

The Messenger

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

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

Thanks! Lisa Schliker – Newsletter Editor

Prayers recently lifted during worship

- For Joan Vincent; home from hospital.
- Wonderful celebration of life for Brian Olson...praise God!
- For the young girl, in critical condition, hit while crossing Shrewsbury St. in Worcester.
- For Candy D., suffering all-over upper body pain from a prescription reaction.
- Chris J.; for a clean bill of health for a friend, Jarrett,
- Celebrating an all too brief visit from Rosanne & Cliff!
From Rosanne: "Prayers for this beautiful congregation aka, church "family", as you continue to share your love, by being the hands and feet of Christ Jesus".
- Prayers for much needed rain sorely needed for humans, animals and all of nature.
- Thankful for answered prayers; hearing has been restored.
- For anyone struggling with loss or depression.
- Continued healing prayers for Bonnie's daughter, Trina.



August Birthdays

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| 2 | Amanda Wolfe Dry |
| 3 | Nathanial Scerra |
| 6 | Lisa Comeau |
| 7 | Laurie Brown |
| 22 | Florence Ryan |
| 25 | Erek Latzka |
| 26 | Pam Sherman |
| 29 | Jason Gour |

August Anniversaries

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| 12 | Steve Albino & Lynn Kerner |
| 16 | Jim & Susan Niro |
| 26 | Robert & Lynn Spencer |

August MOO

(Mission, Opportunity, Outreach)

This month, we are seeking donations to help cover the expenses for the materials we will be using to put on our 24th Annual Block Party on September 8th.

Thank you...

On behalf of myself, my father and Cookie and Ken, I want to thank everyone that came to my celebration on receiving my Masters Degree. I know everyone had a great time. I know Cookie really enjoyed seeing her church family.

To Cookie and Ken for having my cousin Stephen put on the food. I know everyone loved the food and no one should have gone home hungry. Again thanks to everyone that came, it was great seeing so many people from church and outside church.

Very much appreciate - Brittany Scerra and the whole family.



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 **prayers**.

Most of the time when we pray, we either ask God for something we want or thank God for something we got. How often, however, do we listen to what God has to say to us? How do we even do that? One way is through Centering Prayer. You choose a word or a phrase, sit in a quiet place, pray that word or phrase over and over, and open yourself to God's presence. Random thoughts will inevitably enter your mind, and when that happens, gently set them aside and focus on the word or phrase.

I tried choosing a word (like Jesus or love) when I first tried Centering Prayer but found that I prefer praying a phrase. My favorite phrase is found in multiple Psalms:

Be still and know that I am God

My second favorite prayer phrase comes from 2 Corinthians 12:9:

My grace is sufficient for you

You can find more information on Centering Prayer here:

<https://www.upperroom.org/resources/centering-prayer>

Centering Prayer is hard to do but gets easier the more you do it. Give it a try this month.

