

The Messenger

News and Information for the First United Methodist Church, Hudson, MA
October 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 November newsletter are due Monday, October 28 by 5pm. Please send articles to me via e-mail: lpatttonvb@yahoo.com Early Submissions always encouraged!

Recent Prayers

- Carol Stacey; for George, in a hospital, has Covid and needs a heart transplant.
- Blessings for Judy & Dave on their marriage.
- Bonnie thanks her church family for their prayers following a fall last Friday. All is well.
- A friend, Jaycee, struggling with his faith.
- Pam, continued prayers for a co-worker, John and for a couple whose son has been deployed to Estonia.
- Bonnie's friend Gail & husband, vacationing in Turkey and Istanbul, returning Oct 7...safe travel mercies.
Also her cousin, Patty, living in Clearwater, had to evacuate....Gulf area destroyed
- Loss of someone's friend, Virginia.
- For all struggling through the power of Hurricane Helene.
- Safety for Susan & Jim, now settled in Florida.



Soup's On

The Missions, Opportunity, and Outreach (MOO) committee is sponsoring our fifth annual **Soup's On** event, to be held on **Saturday, 10/12/2024, at 5:00 pm.**

Once again, we encourage our fabulous cooks to help by contributing favorite soups, chowders, chilis, or stews, and/or a variety of desserts, to serve at this event. We hope to come up with 12 different soup, stew, or chili, recipes, with at least one gluten-free, and at least one vegetarian. As in the past, we will invite the public to join us.



We ask that each contributor make the equivalent of 4-6 quarts of their recipe. We plan on serving the soups/stews/chilis from crockpots, with half to be kept warm on the stove in stock pots.

We will be asking for a free will offering from the attendees. The funds raised will help pay our heating costs. We want to be sure that our beautiful building will be as warm as our hearts! To avoid duplication of soup/stew/chowder/chili recipes, we ask that cooks let Diana Andrews (dimandrews@comcast.net) know by October 6 what you plan on making, and, if you wish, provide a copy of your recipe – at some point, we plan on printing a cookbook of Soup's On recipes! Whether or not you will be contributing your favorite recipe, please plan on joining us for an evening of fellowship and yummy food!

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 **presence**.

In a past article, I wrote about how being present at church can help you feel closer to God and can strengthen your relationship with others in the congregation. Have you considered how **your** presence at church, however, affects others? Two long time members, Jim and Susan, just moved to Florida and I already know I'm going to miss them. I know they will return for visits and I know that I'll visit them in Florida, but it won't be the same as seeing them every Sunday morning. Those casual conversations on a Sunday morning before or after church may not seem



like much, but they can lead to deeper conversations and closer relationships. You may think your presence at church makes little to no difference in the lives of the rest of us, but that's not true. You may have the right words at the right time for someone who is struggling. You may be that person that someone else wants to sit beside each Sunday. Your presence at church every Sunday may be the reason why others keep returning. Never underestimate how important your presence in church may be.

October Birthdays

3 Ian Vorce
7 Samantha Wetherell
7 Fred Lucy
8 Edwina Eastman
8 Steven Berube
15 Michelle Andrews
19 Skip Wetherell
20 Tyler Scerra
23 Kris Harrington
26 Ryan Hartford
30 Linda Jones
30 Richard Hartford, Jr.

October Anniversaries

8 Ron & Carolyn Paskavitz
8 David & Renee Laskey
9 Steven & Lisa Comeau
19 Bob & Becky Berube
20 Chuck & Lisa Schliker



Craft Workshops Tuesdays from 1pm – 3pm

Join us on Tuesdays as we start working on making craft items to sell at our Christmas Country Fair! No special talents needed. Come for the fun of fellowship and perhaps discovering some hidden artistic talents. Christine will be filling in while Diana is on vacation so bring your coffee or tea and come on by!

Church Yard & Craft Sale - Saturday, October 12th from 9:00am – 2:00pm

SPACE AVAILABLE....As you get ready for the fall and winter season ahead, why not put aside some of those items you no longer want to hold on to and come set up at our Yard sale! It's a fun day and you'll make a little extra cash to put aside for the holidays! Household items and jewelry, always sell well. Small appliances, kids stuff, etc. are also good sellers.

We have unlimited space available for a pre-pay fee of \$15 (only refundable if event is cancelled due to weather). We have a limited number of 6' tables that you can use (first come, first serve) or bring your own setup. There is no additional charge if you need more than one space! Make checks out to "FUMC" with "yard sale" in the Subject area and drop off at the church office. Metal folding chairs are available at no charge or bring your own. Be sure to tell anyone you think might like to set up to give the office a call.

For Crafters, this is your opportunity to sell your own unique, individual creations to all those pre-holiday shoppers that our sale will attract.



Silent
Auction

First United Methodist Church
presents the Annual

Themed
Gift
Baskets
& Boxes

Christmas Country Fair

Peace

Love

Saturday
December 7th 2024
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, affordable, handmade
gifts for all!

Community

Visit
with
Santa

Bring your
gift list