

The Messenger

News and Information for the First United Methodist Church, Hudson, MA
August 2025

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:

HUDSONFUMC@gmail.com

Web Page: www.hudsonfumc.org

Staff Leaders 2025:

Pastor: Pastor Chris Jones

Certified Lay Minister: Susan Niro

Music Director: Lisa Schliker

Organist: Marcia Desilets

Administrator: Bonnie Elman

Newsletter Editor: Lisa Schliker

Sexton: Mario DiMare

Nursery Care: Sarah DiMare

Lay Leader: Ada Arenstrup

TV Ministry: The DiMare family

One on ones with Pastor Chris - While Chris is recuperating, he will continue meeting with those who wish to talk with him in his office on Fridays between the hours of 1:00pm – 3:00pm.

Call him at 978-877-9757 to get on his calendar.

Newsletter articles for the August newsletter are due **Monday, August 25 by 5pm**. Please send articles to me via e-mail: lpattsonvb@yahoo.com Early Submissions always encouraged!

Prayer Requests:

Please continue with your positive thoughts and prayers of healing for Pastor Chris.

Continued prayers for Deb K.

A friend of Diana's whose daughter has health concerns.

Continuing prayers for Doris Downey; recovering from a fall.

For anyone living with chronic pain; to still feel gratitude for life.

For peaceful resolutions to the ails of our country.

For world peace and an end to conflicts everywhere.

For victims of natural disasters, war, poverty.



Finding the Sacred in the Secular

Thursday evenings at the Parsonage - 6:00pm

Pastor Chris and Linda will host. We will listen to popular music and look for biblical themes within those songs. There will be light refreshments, so you don't have to bring anything.

There is no homework, and we will focus on a different song each week so if you miss a week, you won't be behind in any way. So, let's meet for fellowship, fun and learning.

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.

Prayer is like exercise: I know it's good for me and have the best of intentions to do it every day, but most days I fail. Why? Honestly, because I forget. As I brush my teeth just before going to bed, and I think back on my day, I remember that I didn't exercise and I didn't pray. It's too late for exercising but I can still pray, and often do. It's bothers me, however, that praying is an afterthought.



A few months ago, I read about a way to make something that is a priority into a habit. Write your priority on a piece of paper, fold the paper, and put it in your pocket. Whenever you reach into your pocket, pull out the paper and read it. If you do this 5 or 6 times a day (or more), you will be reminded of your priority and will be more likely to take action. Try it this month and see if it works. My paper is in my pocket.

August Birthdays

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

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

Thank you

I'd like to thank everyone for your prayers and support after the passing of my dad Kenneth Patton on July 5th.

The collation at the church after the services was wonderful. It was a great opportunity for many of my dad's friends and family to catch up and share stories while eating some amazing food.

Warm Regards,
Lisa Schliker

A note from Bonnie...

If you've changed email addresses or other information, please let me know so you don't miss out on information that may come your way.

Also, I'd like to have your birthday date (month and day) and if applicable, wedding anniversary and if you prefer using your cell phone over land line, please pass that number on also.

Send information to:
fumchudsonma@gmail.com



25th annual Block Party



The 25th annual Block Party is scheduled for Sunday, September 7th between 11:00am-4:00pm. Come for worship outside (or inside if the weather does not cooperate). There will be food and fun after the service for all ages. Here is a list of the activities planned for the day:

- Be wowed by Eddie, the Magician who regaled everyone last year with his approach to magic
- "Flippo" the magician who kept people entertained with his particular expertise.
- "Bubbles McGee" returns with her amazing tricks with bubbles. Some of her bubbles will practically fill the back lawn area. Adults and kids are amazed with what she does.
- Trombetta's Ice Cream truck will be here to satisfy your summer craving for their delicious selections.



WE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT! Please consider making a financial donation to cover the cost of the performers and other costs. Checks can be made out to "FUMC" with Block Party in the Subject area.



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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25TH ANNUAL

BLOCK PARTY

HYMN SING at 10:30
WORSHIP - 11 AM
FUN BEGINS AT NOON

SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER
7TH

FEATURING

FOOD , FUN & LIVE MUSIC

34 Felton St. Hudson