

The Messenger

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

Pastor: Pastor Chris Jones

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 & Grief Support Group 1st and 3rd Monday - 11:00am

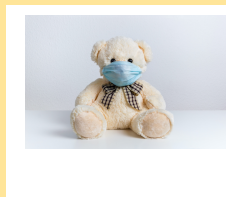
Our next gathering will be on Monday, November 7th at 11:00am. Thanks to all who have used our support group for the often-challenging times we experience in a caregiver capacity.

Agape Café Thursdays 4:30pm

Dine Inside or order “To Go” and pick-up in our parking lot.

These free dinners are for everyone; all are welcome to partake. Be sure to check out the table with all the desserts and take what you like!

MASK Update: A Friendly Reminder from our Church Council



We ask you to please take the following precautions.

- If you are sick for any reason, please stay at home.
- If you're not feeling well but are planning to come to worship, please wear a mask
- If you have not been vaccinated, you must wear a mask.

Remember, we need to care for others as well as ourselves. Thank you for your understanding and consideration of this request.

Welcome our new pastor...

Hello Beloved,

I am so very pleased that my journey with Christ is bringing me to your doorsteps. Please allow me to introduce myself. I am originally from a little town in Oklahoma. My mom and sister still live in Tulsa. I met my wife Linda at the University of Pittsburgh where we were both studying the theatre. We came to Massachusetts to continue my education at Tufts and then life took a funny turn, and I began to work with abused and neglected children; I spent a dozen years with those kids and I continue to work as a crisis clinician. Linda took a job teaching art and communication in the Groton-Dunstable school district.



It is no accident that my name is Christopher, my mom always knew that my heart was for the ministry, but I didn't listen to the still small voice of God for many years. Linda and I began to attend a little church in Townsend, and it was there that I was nurtured into the ministry. I have been pastoring there now for six years and took a Master of Divinity at Asbury Seminary.

Linda and I are blessed with two children and two grandchildren. My son Dylan is a firefighter, and his wife Maggie is an editor and now becoming a landscape designer. Their children, five-year-old Evie, and three-year-old Calvin are teaching us every day. My daughter Leighton and her partner Eric reside in Worcester. Leighton is finishing her master's in social work and Eric is a journalist. Scripture tells us from the beginning to the end that human beings are meant to be in loving community with one another. I have been blessed with loving and supporting families of many varieties in my life. I pray that we may grow together in faith and in love so that we may be a blessing to all that touch our lives.

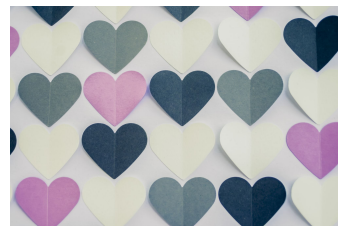
Yours in Christ,
Pastor Chris Jones

November Birthdays

6	Nelson Vincent
12	Sara Ewing Merrill
13	Jean James
17	Jacob Scott Curtis
20	Susan Yeaton
28	Donna Bradley
29	Margarita Merriman

November Anniversaries

19	Doug & Frances Wolfe
22	Fred & Iris Lucy
29	Julie McGowan



Friendship Dinners

4th Saturday every month at 5:00pm

Always a nice way to spend a Saturday evening while letting our cooks prepare a delicious, homecooked meal. Bring your family, invite your neighbor and friends and ENJOY!

Crafts Group

Tuesdays - 1:00pm

We are getting items ready for our Christmas Country Fair - We meet from 1:00 – 3:00 pm, in Lamson Hall. All are welcome!! No experience is required: we'll be working on creating and finishing crafts – no particular skills required! It's really more about the fun and fellowship of doing things together!

Personal Care items for the refugees housed in hotels in Worcester

Cindy has been collecting donated items from sources and is telling us the need is great for the simplest items like shampoo, bars of soap and feminine pads (not Tampons). Please bring to the church and drop off on the table across from the office. Thanks so much. (This is an ongoing Outreach until further notice)

Potluck Harvest Dinner

Sunday, November 13th

Following worship, plan to come downstairs to dine in Lamson Hall. more details will follow but save the date.



Bible Study

Wednesday - 10:00am

We will be discussing “Predestination vs. Free Will”. We will refer to the Bible as we seek to understand what is often a confusing topic for many. All you will need for the study is your Bible. Everyone is welcome.

Coffee Klatch

Wednesdays - 11:00am

Our weekly Coffee Klatch meets on Wednesdays in Lamson Hall. Join us to catch up on what others are doing and just enjoying the fellowship. Bring your own coffee/drink and relax a bit.



Gift Baskets for the Christmas Fair

Most of know how popular the Gift Baskets are and we need items to fill the baskets. Deb and her mom can wrap whatever theme you may think of...you just purchase the items to go in a basket and bring them to church, where a team will put them in a suitable basket and wrap them for selling. Deb has a list of suggested items that you can purchase. For those who enjoy filling and wrapping your basket in cellophane, go for it! We want to have a huge selection this year as it is one of our biggest sellers, so get to work early and have a great time. Any questions, speak to Debbie Kauffman.

November – The month of Thanksgiving

Many think that the first Thanksgiving was held in Plymouth in 1621 as a way to celebrate a successful harvesting season. However, history tell us the story of Jamestown, Virginia in 1619.

In 1619, Captain John Woodlief and his crew sailed the ship named ‘Margaret’ across the Atlantic. Captain Woodlief was given very specific instructions from the Berkeley Company in England to give thanks to God once they landed on the shores of the James River.

“They were told to do that annually and perpetually from that day on,” said Graham Woodlief, a descendent of the captain. “From what we know, it is the first official Thanksgiving ceremony in English North America—two years before the Pilgrims had their Thanksgiving in Plymouth and a year and seventeen days to be exact before the Pilgrims landed in Massachusetts.”



History continues...A quote from a section of the Charter of Berkeley Hundred reads: “We ordain that the day of our ships arrival at the place assigned for plantacon in the land of Virginia shall be yearly and perpetually kept holy as a day of thanksgiving to Almighty God.” Certainly, this is a theme of religious celebration. (A plantation is an agricultural estate set aside for agriculture)

We have heard several great messages in our church on stewardship and what it means to the speakers. Being thankful and giving in thanksgiving for what the Lord has provided for us personally and corporately is something we should always remember. God cares for us and provides for us every day. May we remind our friends and families as we gather this Thanksgiving that the day is much more than just a holiday, more than a tradition, more than turkey or pumpkin pie, it is a wonderful day to celebrate all God’s blessings. The grace of God is His action of love given every day of our lives. Let us praise the name of the Lord for the Lord has done great things for us, and mighty is His name.

Barbara Robinson – Spiritual Lay Leader

Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir

We hope you’ll consider joining one or both choirs.

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

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

Lisa Schliker, our Music Director, makes the rehearsals enjoyable and we learn that we have more abilities than some of us thought!

Come to one of our rehearsals to see if you might be interested.



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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.**

Prayer Requests...

For Judy Jewett now under hospice care
Gaytha; for Shonna, diagnosed with ALS.
For the parents and friends of all who died in the crowd crush in South Korea a few days ago.
For Shirley Price; now under hospice care.
Lisa S.'s parents, Ken & Sue now living in assisted living!
Joy over Doris' family get together.
For Pastor Bonin; being persecuted in Kenya.
For Heleena's health
Rena now out of the hospital.
For families dealing with COVID.
For justice and a peaceful end to war, especially in the Ukraine



SAVE THE DATES:

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:

Nov.19th FALL MARKET – Hudson Town Hall

Dec. 17th Winter Market – Hudson Town Hall

MISSION, OUTREACH & OPPORTUNITY:

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

December – THE GIVING TREE

ORDER YOUR THANKSGIVING PIES !!

UMW annual fund-raiser **\$12.00 per pie** (pre-pay only)

Orders will be taken until **Sunday, November 20th**.

Pie PICK-UP **Wednesday, November 23rd** after 5:00 pm



_____ APPLE # _____ BLUEBERRY

_____ CHERRY # _____ PUMPKIN

_____ SUGAR FREE APPLE

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Place this order form, *with payment*, in the UMW mailbox or in the offering plate.

Checks payable to UMW. Please include 'UMW pie fund raiser' on the memo line of your check.

Email Ada at 17arenstrup@gmail.com with questions or additional orders.



Game Night – Spare your Time for Fun!

It's here! Friday Nights at 6:00pm come on over to the church for fun and friends; and it's free!

Welcome to a wonderful experience and extremely refreshing time! ***Welcome to game night!***

Fun and Free night of gaming with family, friends, or soon to be both! Card games and board games will be available. The list of games will increase as will the players.

Where: First United Methodist Church (978-562-2932), 34 Felton St., Hudson, MA 01749

When: Fridays 6:00pm – 9:00pm **Beginning October 07**

With the cost of EVERYTHING on the rise, entertainment seems to take a backseat to essentials. The need to have companionship and fun is what we want to achieve. So come on over 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.

Come and join the fun!

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