

# The Messenger

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

**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

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*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.*

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*Newsletter articles for the October newsletter are due Monday, September 30 by 5pm. Please send articles to me via e-mail: [lpatttonvb@yahoo.com](mailto:lpatttonvb@yahoo.com) Early Submissions always encouraged!*

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## Prayers lifted during worship

For Annette; dealing with a medical issue.

Pam's co-worker, John; had surgery last week for cancer in his brain.

For Cookie, underwent surgery; prayers please.

Prayers for the family and friends of former Hudson Fire Chief, Fred Dussault.

Continued prayers for Jo G. recovering from eye surgeries.

For the family and friends of Thomas "Tuck" Walsh.

For those with broken hearts and those with love in theirs to give.



## 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!



## Bible Study

We will resume our weekly Bible Study beginning on Wednesday, September 10th at 10 a.m. The focus will be on encouragement and hope, based on the book, “**Joy Comes with the Morning**” by William Kinnaird”. Given the world events at this time, encouragement is something we all need. Scripture contains many verses which support it and ways to experience it, not just for ourselves, but for other people as well. All are welcome, all you need is a Bible.



## M.O.O. Mission for September

September's mission focus will be supplies for students at Farley School. The following is a list of items that are always needed:

- Crayola markers and/or crayons
- Multi-colored Expo markers for white boards
- Elmer's Glue Sticks
- 5-Subject notebooks
- Paper towels
- Tissues
- Clorox wipes

There will be a box in Wesley Hall on Sundays and by the office during the week. For those who prefer to donate cash, we will post donation envelopes on the white board.

## August Birthdays

2	Amanda Wolfe Dry
3	Nathanial Scerra
6	Lisa Comeau
6	Carol Haskell
7	Laurie Brown
25	Erek Latzka
26	Pam Sherman
29	Jason Gour
30	Daniel Grenfell-Lee

## August Anniversaries

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





## FUMC Chancel Choir resumes Sunday, Sept 8!

The FUMC choir meets for rehearsals on Sundays at 10am in the Sanctuary just prior to the Service. All singers are welcome to join us. There are no auditions.

If you are interested in joining us, drop in to a rehearsal. Feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

Lisa Schliker – Music Director

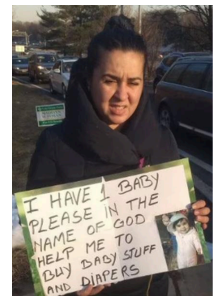
## What do YOU do? – from Elaine Gjeltema

In a sermon mid-July, Pastor Chris was talking about the people that we sometimes see at stop lights asking for money. And then he asked us “What do you do?”

*Well? What do YOU do?*

Growing up I heard adults say “Don’t give them money. They will just go to the bar and drink it. They need to get a job.” As the crack cocaine epidemic hit the streets mid 80’s, that became that reason why you shouldn’t give the stop light people money. And, since crack cocaine was more often seen in poor neighborhoods of color, while powdered cocaine was more often seen in neighborhoods that were more affluent and white. So now, in my white suburban world, I wasn’t only hearing don’t give money to crack heads, color became involved in this inaction. Then my social work career launched on the streets of inner city Rochester, the 3rd largest city in NYS. Years later, I would move on to Jersey City (2nd largest city in NJ) and Philadelphia, the 5th largest city in the country at that time. My time in both of these places only reinforced what nearly 20 years on the streets of Rochester did. My experiences erased the words that I grew up with and changed my “What do you do?”

Women may have children. Diapers! If not a package, a half dozen or more. Keep a package in your car. Women and their tween girl children also need period products. Neither these nor diapers can be purchased with SNAP (food stamps). Best to get pads as not all cultures or “bathroom situations” are tampon friendly.



I can’t reach into my wallet & find \$100 to pass along but I will have a \$5 or \$20. I don’t have qualms about giving money. 90+% of people will use this money wisely for their most important need. Perhaps it is food, but enough that they can eat 2 - 4 meals without the help of refrigeration. Someone may really need a hearty, hot meal at a place with a decent bathroom so they can clean up a little bit. Someone else may get a bus pass; yes, another person may buy a



pack of cigarettes, deli sandwich & chips, and yet another person may share their money with who they share their sleeping space with or the last person who shared with them. It is far more important to me that that individual knows I believe it is worth it for me to invest in him or her than to be worrying that I might have just helped out an illegal immigrant.

I try to be mindful of time of year ~ summers I try to have extra bottles of water in my car & that may be all I have to give then. I also try to have shelf stable snacks that won't be destroyed by heat in the car as well. Kinda weird, but SO appreciated & most asked for item ~ socks! Even gently used as long as they are clean. Get decent unisex athletic socks in multi-packs or when you buy a pack for you, take one or two pair and tuck them away in your car.

When winter comes, hats, scarfs, gloves, mittens, thermal socks and snacks that will nicely survive literally freezing in your car. Note that the chronically homeless are apt to have poor oral care. So no apples or caramels.

Another nicety is a small toiletry bag. No full size products as they are too heavy to carry and they may not know where they will be three days from now. If you can find a small 2 in 1 or 3 in 1 Body Wash/Shampoo. Soap bars get tricky trying to store once used. Toothbrush & paste. Lip balm with SPF in it. For guys, I suggest razors, but realize these may not be able to go into a shelter. A wash cloth, even if it's a cheap one. Put it all in a heavy duty quart ziplock bag.

If you are so inclined, YES, please offer actual food. You can give them 1/2 of your lunch sandwich. You can go with them and share a meal together ~ the gift of your time will be a special blessing. You can grab them a coffee and a sweet. But if you at all can, ask what they would like/can't eat. Allergies, favorite foods and such work the same for all of us.



So ~ "What would you do?"

- Keep a special eye out for teens and give \$10 McDonald's gift certificates?
- Guys, grab a cup of coffee to keep another guy company while he eats a meal you are treating him to.
- Be the lady with water & lip balm in the summer and cocoa & lip balm in the winter.
- Keep a small box with one or two of everything on the floor of your backseat & meet an immediate need?
- A bag of toiletries with a simple handwritten note of encouragement tucked inside.

The opportunity will not come up all the time, unless it's along your route to school or work, but Christ calls us to this ministry for the least of these . . . .

**FREE**

**NEIGHBORHOOD**

**24TH  
ANNUAL**

**BLOCK PARTY**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th  
WORSHIP at 11:00

Sponsored by  
**First United Methodist  
Church of Hudson  
34 Felton St**  
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Hot Dog Lunch Starts at Noonish and served all day

Trombetta's Ice Cream Truck offering 18-20 flavors

12:30-2:30 "FLIPPO the Entertainer"

Magic and Balloon Creations

1:00 - 2:00 CLOSE UP MAGIC Eddy Raymond

2:00 - 3:00 TONY FUNCHES singer from the Platters

3:00 ANIMALS ADVENTURES  
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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