

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 April newsletter are due Monday, March 31 by 5pm. Please send articles to me via e-mail: lpatttonvb@yahoo.com Early Submissions always encouraged!

Prayer Requests:

- For Pastor Chris – Prayers for healing after surgery to remove blood clots in his feet.
- For Lisa's father Ken. Was transferred from Marlborough Hospital to Salem Hospital due to a shortage of ICU beds. Ken is back home resting. Prayers for Lisa as she works with her Dad's care team to develop a Palliative care plan for him.
- Barabara's great grandson, Nico, age 1 1/2 years is being treated with RSV. Their hospital has no room so he is at home, where his mom, a nurse can help care for him.
- Continuing prayers for Gaytha.
- From Cindy; that Dave Scott's family will feel the love he is sending from heaven.
- Barbara R.; that Dawn will find a job and for her moving.
- From Diana; for Julie for an answer to her health problems.



Coming in April:

Palm / Passion Sunday – Sunday, April 13

Seder Supper – Thursday, April 17

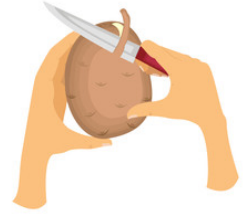
Good Friday – Friday, April 18

Easter – Sunday, April 20

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 **service**.

Service is the work we do for the church. There are many different ways to serve the church, but today I'd like to talk about how we serve others through food. Have you ever helped at a church dinner? You may think "I can't do that because I'm not a good cook or because I can't make food for so many people?" The good news is that you can help at a church dinner without actually cooking. Here are some of the ways you can help:

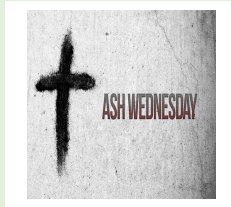


- Peel and cut up vegetables
- Set up tables and chairs
- Bake a dessert to share
- Serve food to the guests
- Collect the money if the dinner is part of a fundraiser

Whether you help at Agape Café, Friendship dinner, or a fundraiser like the corned beef and cabbage dinner, I guarantee that your service will be appreciated.

Ash Wednesday Worship Opportunities

Lent begins on March 5th, Ash Wednesday. This year, there are 2 worship opportunities on Ash Wednesday:



1. A self-guided time of reflection will be held in the Sanctuary from 12 – 1 pm. You are invited to spend time at a series of stations, including one where you will receive ashes.
2. A traditional worship service will be held at the Marlboro Methodist church at 7 pm.

Shrove Tuesday

Tuesday, March 4th at 6pm

Shrove Tuesday marks the last day before Lent for Christians. Lent is traditionally a period of abstinence. Shrove Tuesday is associated with clearing your cupboards of goods such as sugar, fats, and eggs. Pancakes were traditionally eaten on this day to use up such foods before the 40-day fasting season of Lent began.

Join us in Lamson Hall as we feast on pancakes, sausage and always good fellowship.



March Birthdays

4 Adam Krasinski
6 Janice Owen
6 Frances Wolfe
10 Christopher Jordan
10 Brody O'Leary
11 Karen Wetherell
15 Rosanne Roberts
16 Melissa Sniffin
24 Meaghan Scerra
28 Becky Millbury (nee Kauffman)



March Anniversaries

31 Rosanne & Cliff Roberts

Saturday, March 8 – Daylight Saving Time:

Set clocks AHEAD one hour before bedtime.

Ladies Lunch

Friday, March 21 at 12pm
Linguini's, 350 Boston Post Rd. W (Rt. 20) in
Marlboro

Ladies, this is our monthly dining out get together so please put it in your calendars. We always have such a good time gabbing, laughing and enjoying good food. Please let Bonnie know if you plan or hope to attend so she can give a count to the restaurant.

Meeting announcement

Sunday, March 9th - Immediately following
Worship.

This will be a very short meeting to be held in the sanctuary, its sole purpose is the election of the Pastor Housing Exclusion.. Everyone is welcome.



Corned Beef and Cabbage Fund Raising Dinner Saturday, March 8th 5:00pm

This is a fundraiser in support of “Bridges to Malawi”, a country in South Africa. This is one of our most popular meals served with dessert and beverage all for \$15.00. All donations go toward “Bridges to Malawi.” Dr. Brian will provide an update on the successes of his Hudson based nonprofit, Bridges to Malawi, it's current work, challenges it faces, and plans for the future.

This delicious dinner has become an annual event, successfully raising money to help this worthy cause, which has accomplished so much to improve the lives and health of the people of the Kasungu East District of Malawi, one of the poorest countries in the world. During the course of the dinner Brian will give a presentation which takes approximately 45 minutes. Please come and find out how much you can help accomplish in uplifting the lives of some of the poorest people in the world.

We look forward to seeing you on the 8th! Please make your checks out to FUMC with “Malawi” in the Subject area Thank you.