

The Messenger

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

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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

MOO October mission giving UNICEF - HELP CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD

UNICEF won't stop until every child is healthy,
educated, protected and respected.



ALWAYS THERE FOR CHILDREN IN CRISIS

UNICEF has saved more children's lives than any of the international children's charities. Other organizations help children, but UNICEF does more by fighting for children's rights and delivering the essentials every child needs for an equitable chance in life.

The familiar Orange Boxes are available in the sanctuary or Wesley Hall, for you to collect your change or dollars for the month.

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.



Prayer Requests

Prayers for FUMC during this time of transition.

Brian lifts prayers for Mark.

Vickie lifts prayers for Alan.

For Carol G.'s sister, Linda.

Travel mercies for Dr. Brian.

Jean J.; at home recovering from triple bypass surgery.

Kevin; continued prayers for his friend Jim.

Stacey; for her son, Jacob.

For families dealing with COVID

For justice and a peaceful end to war, especially in Ukraine.

For the children and teachers starting the new school year.

For Christine's sister's family.

Diana's friend with stage 3 lung cancer

Pam; for Ron and Linda.

Our President and world leaders.

For victims of violence.

Those serving in the military and for their families and loved ones.

Those with addictions and those whose lives are also affected.

October Anniversaries

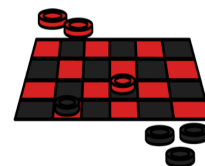
8 Ron & Carolyn Paskavitz
8 David & Renee Laskey
9 Steven & Lisa Comeau
19 Bob & Becky Berube
20 Chuck & Lisa Schliker

Girl's Night Out

Friday, 21st, 5:00pm - A fun evening for the ladies. We get together on the 3rd Friday of each month. This is a really fun, relaxed dinner that all of us enjoy. October's location is yet to be determined, but will be announced soon. All ladies are invited.

Game night

Fun and **Free** night of gaming with family, friends, or soon to be both! Card games and board games will be available.



Where: FUMC

When: Fridays 6:00pm – 9:00pm beginning on October 7

With the cost of EVERYTHING on the rise, entertainment seems to take a backseat to essentials. Join us for an escape from the routine and enjoy some wonderful people and experiences. All levels of experience are welcome and encouraged! Have a game you want to learn or teach to others? We want you! We will play a variety of games and will expand as the need of the players wants.

Available to play are cards, cribbage, Scrabble, Rummikub, backgammon, trivial pursuit, Pictionary, and others.

Can't make it at the start, come when you are able! Refreshments will be available!

Volunteer Choir – submitted by Barbara Robinson

Please considering joining our choir...we have a great director (she is very forgiving). We have a lot of fun. We even practice just prior so we don't have to go out at night. Oh... by the way, we also have a bell choir...you just need to be able to count to 4 and you don't need to read music...



Most church choirs are made up of people who like to sing. Most do not receive monetary compensation, rather their reward in volunteering is in knowing that they are serving God in sharing their ministry with the congregation. They are bringing their sacrifices of praise and in so doing, they are pleasing God. Singing in a choir is a way to express thanksgiving and joy and it can be a lot of fun.

What happens with a new member joins? They are welcomed, given music and are told to sit in a voice section they believe that would be best for their voice range. Some members sing in different sections for different anthems. Between the start of practice and the end of practice, it is discovered that some have a distinguishable voice – somewhere between all four parts. That can be a challenge but we have ways to solve it...Trust us.

The task of resolving the challenge not only rests with the choir director, but with the choir members also. Most choirs have at least one “clown” in the group. Most have one strong singer in each of the four sections. Some even have a “grumbler”. Some members read music, some sing by ear, some have perfect pitch. But most choirs consist of a mixture of people who simply love the Lord and music and just want to praise God.

Music is an expression of love; it is like praying twice. When any choir member sings from their heart, their voice is always beautiful to the ear of our Lord. Perhaps as He listens to a volunteer's distinguishable voice He smiles with delight. Picture God in heaven saying...” hush, my child is singing and it pleases me”.

We would love to have you join us.

Here is the rehearsal information:

Handbell Choir – Rehearsals on Sunday mornings at 9:15am.

Chancel Choir – Rehearsals on Sunday mornings at 10:00am.

Please note there will be no rehearsals on October 23 as Lisa Schliker (Music Director) will be on vacation.

Thoughts on Stewardship by Pam Sherman



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 prayers.

We are a praying church. We pray for people who are sick or having a tough time, we pray for those who have lost loved ones, we pray for people living through wars or natural disasters. We pray for others, but do we pray for the church? What does it even mean to pray for the church? For me, praying for the church means praying for who we are when we come together as a congregation, because we are stronger together than each of us is individually.

Here is what I pray for when I pray for the church:

- I thank God for the individuals who nurtured me and supported me in my faith journey here at First United Methodist Church of Hudson, and then I pray that God will use you and me to nurture and support others in the future.
- I thank God for the pastors who have served in Hudson in the past and then I pray for the pastor—who hasn't been chosen at the time of this writing—who will serve in Hudson in the future.
- I thank God for the times in the past when we were financially sound and changing people's lives, I thank God that even though we're struggling financially we're still changing people's lives, and then I pray that we will never stop changing people's lives.

Do you pray for the church? If not then today may be a good time to start.

Soup's On!!!!

The Missions, Opportunity and Outreach (MOO) committee is sponsoring our THIRD ANNUAL SOUP'S ON event, to be held on Saturday, October 29 at 5:00 pm. Once again, we're encouraging FUMC's great cooks to help out by contributing your favorite soups, chowders, chilis, or stews, and/or a variety of desserts, to serve at this event. The funds we raise will go towards the projected heating costs this winter. As in the past, we will invite the public to join us.

Anyone interested in contributing is encouraged to submit the form on the next page by October 22 to Diana Andrews (dimandrews@comcast.net). We are hoping to come up with 12 different soup, stew, or chili, recipes, with at least one gluten-free, and at least one vegetarian.



Since the event is open to the public, we ask that each contributor make the equivalent of 4 quarts of their recipe. We plan on serving the soups/stews/chilis from crockpots, with half to be kept warm on the stove in stock pots.

Soup's On form:

Name:	Phone #:	
Recipe Name:	Gluten-Free <input type="checkbox"/>	Vegetarian <input type="checkbox"/>

Recipe details:



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With church expenses skyrocketing let's make this fair our best ever!

Themed baskets, silent auction items, yummy home baked goods, this seasons homemade jellies – pickles etc., crafts and handmade items.

SAVE THE DATES:

Oct 21 - Girls Night Out: Location TBA

Oct 22 - FRIENDSHIP DINNER – Spaghetti

Oct 25 – Newsletter articles due to Lisa Schliker: lpattonvb@yahoo.com

Oct 29 - “SOUPS ON” Warm Your TUMMY while raising money for the church’s winter utility costs

Nov 13 - HARVEST DINNER to be thankful for all we give to our church

Nov 18 - Girls Night Out: Location TBA

Nov 26 - FRIENDSHIP DINNER – Spaghetti

Dec 3 - ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR

Dec 10 - Community Turkey Dinner. ENTERTAINMENT by Tony Funches

Dec 16 - Girls Night Out: Location TBA

Dec 18 - 2nd ANNUAL COOKIE SWAP

Dec 24 - **NO** FRIENDSHIP DINNER

Dec 31 - FRIENDSHIP DINNER – TBA

TOWN EVENTS / FUNDRAISERS FOR CHURCH:

Oct. 15th “RECFEST” - TBA

Nov. 19th FALL MARKET – Hudson Town Hall

Dec. 17th Winter Market – Hudson Town Hall

MISSION, OUTREACH & OPPORTUNITY:

October – UNICEF: Take a UNICEF Box and save your change. Take an extra box and leave it by the washing machine for all that cleaned money.

November – FARLEY SCHOOL – KIDS JACKETS, HATS & MITTENS (K-4)

December – THE GIVING TREE

