

The Messenger

News and Information for the First United Methodist Church, Hudson, MA
February 2024

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 2024:

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 March 2024 newsletter are due Monday, February 26 by 5pm. Please send articles to me via e-mail: lpattsonvb@yahoo.com Early Submissions always encouraged!

Thanks! Lisa Schliker – Newsletter Editor

February Mission, Opportunity, Outreach (M.O.O.)

For those who heard/watched Sunday's worship service on Jan 21, you saw Pastor Chris hold up a large, heavy, broken part from our furnace. The part, necessary for keeping the furnace up and operating, has been replaced and now the church has received the bill for \$19,000. We are reaching out to everyone encouraging our church family to please consider making donations to help with this tremendous cost. Checks to be made out to "FUMC" with "Furnace" in the Subj. area. Thank you for giving what you are able.

New Grief Support Group

Thursday, February 8th 10 – Noon

We are pleased to now offer a Grief Support group beginning on Thursday, February 8th from 10:00am to Noon, and then EVERY OTHER Thursday after that. Together, with Pastor Chris, we will gather and chat about our thoughts and feelings over loss. All are welcome to join us to share and offer support to each other.

If you have any questions, please call Margo Coates at 774-279-7818.

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. There are many different ways to serve the church but there is one action that all of us can do: **reach out**. Send a card, make a phone call, send a text, or send an email to someone on the prayer list to let them know you're thinking about and praying for them. Then do the same thing with other people in your life.

Someone with long term health issues or someone who is grieving may appreciate hearing from you weeks or months after appearing on the prayer list, so don't feel like it's too late to contact them. Several times over the years I have sent a card to someone 6 or more months after I meant, but failed, to contact them; then I received a reply stating something like "I was feeling particularly low today and then I received your card. It was just what I needed today, so thanks."

Reaching out to someone may seem trivial, but it's not. It may not only make a difference in someone else's life, but may also spur you to serve in greater ways. Give it a try this month.

Revised Common Lectionary

During his sermon on January 21st, Pastor Chris talked about the Revised Common Lectionary, telling us that the lectionary is the order of Bible readings used on particular days of the year. Each lectionary day consists of an Old Testament reading, a Psalm, a Gospel reading, and an Epistle (letter). The Revised Common Lectionary was created by multiple denominations and is based on the Catholic lectionary. There are 3 years in the lectionary (A, B, and C), and so every three years the scripture readings are repeated. United Methodist preachers are encouraged, but not required, to use readings from the lectionary. Pastor Chris chooses scripture readings from the Revised Common Lectionary sometimes, but not always.

The lectionary year begins the first week of Advent, so Year B began on December 3, 2023. The next time you look at your Sunday morning bulletin, look for the year at the top of the bulletin. It is located on the same line as the date.

If you would like to read more about the Revised Common Lectionary on-line, go to this website: <https://www.umc.org/en/content/ask-the-umc-why-do-united-methodists-use-the-revised-common-lectionary>.

Ash Wednesday Worship Opportunities

Lent begins on **February 14, Ash Wednesday**. This year there are 2 worship opportunities on Ash Wednesday.

1. A self-guided time of reflection will be held in the Sanctuary from 12 – 1 pm. You are invited to spend time at a series of stations, including one where you will receive ashes.
2. A traditional worship service will be held at the Marlboro Methodist church at 7 pm.



February Birthdays

7 Ron Paskavitz
14 Jean Luther
16 Cheryl O'Leary
19 G. Mike Kauffman
20 Lynn Kerner
23 Katie Krasinski
25 Joan Vincent
25 Bob Berube
27 Katie Dunnell
29 Keaghan O'Leary

February Anniversaries

14 Trina (Elman) & John Zompetti
14 Christine & Mario DiMare
24 Allen & Laurie Brown



UMW SUPER SUBS

Place orders by Wed. February 7th. Pick up on February 11th following worship.

COST \$ 8.00 each

ROAST BEEF____ HAM____ TURKEY____ TUNA____ VEGGY____

CHICKEN SALAD____

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Cucumbers____

ONE SUB PER FORM. Please make checks payable to UMW with Super Subs on memo line.

Place order form in Barbara Moore's church mailbox, weekly offering plate or drop off at the office

SATURDAY

**10
FEB**

*Love
One
Another*
VALENTINE'S
*Fundraising
Dinner*

5:00 PM

\$10 per person

Pot roast, mashed potatoes, carrots,
salad and a wonderful dessert

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34 FELTON STREET
HUDSON, MA**



Proceeds
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BRIDGES TO MALAWI
Our Bridge to Improve the Lives of Rural Malawi Families

CORNERED BEEF DINNER

\$15 per Person

SAT. March 9th @ 5:00 PM

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