to have raised that day. Let us go about making more saints by helping the youth of our congregation secure in their faith journey. Check out the Youth Ministry, YAM's, and Confirmation details in this newsletter.



Please be sure to check out the calendar page in this bulletin. Make a special note to attend a program or event that speaks to you. And engage in something that will help the FUMC welcome and support others in their journey and work for Christ's Kin-dom.

Blessings - Pastor Kim

October Birthdays

3 Ian Vorce
7 Samantha Wetherell
7 Fred Lucy
8 Edwina Eastman
8 Steven Berube
15 Michelle Andrews
19 Skip Wetherell
20 Tyler Scerra
23 Kris Harrington
26 Ryan Hartford
30 Richard Hartford, Jr.

October Anniversaries

8 Ron & Carolyn Paskavitz
8 David & Renee Laskey
9 Steven & Lisa Comeau
19 Bob & Becky Berube
20 Chuck & Lisa Schliker



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 also laugh and just have a really good time. Think about joining us... No artistic talent is necessary!

Bible Study

Bible Study has begun on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 – 11:00am, led by Barbara Robinson. We are studying Ecclesiastes. You are welcome to join us in this 5-week study.



Caregivers meeting

We meet from 11:00 – 12:00 on the first and third Monday of each month. 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.

Confirmation Classes

This class will be a joint effort with FUMC of Hudson and Marlborough. Details will be discussed at this meeting.

October 3 at 8 Laurel Drive, Hudson 4 pm.
Bring a Parent.

November 7, FUMC Location TBD 4 pm,
Bring your Mentor.

Adult Sunday School Class and New Member Inquiry

October 10 at FUMC Hudson 1 pm (Note the rescheduled date)

You will be invited to return on **November 7** at 1 pm for a conversation about what everyone learned about our Methodist background. We will also chat about how we understand our denomination and how we move into the future. All are welcome to attend the conversations whether you have read the book or not.

Additional sessions will be scheduled for membership.

Prayer concerns and celebrations

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.

For Haiti's storm recovery.

Gratitude for Covid workers and volunteers.

Those serving in the military and their families.

Those with addictions and the lives affected.

For a cure for cancer.



FUMC Sunday School

Welcome to Sunday School 2021. This year we will be traveling with Jesus and discover amazing far away places. We will explore and learn from Jesus life and lessons that he taught his disciples, friends, and strangers. Through scripture stories, games, outdoor adventures, arts and crafts, and drama re-enactments.

Sunday school will take place after the children's message during the worship service. All children are welcome.

Flat Jesus

We are looking for adults in the church to take flat Jesus home for the week. We ask you write a card or a note on paper telling the children something you did with flat Jesus. Please reveal something about yourself in the letter. Did flat Jesus have dinner, knit, garden, mow the lawn, go shopping what did you and flat Jesus do? If you have a cell phone that takes Pictures take a selfie with you and flat Jesus. This activity is to help the children and youth get to know the adults in our congregation better.



Anyone interested in partaking in the adventures of flat Jesus contact Stacey Hartford.

FUMC Youth Group

Sunday, October 10, 3 pm.

We will meet at the parsonage at 8 Laurel Drive.

There we will do a mission project and cook a meal for Roland's House in Marlborough.

Bring a hat to wear and clothes that are ok to get dirty and cook in.

"FOR DEPOSIT ONLY"

I think of "deposit only" as a nickel I pay on the cans or bottles I purchase. I let the cans and bottles accumulate until I have enough to make the trip to the redemption center worthwhile only to turn around and purchase more cans and start the process all over again - a circle of events. The redeemed cans and bottles are supposed to be reprocessed and used over again to make more cans - a circle of events.

Am I Christ's "for deposit only"? He has placed me upon this earth but for a short time to be recalled at any moment. Will my stay have been worthwhile? My purpose is not to accumulate nickels nor to become a circle of events but rather to be His servant.

When I place money in a bank for safekeeping, I expect that my initial deposit will earn interest (even though small) thereby accumulating more than my investment. If I am Christ's "deposit", I should be earning interest for Him. What is that interest? What can I possibly accumulate for Him?

Deposit			
Date _____	CASH		
Name _____	CHECKS		
Account Number _____			
The Money Bank	Subtotal		
Cashton, NC 22222	Less Cash		
	TOTAL		

When I purchase a can or bottle with deposit due, I always benefit from the contents within my purchase. The contents are for my pleasure and enjoyment, my satisfaction. What pleasure, what joy, what satisfaction, will my creator obtain from me? When the time comes for my recall, what will my redemptive value be worth?

My only answer is the hope that I have lived my temporary life in such a way that someone recognized my "depositor", my creator. The pleasure, the joy, the satisfaction of the "depositor" would be that the endless circle of events of my life created a stream of people entering into a relationship with my "depositor", thereby bringing Him great joy.

In the whole process, the "depositor" is never far away from the investment. He always seems to my safekeeping. He is always ready to add the interest and strangely enough His investment (me) receives the best benefit of all. I will receive pleasure, and joy as I rest in His arms as He welcomes me home.

If you are Christ's "for deposit only", rejoice in the opportunity to accumulate redemptive value in his name.

Barbara Robinson

All Saints Day Recognition

Please use this form to forward the names of those you wish to have honored at our
All Saints Day service on November 5.

Please print clearly -Forward to FUMC Church office by October 20

Name	Approximate Date of Death	Member or participant of FUMC y/n

October 2021

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 11:00 AM Sunday School - Connect	27 6:30 PM Leadership Team	28 7:00 PM Worship Team 7:30 PM A. A.	29 10:00 AM Bible Study 10:00 AM Coffee Klatsch! 6:15 PM Handbell rehearsal	30 4:00 PM Agape Cafe to GO 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	1	2
3 11:00 AM Sunday School - Connect	4 11:00 AM Caregivers	5 7:00 PM Trustees 7:30 PM A. A.	6 10:00 AM Bible Study 10:00 AM Coffee Klatsch! 6:15 PM Handbell rehearsal	7 4:00 PM Agape Cafe to GO 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	8	9
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