

The Messenger

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

Church Phone: 978-562-2932

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Web Page: www.hudsonfumc.org

Staff Leaders 2022:

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

Caregivers and Grieving Support Group

Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month, from 11:00am for an hour or so, beginning on **September 19th**.

Anyone in the position of being a caregiver, knows the many emotions that go along with this position. For those who have suffered a loss, you may feel comfort in coming to our group. Though we are small in number, we offer our support with no judgements for what we are feeling. This is a safe and open way to talk about or simply sit and listen to how our lives are impacted by all that these emotions bring up. All are invited and welcome to come to as many sessions as you wish.



Bible Study resumes in September

Bible Study to resume **Wednesday, September, 7th at 10am** in Lamson Hall.

All are welcome to come, as we study the book of Esther, who she was and how God used her in saving the people of Israel. All you need is your Bible. The study is informal and led by Barbara Robinson. Looking forward to seeing you all.



September Birthdays

8 Ken Lizotte
12 Anthony Curtis
14 Darnell Butler
16 Linnea Elman
16 Gregory Sniffin
17 Erika Eastman
19 Doris Downey
24 John DeRusha
26 Brad Lowe
29 Bonnie Elman

September Anniversaries

3 Eric & Trelawney Grenfell-Muir
19 Don & Edwina Eastman



Annual Outdoor Yard Sale

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1st
9:00am - 2:00pm

Now that summer is becoming a glimmer in our eyes and you'll be pulling out items for the cooler months ahead, why not set aside some of the things you no longer wish to keep but don't want to throw away?

Send a check for \$10 (non-refundable), to reserve a table at our Yard Sale! It's a fun day of meeting our neighbors, selling some of items, making a little pocket money and donating to the church. Call now or email the office to reserve your spot. There is no rain date.

E-Cycle event

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1st
9:00am - 2:00pm

Held in conjunction with our Yard Sale, this is a great way to dispose of any electronic items you no longer want; computers, laptops, toasters, appliances, fans, anything with a cord.

A small fee is charged with a portion of the donations being given back to the church.



Updates from the Music Director

Hello everyone! I hope you all had an amazing summer! My summer was very busy! I spent a lot of time golfing and I also had the opportunity to travel to Almelo, Netherlands for a weeklong workshop for my full time job! I am looking forward to getting back to church and getting the choirs together for the 2022 – 2023 season.

Chancel Choir – The Chancel choir will resume rehearsals on Sunday, September 11 at 9:45 am.

Handbell Choir – The Handbell choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, September 14 at 6:15 pm

Please consider joining one or both groups! Lisa Schliker – Music Director



Craft Group is Starting Up Again

Now that summer is behind us, the Crafts Group will be restarting on **Tuesday, September 13 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm** in Lamson Hall.

All are welcome!! No experience is required: we'll be working on/finishing crafts that can utilize different skills – or no particular skills! It's really more about the Fellowship!!



Thank you from Pastor Stacey

Dear FUMC Family,
Thank you for all of your love and support for over 20 years. Thank you for the blessing of a sendoff party. I truly felt loved and appreciated.

I miss you and will always keep you in prayer. I look forward to visiting.

Love and blessings! Stacy Hartford (Pastor)

Thoughts on Stewardship by Pam Sherman

This is the first of what I anticipate being a monthly article on Stewardship. “Now wait”, some of you are thinking, “isn’t stewardship that annual event in November when the church asks me for money?” That is part of it, but Stewardship is so much more! Stewardship is living the vows we took when we joined the church; we promised to support the church with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. This month I’d like to focus on .

Service is the volunteer work we do and it is different for each of us.

When you usher or read on Sunday morning, you are serving. When you work at Agape café, you are serving. When you help set up for the Block Party, you are serving. When you are cooking for the Friendship dinner, you are serving.



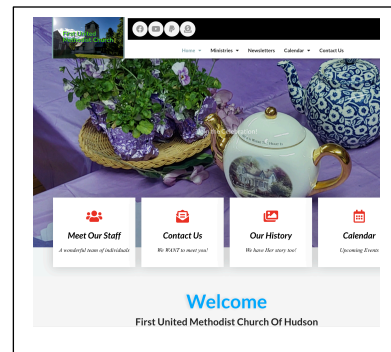
Last fall when Pastor Kim was recuperating following her surgery, we never had a Stewardship campaign. Finally, in January a letter went out asking us to pledge for 2022. It seemed woefully inadequate but what else could be done? Pastor Kim was out! As I watched Stacey, Barbara, Susan, Jim, and Chris step up and lead Sunday morning worship, however, I felt that I needed to step up and do more too. As the months went by it became more and more apparent to me that I was being called to serve in the area of Stewardship. By writing this article, I’m stepping up and serving.

How about you? Do you feel called to step up and serve in an additional or in a different way? Think about it. Pray about it. It may take you months—like it took me—to step up, but I encourage you to do it.

FUMC website update...

After about six months of hard work and dedication, First United Methodist Church of Hudson is very excited to announce our newly designed website! Yeah! If you haven't seen it yet, visit: <https://hudsonfumc.org/>

In a digital world, it's vital that we make information regarding our Church location, services times, ministries, and sermons easily accessible for our Church members as well as people who may be searching online.



GOALS:

The goals of the new website were twofold...

1. **NEW PEOPLE** - To provide visitors and or online searchers an easy way to learn about the Hudson First United Methodist Church. The new website provides information on Who We Are, What We Believe, Driving Directions, Service Times, What to Expect, and much more.
2. **MEMBERS** - To provide a place for our Church members to easily find event information, online giving, and easily view videos of past sermons right from the website.

PHASE 2:

As we progress throughout the year, we will continually be adding and building upon our website. Plans for phase two will include the addition of dedicated ministry pages, more professional images, and a new meet the team page. If you have suggestions you'd like us to add to the website, please let us know!

THANK YOU:

First and foremost, we'd like to thank God for his miracles throughout the site build (oh the stories!) and for putting a team in place that made this website possible. Can we get an AMEN!? Secondly, we would like to thank our Media Team who donated their time and energy to make this site come to life.

Thank you Pastor Kim for pushing us to get it done.

For any questions, suggestions, feedback, or comments, please E-mail us. We'd love to hear what you think: cwdimare@gmail.com

Thank you from Bob:

My family and I want to thank everyone for the cards, the phone calls and the personal messages on my father's passing. So nice to see the cards and the personal talks. The city of Marlboro did a nice tribute to him at city hall. Makes one feel real good about a person whether your dad or just a friend, to know a person had some impact on people.

Again thank you to everyone - Bob Scerra and family

Electronic Giving options

The Media / Website team is excited to tell you about a new way you can participate in the vision of our church! We're grateful for your generosity and humbled by your gifts to our ministries. They impact our community in so many positive ways. We're offering a new online giving platform. We now offer text, online, and in-app giving! That means you can give instantly, in-service, at home, or on the go. This giving platform is safe. Our giving partner maintains the same level of security as banks.

This decision wasn't taken lightly, and we have done an extensive research to ensure this choice is right for our ministry and administrators. The platform is convenient, user-friendly, and cost-effective. If you've never given online before, this is a great opportunity to start! You can test it out with a gift as small as \$1 to see how easy it is to give directly from your phone or computer. Below are the simple steps to transition to this exciting new way to give!

Text Giving

Step 1: Text a dollar amount to our Giving Number: 978-381-8401

Step 2: Tap the link sent back to you and fill out the quick one-time registration form under the SIGN IN tab.

Step 3: Enter your gift information and tap "Submit"

The next time you give through text, simply send the amount you want to give to our Giving Number (so be sure you save the number in your phone!). Edit your gift or update information by texting EDIT.

Scan the bar code with your phone and go directly to giving the site:



Online Giving

Step 1: Go to: <https://app.sharefaith.com/app/giving/firstunitedhudsonma> to set up your account

Step 2: If you've already set up text to give, use your email address to log in

Step 3: Fill out the gift information and select your preferred giving options

Step 4: Submit your gift - You can set up Recurring Giving or one-time gifts

We appreciate you taking the time to transition to our new giving platform. Our goal is to make this as easy as possible for you. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to us at: cwdimare@gmail.com or 978-424-3668. As always, thank you so much for your generosity. We can't wait to see you Sunday!

Faithfully - Your Media/Website Team

CELEBRATING OUR 22ND ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

Worship:

10:45am - HYMN SING......come sing some of your old favorites!

11am - OUTSIDE WORSHIP - We invite you to help beautify our stage/altar by bringing a plant, such as mums, for the altar. *(You can take home after the service or at the end of the day)*

After Worship:

HOT DOGS SERVED ALL DAY - Provided by Agape Café and the United Methodist Women's group.

12:15 – 1:45pm: Enjoy music by Tony Funches, one of the original “PLATTERS” deemed one of the most successful vocal groups of the early Rock 'n Roll era

12:45 – 2:45pm: “Flippo” the Entertainer; juggler, magician and balloon artiste’

1:00 – 3:00pm: FLU CLINIC – provided by Walgreens - bring id and insurance card.

1:00 – 2:30pm: MAKE YOUR OWN SUNDAE! from Trombetta's

2:30 – 3:30pm: Animal Adventures



Available All Day:

GAMES for children, Fresh Made POPCORN, and COTTON CANDY

September MISSION, OPPORTUNITY & OUTREACH

We will be collecting money to subsidize Dr. Brian Lisse's roundtrip airline ticket back to Poland for his October trip. Dr. Brian will be preaching about his work on his trips to Poland on Sunday, September 4th. If you miss his sermon, you can watch it on YouTube @ first united Methodist church of Hudson MA. You may write a check, made out to FUMC with Dr. Brian on the memo line.

Block Party Donations Needed

ASAP!! – As of 8/30 we are halfway to our goal for monies needed to pay for the Block Party expenses.

October MISSION, OPPORTUNITY & OUTREACH

START SAVING YOUR CHANGE NOW! October is UNICEF month. Remember those bright orange boxes you carried around as a youth? They are back. If you do not have change to drop in the box you may write a check, made out to FUMC with UNICEF on the memo line, or put cash in an envelope with UNICEF written on the front.

Friendship Dinner:

Saturday, September 24th - 5pm. Last one Under the TREES this year.