

The Messenger

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

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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: 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

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 March newsletter are due Monday, February 24 by 5pm. Please send articles to me via e-mail: lpattsonvb@yahoo.com Early Submissions always encouraged!

Prayers and Joys

Prayers lifted for the thousands affected by the LA fires; for the victims, rescue crew, medical teams and other first responders, family pets, all wildlife, and for restoring of reforestation concerns.

For prayers lifted during Sunday's Worship service.

For our "Grief Support" group; our hopes that it will help comfort the hearts it touches.

Prayers for peaceful resolutions to conflicts anywhere.

Gratitude for our blessings.



M.O.O. Outreach



For January, February and perhaps March, we are asking for your donations to help with the cost of our fuel expenses. Thank you for giving what you are able. We need everyone's help with our heating expenses this winter. The white board is set up near the altar. Please take one of the white envelopes and give whatever you can and as often as you can, to help your church get through the cold months ahead. If you can help, please make checks out to FUMC with "Heat" on the subj. Line. God bless you and thank you

AUTHOR/CREATOR – submitted by Barbara Robinson

With every story an author writes or on any picture an artist paints, they always project something of themselves into their masterpiece. So it is with Christ. Because He is the creator of all things, all things have a little of Christ in them.

Sometimes it's easy to find part of the creator because the traits are visible. An author seldom changes his style of writing. An artist always signs his masterpieces in the same way on a certain area of his work. Christ's signature is love. It is given freely to all of His creations – nature with all its colors, the sky, the seas, the flowers, the animals and us, humans. We can see His love in everything if we but look.



However, unlike authors or artists, we as Christ's chosen people don't always project the intent of our creator. People don't always see the creator within us. We suppress it at times. People who share our belief cannot always surround us. We live in a hostile world. Battles are constantly going on. Sometimes we are even involved in them. We all know how hard it is to love someone we don't particularly like, but in actuality, we usually dislike their actions.

Christ knew that feeling also. It was because of that love that some people ridiculed Him, tormented Him, and finally killed Him. It was because of that love that He didn't stop them even though He had the power to do so.

As Christians, we believe in the love of Christ. He lives in us. He created us with love and therefore we should project that love so that people will recognize the creator within us.

February Birthdays

7	Ron Paskavitz
14	Jean Luther
16	Cheryl O'Leary
19	G. Mike Kauffman
20	Lynn Kerner
23	Katie Krasinski
25	Joan Vincent
25	Bob Berube
27	Katie Dunnell
29	Keaghan O'Leary



February Anniversaries

14	Trina (Elman) & John Zompetti
14	Christine & Mario DiMare
24	Allen & Laurie Brown

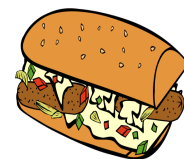
Monthly Ladies Lunch

Friday, February 21 at Noon.
we'll be having lunch at Linguini's, Rt. 20W.
in Marlboro.

Join us for a few hours of friendship, catching up, good food, and plenty of laughter. Please let Bonnie know if you plan to be there.

UWF SUPER SUBS

February 9th, 2025



Place orders by February 5th. Pick up on February 9th following worship.
COST \$ 8.00 each

ROAST BEEF____ HAM____ TURKEY____ TUNA____ VEGGY____ CHICKEN SALAD____

Mayo____ Mustard____ Oil____

American Cheese____ Swiss Cheese____

Pickles____ Tomato____ Onions____ Lettuce____ Peppers____ Cucumbers____

ONE SUB PER FORM. Make checks payable to UWF with Super Subs on memo line.
Place order form in Barbara's church mailbox, weekly offering plate, church office or email
moorebarbara452@gmail.com

NAME _____ PHONE _____

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 the time when I pray, I start by thanking God and then I launch into my requests: Please let the test results be negative; please make the chemo work; please heal the relationship; please reduce the anxiety; please, please, please. There is nothing wrong with asking God for any of those things. That is part of my relationship with God. So is listening to what God has to say to me (I wrote about listening to God last August). What I realized, however, is that I don't spend much of my prayer time thanking God, and that is something I want to change. For the month of February, I am committing to the following actions:

1. When I pray, I will still make requests, but I'm going to spend most of my prayer time thanking God.
2. I'm going to revive my gratitude journal. This is something I started during the pandemic when I needed to be reminded of the good things in my life. Every evening, I would write down one thing I was grateful for. Once the pandemic receded, I got complacent and stopped writing. Now it is time to start again. What I like about a gratitude journal is that on days when I'm struggling to find much to be grateful for, I can look back through the journal and see what I was grateful for in the past.



This month, I encourage you to commit to thanking God more often either through the methods I plan to use or through other methods.

SATURDAY

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FEB

*Love
One
Another*
VALENTINE'S
*Fundraising
Dinner*

5:00 PM

\$14 per person

**Boeuf à la mode (Pot roast) Dinner
and Strawberry Shortcake**

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