

The Messenger

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

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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 December newsletter are due Monday, November 25 by 5pm. Please send articles to me via e-mail: lpatttonvb@yahoo.com Early Submissions always encouraged!

Recent Prayer Requests:

From Elaine G., “Thank you everyone for your recent prayers. A special thank you to those who reached out via social media, texts and/or visiting.”

Frances; for our daughter, Kristne; recovering from pneumonia.

For George; awaiting heart transplant

For Arlene; having a hip transplant.

A neighbor, Bob, recovering from surgery.

For family and friends of recently passed, Carol Audet.

Healing for our aches and pains.

For victims of the hurricanes.

For all who are well!



Cards for “Prayer Concerns and Joys” – The prayer cards in the pews are for you to write your joys, concerns, and prayers for Pastor Chris to acknowledge during worship. There is a spot on the form where you may indicate if you wish to keep your request private and read only by Pastor.

November Birthdays

6	Nelson Vincent
11	Leslie Woolford
17	Jacob Scott Curtis
20	Susan Yeaton
21	Casimir Laika
28	Donna Bradley
29	Margarita Merriman

Grief Support Group

Next meeting Thurs. Nov. 14th 11 - 1

We meet EVERY OTHER Thursday. If you have experienced loss of any kind and feel alone in your emotions, our newly formed Grief Support group offers hope and support with what you're feeling. Together, with Pastor Chris, we gather and chat about our thoughts and feelings over loss. Come to as many meetings as you feel the need. All are welcome to share, offer support or just be present and listen.

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

November Girl's Night Out

Friday, November 18th at 4pm

Linguini's - 350 Boston Post Rd. W (Rt 20) in Marlboro.

A fun evening of good food, lots of laughs and great fellowship. Please put this in your calendars and let Bonnie know if you hope to come.

November Anniversaries

19	Doug & Frances Wolfe
22	Fred & Iris Lucy



Crafts Workshop (for our Christmas Country Fair)

EVERY Tuesday 1:00 – 3:00pm

Ladies and gentlemen are both invited to share your ideas and talents! Join us on Tuesdays as we work 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. Join Diana and Christine for a few hours of fun, conversation and crafting! Bring your coffee or tea and come on by!

Viewing of "The Chosen"

Join every Thursday evening at 6:00pm and/or every Saturday at 10:00am. We are showing this most interesting series in Wesley Hall. Come watch as many or as few episodes as you wish.





The "Red Elephant" table will be returning to the Christmas Country Fair this year!

As the holidays draw near, we will soon start pulling out decorations we've displayed or used over the years. There may be items that have served you well in the past, but you're ready to put them aside or give them away. We will welcome any gently used Christmas ornaments, decorations, Christmas- or winter-themed linens that might be taking up space in your home.

Perhaps you've decided to part with some of the decorations you've used for years but they're too nice to drop off at a thrift store. Please consider donating them for our Christmas Country Fair on Saturday, December 7th. A shopper will look at them with a fresh eye and delight in purchasing them to decorate their home during the holiday season, and of course their purchase will help our church.

There will be a box in Wesley Hall on Sundays, and downstairs in the entry-way during the week, just waiting for your donations.

Thank you for supporting your church!

3rd ANNUAL COOKIE SWAP Sunday, December 15th After the Church Service



While you are in your Christmas baking mood, please bake some extra cookies to help the church. On Sunday, December 15th, bring 8 dozen of your favorite cookies to church. The more people who participate the more choices we will have. Add your 8 dozen cookies to the table with everyone else's.

Buy a COOKIE BOX for \$10. Choose cookies from the selection to fill your box. Maybe you will need 2 cookie boxes ...

MERRY CHRISTMAS

PLEASE HELP!

CHRISTMAS FAIR, SATURDAY DECEMBER 7TH

Join us Friday, December 6th any time after 12 noon. Come and help transform Lamson Hall into a Christmas Wonderland. Drop off your donation to the fair.

What is needed?

Themed Gift Baskets - Deb Kauffman has announced ways to participate.

Make a complete basket. Purchase items for Deb and she will make a complete basket. We are in need of baskets with handles, medium to large sizes.



Silent Auction - Items that have been gently appreciated and could use a new home. Purchase gift certificates for local stores or restaurants. Look for sale items or purchase items that would make a great gift. Homemade items.

Red Elephant - Christmas items that are gently used that you are done using. Decorations of all kinds and sizes, gift paper and bows, cards, working lights, etc.

Mrs. Claus's Bake Table - Make a few extra goodies to place on our famous bake table. Handheld or whole pies and cakes and breads. If you can wrap, them decorated for Christmas, if not we will decorate for you.

Crafty Elves - Are you a Crafty Elf? Whatever it is that you make please donate a few for the Crafty Elves Table.



North Pole Country Store - Items for children, Books, coloring books, small games, candy, fudge, cheddar cheese, pickles, inexpensive gifts children can buy for friends and family members, if you do canning—pickles, jams, sauce. Donate 1 or 2 jars. Be creative!!!

Give of your time - Man a table during the Fair anytime between 9am and 3pm.

Come join us for LUNCH!!

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