

The Messenger

News and Information for the First United Methodist Church, Hudson, MA
June 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 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 home recuperating, he will continue meeting with those who wish to talk with him personally. You can visit him at the parsonage, 8 Laurel Dr. or call him between the hours of 1:00 – 3:00pm Please call ahead, 978-877-9757.

Newsletter articles for the June newsletter are due **Monday, June 30 by 5pm**. Please send articles to me via e-mail: lpattsonvb@yahoo.com Early Submissions always encouraged!

Prayer Concerns and Celebrations

- Continuing positive thoughts and prayers of healing for Pastor Chris.
- Continued healing for Deb's mom, Jean.
- Gaytha; for a friend, Lenora; received word that her brother is nearing life's end.
- That Ed & Elaine will find answers to their medical concerns.
- 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, chronic pain of any kind.
- Prayers for Ken. He was in the hospital over the Memorial Day weekend with pneumonia. He is back at the Branches recovering.



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 **gifts**.

Do you wish you had the financial resources to be able to give more to the church? I do. Times are tough right now, however. Some of us are retired or semi-retired and don't have as much money to spend. Some of us have greater medical expenses due to health issues. Some of us are providing financial support for family members who are struggling. And we're all seeing greater grocery bills due to inflation. How can we give more to the church when there are so many financial pressures on us? The answer may be laying in your home right now: items that you no longer want that could be sold at the church fair in December.



I have a box labeled "For the Christmas Fair" that contains items I plan to donate to the fair. There are still 6 months until the next fair, but my box is almost full. It is filled with Christmas decorations for the red elephant table, a necklace I no longer wear, snowmen and Disney items that will eventually be put together for themed baskets when I have collected enough of them, a few new or good as new items to donate to the silent auction, and sparkly decorations to make the baskets look prettier. I also have an assortment of basket and other containers that I have acquired for free from my town's swap shed and from friends cleaning out their houses. And, I have 3 baskets that I purchased last month at the Marlboro Methodist church's fair for \$1 each; how nice to be able to support both churches!

You can do the same thing. Start looking through your house for things you can donate to the fair. You can support the church and declutter your house at the same time.

June Birthdays

1	Justice Sara Bates
4	Elaine Gjeltrema
4	Trina (Elman) Zompetti
7	Cory Comeau
7	Bonnie DeRusha
11	Diana Andrews
12	Heather Bruce
23	Teague O'Leary
26	Mario DiMare
26	Cookie Lizotte
28	Christine DiMare
29	Mike Gigliotti

June Anniversaires

22	Dennis & Joann Gour
24	Kevin and Cheryl O'Leary
26	Mike & Deb Kauffman



Bees – Submitted by Barbara Robinson

We usually become aware of the presence of bees when we hear their buzzing. Most of the time we try to chase them away or try to remove ourselves from their location. They can be persistent in their intentions to remain just where they are so we are the one that usually gives up and fly away.



It's strange how we become aware of their presence because we hear buzzing regardless of how soft it is and we can become aware of God by listening for His still small voice. We don't like the sound of a bee most of the time because we are not a beekeeper, or a farmer anxious to have our plants fertilized. We don't like the thought of getting stung. Sometimes, we don't always like to hear the sound of God's voice either.

We fear the bee because it can sting, it's discomfoting. Sometimes we may fear God when He is asking us to do something we don't think we can do or even want to do. The bee will take measures to escape our swatting trying to banish it from our presence. At times when the it seems to fly away it's really regrouping only to return again ready to attack if necessary to remain where it feels it should be.

At times when we don't want to hear what God is saying, we pretend not to hear Him or offer excuses as to why we cannot do as He asks. But, unlike the bees who fly to regroup, God does not leave, He remains persistent and keeps speaking until we acknowledge Him with a response His request.

SPUD Sunday **Sunday, June 8th**



Following worship, join others in Lamson Hall where you will "construct" your very own personalized BEST BAKED POTATO! What fun. We'll have all, or most of the toppings you love and maybe some you haven't tried before. Please plan to come downstairs and dine with us for this fun happening with your church family.

Grief Support Group **Thursday June 5th & 19th at 11:00am**

We meet every other Thursday in Lamson Hall. All who may be feeling the pains of loss and need to be around others sharing the same emotions, are welcome to come as often as you like.

We're not professionals but offer a calming hour or two to share our feelings.

E-Cycle Event at FUMC **Saturday, June 28th from 9:00am - 2:00pm**

Time to gather all those outdated or no longer used electronic items and bring them to the church parking lot for collection. This event takes anything with a cord; computers, monitors, small appliances, irons, tvs, radios, etc. There is a small fee for dropped off items, determined by the collectors. If you have bikes, rideable or in need of fixing; drop them off too.

Concert by Lancaster's Thayer Academy of New England Youth Ensemble

Wednesday, June 18th - 7:00pm

To be held in the Sanctuary The ensemble performs at a near professional level of playing and all are invited to enjoy this entertaining evening. Please come to listen and support these talented young musicians. A good will offering will be taken and following the performance, light refreshments will be served in Wesley Hall.

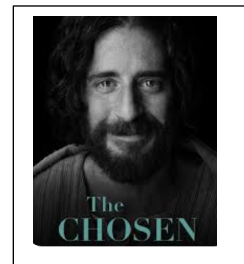
Friendship Dinner Saturday, June 28th

Now that summer is in full swing, dinner will be served on the back lawn. Bring your blanket or lawn chair if you'd like!



The Chosen video series, Every THURSDAY at 6:00pm Every SATURDAY at 10:00am

Come view this most interesting video series shown in Wesley Hall. Watch as few or as many episodes as you wish. It's a very well-done series that follows the life of Jesus. Those who have already watched some episodes say how they seem to make the bible come alive in a more understandable, current way. Afterwards, you're welcome to stay a bit to discuss the showing.



Mission Outreach for June FUMC's 25th Annual Block Party which is scheduled for Sunday, September 8th

Watch for messages indicating what we'll be needing to make it the best Block Party ever!

"Thank You" to Scout Troop 2 and Crew 1923

The First United Methodist Church of Hudson expresses our most sincere Thanks to the scouts who provide so much help with our various activities. You have done an excellent job in serving meals by either dishing them out or serving individuals at their tables for our more "formal" sit down dinners. The church office receives so many positive messages from the community that we serve, stating how polite and well-mannered all of you are and how the dinners are made so much more enjoyable by your presence. The Cookie Sale, by Crew 1923, was a great success and the comments were all so positive both for the wonderful variety of cookie choices available and how delicious they were. Great job!

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Our Bridge to Improve the Lives of Rural Malawi Families

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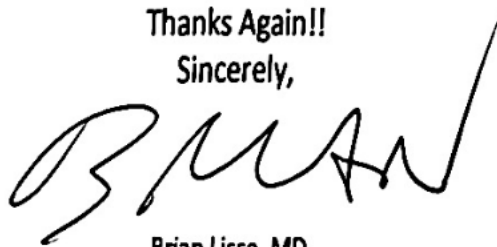
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We will use your donation to help alleviate suffering from disease in Malawi by providing desperately needed medical supplies, medications, and equipment to under-resourced hospitals and our Malawi nonprofit partner, K2TASO. Your donation also helps us fight famine opportunities through our dairy project, beekeeping initiative, Land Lease program, Micro-Credit bank, essential oils, and chicken pass-on program, to name just a few. Your donation also helps us provide solar power and laptops for primary and secondary schools. Your donation also helps us fight climate change through our reforestation and bamboo projects. For more than 10 years you have helped us improve the lives of hundreds of thousands of people in the Kasungu East District. We, and the people we help, cannot begin to thank you enough for your generosity. You really CAN and DO make a difference!

Thanks Again!!

Sincerely,



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