

The Messenger

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

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Staff Leaders 2024:

Pastor: Pastor Chris Jones

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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 May 2024 newsletter are due Monday, April 29 by 5pm. Please send articles to me via e-mail: lpattonyb@yahoo.com Early Submissions always encouraged!

Thanks! Lisa Schliker – Newsletter Editor

April Calendar of events:

Spud Sunday – Sunday, April 14th after worship

Girls night out – Friday, April 19th at 5pm (Location TBA)

Game Night – Saturday, April 27th 3:30pm – 5pm

Friendship Dinner – Saturday, April 27th 5pm

Looking Ahead:

Yard Sale / E-Cycle Event – Saturday, June 1st 9:00am – 2:00 pm



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.

If you read or listen to the news in early April, you will be informed of two events: the Boston Marathon and the deadline to file your annual taxes. Have you filed your taxes yet? If so, will you be receiving a refund from the state or the IRS (or both)? If so, consider tithing 10% of your income tax refund to the church. Receiving a tax refund can feel like a bonus, so it may be easier to tithe than your regular income.

As a reminder, to determine 10% of your refund, multiply your refund by .10. So, for example, if your refund is \$856 then your tithe would be \$85.60 ($856 \times .10$).

If you do decide to tithe your tax refund, let the church know by writing "tax refund tithe" in the memo section of your check. Then enjoy watching the Boston Marathon.



April Birthdays

14 Kaly Kendrick
15 Carol Stacey
15 Kevin Dunnell
17 Audrey Burney
22 Dennis Gour
22 Rick Hartford
24 Cliff Roberts
25 Becky Berube
28 Jim McGowan
29 Justin Brown
30 Shawna Jean Sniffin

April Anniversaries

19 John & Bonnie DeRusha



Spud Sunday

Sunday, April 14th

This is always a fun time! The fun begins following worship.

Create your own baked potato with all the familiar toppings provided. Each "spud" is usually big enough to consider it a meal!

Girls Night Out

Friday, April 19th 5:00pm

The monthly "Girl's Night Out" is a fun evening for the ladies to get together for gabbing, laughing, and good food. Restaurant to be chosen soon!

Annual Outdoor Yard Sale

Saturday, June 1st from 9:00 to 2:00

Now is the time to begin gathering those cast off items that you've been holding onto but no longer use or want but are too good to toss and might just be the ideal treasure for a shopper! Don't take your "cast offs" to Savers! How about reserving a table for \$12.00 and plan to set up at our Yard Sale and sell those items while putting a little money in your pocket and some to your church....a Win/Win situation!

Table space is \$12 and you can reserve more than one, if needed, for the single charge. Now is the time to start going through your closets, drawers, garage, attic, storage space, etc. and putting those treasures aside for the sale. Send or drop of your check made out to "FUMC" with Yard sale in the Subject area. If you know someone; family or friend who likes yard sales, please mention this to them and perhaps they'd like to reserve a space and set up too! Checks are non-refundable unless we cancel due to rain.

Please email or call the office: HUDSONFUMC@gmail.com.

Thank you - Bonnie



E-Cycle Event

Saturday, June 1

In addition to the Yard sale, the church will be sponsoring an E-CYCLE EVENT in our parking lot. If you have any kind of electrical or metal items; anything with a cord that you want to get rid of, bring them here and for a small fee, they will take them off your hands.

Also, bring your unused bikes and they will fix them up and give to someone who may not be able to buy new!

Game Night

Saturday, April 27th 3:00 pm – 5:00pm

We have several games or bring one that you like.



Friendship Dinner

Saturday, April 27th 5:00 pm

Plan on enjoying a delicious Ham 'n Bean supper. A great way to bring family together while we take care of the cooking, serving and clean-up! Why not invite a friend?

April - Mission, Opportunity, Outreach

This month we are helping our sister church in Marlborough by making donations to fund their much needed efforts to upgrade their kitchen, currently unusable.

Grief Support Group

Thursday, April 4th 11am – 1pm

If you have experienced loss of any kind and feel alone in your emotions, our Grief Support group offers hope and support with what you're feeling.

We meet EVERY OTHER Thursday.

A few words from Pastor Chris:

As you know, sharing food and fellowship has always been a part of Methodist culture. Our Sister church in Marlborough has been unable to use their kitchen because of a need for significant upgrades which includes adding a ventilation system so that the oven can be used safely.



I invite you to help our brethren in Marlborough by participating in what looks to be a very fun event. On April 6th, starting at 1pm, the Marlborough UMC will hold a Cornhole fundraiser at the Tackle Box at 416 Boston Post Rd E, Marlborough. Registration is at 1pm and “bags fly” at 2pm. There will be three round robin games followed by a double elimination bracket. Tickets are \$30 per person, at the door. You don’t need to purchase a ticket to play, come if for no other reason than to watch your pastor show how far his athletic days are behind him. Come to play or come to support, but come and have fun! If you want more information, please feel free to contact me at 978-877-9757.

Blessings - Rev. Chris

Christmas Fair Crafting

. . . *so much to share*

From Monday evening, now, through Monday, December 2nd from 6:00 – 8:00pm, Christine DiMare will be hosting a time for church members and friends to come together and get crafty and creative producing wonderful wares to sell at our December 7th Christmas fair.

From Tuesday afternoon, now through Tuesday June 11th and then again from Tuesday, September 17th through Tuesday, December 3rd from 1:00 – 3:00pm, Diana Andrews will be the hostess for all to gather with their talents and skills to make fabulous creations to sell at the fair. Both groups will be meeting in Lamson Hall and you are welcome to come to both gatherings, just one or whatever fits your schedule best that week.

This is a free and entirely open time for non-FUMCers to join us in community, though we would never turn down any of their donations for our fair. Attendees not directly associated with Hudson’s FUMC will bring their own craft bags, supplies and ideas. We have the space, crafty skills and friendship to share in outreach to a perceived community need. So, invite a friend. Tell a friend. Come and make a friend! Join us for this time of *Community Open Creativity* and make *Art with Heart*!

Any questions see Elaine, Diana or Christine and know that we are always looking out for info on the most up and coming items selling on the craft circuit. Don’t craft, but saw something cool that you think would sell well ~ tell us. Hard to get out? Let us know & we can work on a ride or a craft you can do at home. Remember; the Christmas fair is our biggest fundraiser of the year! Hope to see you!

