

# The Messenger

News and Information for the First United Methodist Church, Hudson, MA  
June / July 2023

## 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

Email Church Office:

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Web Page: [www.hudsonfumc.org](http://www.hudsonfumc.org)

## Staff Leaders 2023:

**Pastor:** Pastor Chris Jones

**Certified Lay Minister:** Susan Niro

**Music Director:** Lisa Schliker

**Organist:** Margarita Merriman

**Administrator:** Bonnie Elman

**Newsletter Editor:** Lisa Schliker

**Sexton:** Mario DiMare

**Nursery Care:** Sarah DiMare

**Spiritual Lay Leader:** Barbara Robinson

**Lay Leader:** Ada Arenstrup

**TV Ministry:** The DiMare family

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*Pastor Chris, at 978-877-9757, now has office hours on Fridays from 1:00-3:00pm  
If you need more time, please arrange with the church office.*

## 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



## Prayer Cards in the Pews

The prayer cards are for you to write your joys, concerns and prayers for Pastor Chris to acknowledge during worship. You will see a place to indicate if you wish your prayer to only be addressed privately by Pastor Chris.

## Thank you!

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Chancel Choir, the Handbell Choir, and Margarita for all of their hard work this past season! I am so blessed to have so many dedicated and talented musicians at the church.



I will be taking off the summer starting in mid-June, but I will be back in September! Regards, Lisa Schliker – Music Director

## 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 service.

Service is the work we do for the church. Sometimes serving means joining a committee for several years, but this length of commitment may not be possible for some. Fortunately, there are opportunities to serve that require a commitment of a few hours only. For example, on Memorial Day weekend, during the "Inside Church Cleanup", the people who came to serve helped clean out a storeroom that was in desperate need of attention. Some emptied the contents of the room into Wesley Hall, then emptied the boxes and sorted the contents into piles. Others examined items to make sure they still work as they should. A trash barrel was filled with unusable items like dry pens and markers, hardened Play Doh, and soiled stuffed animals. Several piles of items to be sold or given away at the upcoming yard sale were created in a corner of Wesley Hall. Finally, some volunteers carried boxes with craft items to Lamson Hall to be stored with other craft items, while other volunteers placed the remaining items back into the storage room on newly labeled shelves. The entire job took 7 hours but no one worked the entire time and most volunteers worked only for a couple hours. This short act of service by a group of volunteers yielded impressive results.



Opportunities for short term service are presented to us every week in the announcements section of the bulletin and in Tuesday News Notes, and monthly in The Messenger. I encourage you to read about these opportunities and commit to volunteering to serve at least once in the next few months.

### Annual Outdoor Yard & Crafts Sale & E-Cycle Event

Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 2:00pm (Rain or shine!)

Hope to see you at our annual event. Shop for yourself or to surprise someone else with a purchase you've made. Lots of items to check out and good food for sale from our kitchen to your table!

If you have any electric items, anything with a cord i.e. keyboards, computers, appliances, anything metal; bring them to the parking lot. A small fee is charged but you'll finally have a chance to get rid of some clutter!

Also, bring your old or unwanted bikes. They will be fixed up and given to someone who can't afford one.



## **Taco Night Fundraiser!**

*Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 5pm*

Come make your own taco creation and enjoy the fellowship in Lamson Hall.

After a day of browsing and shopping (Yard Sale), why not stay or come back for a fun dinner while making your own tacos to suit your taste buds?



### **June Birthdays**

1	Justice Sara Bates
2	Telyni a Jeansun Grenfell-Lee
4	Elaine Gjeltrema
4	Trina (Elman) Zompetti
6	Tallessyn Zawn Grenfell-Lee
7	Cory Comeau
7	Bonnie DeRusha
11	Diana Andrews
12	Heather Bruce
19	Eric Grenfell-Muir
23	Teague O'Leary
26	Mario DiMare
26	Cookie Lizotte
28	Christine DiMare
29	BonnieJean Bancroft
29	Mike Gigliotti

### **June Anniversaries**

6	Ernest & Carol Sahlin
14	Dave & Jean James
22	Dennis & Joann Gour
24	Kevin and Cheryl O'Leary
26	Mike & Deb Kauffman

## **June M.O.O.**

(Mission, Outreach, Opportunity)

This month we reach out for donations of Pet Food (cats and dogs) to be given to a local shelter. Thank you for your support and for helping your church to carry on with our monthly outreach programs. Drop off items in the blue bucket outside the church office.



### **July Birthdays**

1	Rick Andrews
2	Lindsay Jordan
2	Lisa Scerra
4	Sarah DiMare
6	Ken Lizotte
7	Deb Kauffman
7	Brad MacCulloch
14	Shanelle Butler
14	Cindy DeRuyter
14	Barbara Robinson
15	Jim Dunnell
30	David Laskey
31	Rita Nanartowich



### **July Anniversaries**

13	Vicki & Alan Peterson
23	Jack & Kathy Kittredge

*Newsletter articles for the August newsletter are due Monday, July 24. Please send articles to me via e-mail: [lpatttonvb@yahoo.com](mailto:lpatttonvb@yahoo.com)  
Thanks! Lisa Schliker – Newsletter Editor*