

The Messenger

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

HUDSONFUMC@gmail.com

Web Page: 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

Lay Leader: Ada Arenstrup

TV Ministry: The DiMare family

***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.***

Newsletter articles for the December newsletter are due Monday, November 27th by 5pm.

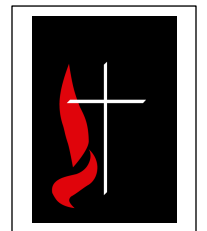
Please send articles to me via e-mail: lpatttonvb@yahoo.com

Early Submissions always encouraged!

Thanks! Lisa Schliker – Newsletter Editor

Worship Updates from the Worship Committee

Communion continues to be offered on non-Communion Sundays immediately following the worship service. Rather than using bread and juice, however, pre-filled Communion elements are now being offered. This change allows Communion to be served without anyone having to set up the elements and to clean up after Communion.



If you have attended church during October then you have noticed that the Postlude has been changed to “Music for Reflection” and has been moved before the Benediction. The change was made to allow us to still enjoy Margarita’s music at the end of the service, while placing the Benediction in its proper place at the end of worship.

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 gifts.



You may have noticed over the past few weeks that at some point in the worship service someone has talked about Stewardship. This is happening because we are in the midst of Stewardship month – the last two weeks of October and the first two weeks of November, ending on Stewardship Sunday November 12.

I'm not sure exactly when I started supporting the church financially, but I know that I was pledging during my senior year in high school. I didn't give **much** but I **gave**. My contribution, combined with others, kept the church running all those years ago. Even though I'm able to be more generous in my giving now than when I was 17, I don't have enough to fund the church on my own. What I give, however, combined with other contributions, is keeping the church running and enabling us to share God's love with others in our community. Won't you join me?

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
29	Julie McGowan

November Anniversaries

19	Doug & Frances Wolfe
22	Fred & Iris Lucy



Annual Cookie Swap

Sunday, December 17th

During Coffee Hour after church
Everyone make 3 or more dozen
cookies. Bring them to Lamson Hall
before church. After church buy a
COOKIE BOX for \$10 and fill your
box with your favorite cookies!



Electronic, Appliance and Household items Recycle Day

Date and time: November 4th from 9am until 2pm

Cash or Check - Rain or Shine

Bring these items to the parking lot:

- Small electronics items: Computer towers, Scanners, VCR, Printers, Copiers, DVD, Stereo Equipment, Computer Tower, Lighting, Vacuum, Answering Machine, Fax, Speakers, Compact disc., Circuit Boards, Radios, Record Players, Modems, Word Processor, Fans, Video equipment, Game Console, Xbox, etc., Tape Players, Typewriters (Anything with a plug and more)...\$5 each.
- Appliances: Dishwasher, Dryer, Stove.\$20 Microwave,...\$10(small) Large \$20
- Lawn mowers, .20 Snow blowers..\$40
- TV's and Monitors/Flat panel monitors: 18" - 26" ...\$20.00 ea
- 27"- 35" ...\$25.00 ea / Over 35" Projection TV...\$40.00 ea
- AC \$25, Dehumidifier...\$20, Refrigerators..\$20(dorm) \$40 Large
- Grill,20,Empty propane tank \$15, Ex. equipment. \$20-40 weight sets...\$10



Also included: Household items Bookcase, table, chairs, rugs, baby seats, lamps...\$10-\$40.
Any kind of household furniture, etc....

NO CHARGE on these items: Keyboards, Car, Boat, Lawn Mower, Motorcycle Batteries, Cables, wire and cell phones.

Also included: Bicycle Recycle Day, no fee.

Bring your unwanted old or new bicycle and drop it off, it will be reused again. Mountain, Road, BMX, Cruiser, (Old to current)/New, Kids, etc.

We also take working or non-working mini bikes and mopeds

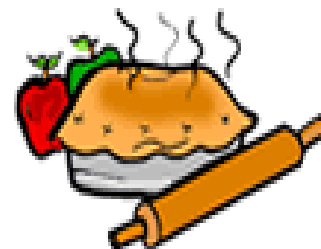
Our aim is to keep bikes from being thrown out when they can be reused.

ORDER YOUR THANKSGIVING PIES !!

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

Orders will be taken until **Sunday, November 19th.**

Pie PICK-UP **Wednesday, November 22nd** after 5:00 pm



_____ APPLE # _____ BLUEBERRY

_____ CHERRY # _____ PUMPKIN

_____ LEMON # _____ 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.

First United Methodist Church of Hudson

GRATITUDE AND PLEDGE CARD - 2023

You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous in every way

--2 Corinthians 9:11

I/We want to express my/our gratitude to God for all blessings God has given us by giving

\$ _____ per _____ Week _____ Month _____ Year _____

[Please check box] to support God's work through our church.

Print name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Signature _____

Date _____

“Count your many blessings, name them one by one, count your many blessings, see what God has done.”

--Johnson Oatman Jr. “Count Your Blessings”



THANK YOU!!!

Thank you for your commitment to support God's work through our congregation.

[Jesus said:] “Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap.”

--Luke 6:38 NRSV

Please return to church with “Financial Secretary” or “Pledge” on the envelope

Cut on the dotted line below and save a copy of your commitment:

I/We want to express my/our gratitude to God for all blessings God has given us by giving

\$ _____ per _____ Week _____ Month _____ Year _____

Christmas Country Fair ~ Peace, Love & Community

A month from now we will be in the thick of our biggest fundraiser of the year and a powerful opportunity for community outreach. This is my last big push to solicit contributions and encourage adding “flair to the fair.”

Calling all bakers and would-be-bakers ~ we need to stock our homemade goodies table to overflowing this year. Please seriously consider adding your favorite holiday treats & recipes to this year’s table. Not a baker & need a fast & easy recipe? I have one just for you! Baker, but want something Christmasy? I have recipes for you, also. Need to borrow Christmas cookie cutters? I even have those. Think decorated gingerbread & sugar cookies, spiced nuts, fudge, cupcakes, flavorful breads or dare I say a fruitcake? All throughout November, there will be a table outside the kitchen area where you can pick up free seasonal mini loaf pans, plates, tins, bowls & containers to bake or place your homemade goodies in.



Bake Sale Secrets indicate this seasonal container touch will increase sales and make homemade delectables more giftable. *Bake Sale Secrets* also encourages including a copy of your recipe with your packaged treats, so there will additionally be blank, seasonally themed recipe cards available for you to complete and tuck-in with your treats. And finally, *Bake Sale Secrets* states beautiful baked goods sell well. You may want to frost brownies that you typically do not; or add a powdered sugar icing to a bread; or chocolate drizzle to anything because we all love chocolate! We will also have bows available for you to top plates, trays or plain containers or jars with to finish out those extra pops of flair!



For those of you propagating plants for the fair, there will be small and medium sized planters to put your new plant babies in. For those of you not propagating yet, it’s not too late to grow some roots and pot by December!

Silent Auction donors, please let me know what you are donating by *end of day Sunday, November 5th* as I would like to include this information in print media to entice people to come to the fair and put in their bid.

Thank you one and all. It takes a community to serve a community. Everything, no matter how big or small, you have or will contribute, is so appreciated. Still wondering how you can be involved? Talk to Barbara Moore or Ada. Otherwise, for the above, talk to or call (978-875-5292) me, Elaine Gjeltrema.

- Silent Auction Items dropped off to Barbara or the stage by Wednesday, November 29th
- Baked Goods and Plants dropped off to the church during the day Friday, December 1st

Visit
with
Santa

First United Methodist Church
presents the Annual

Themed
Gift
Baskets
& Boxes

Christmas Country Fair

Peace

Love

Saturday
December 2nd 2023
9 am - 3 pm

Prior to the town's Holiday Stroll

Homemade
Baked
Goods

Handmade
Gifts
for the
whole
family

34 Felton St. Hudson, MA
over the hill from the rotary

Thoughtful, upcycled, affordable
handmade gifts for all!

Community

Silent
Auction

Bring your
gift list