

The Messenger

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

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Pastor:

Certified Lay Minister: Susan Niro

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Sexton: Mario DiMare

Nursery Care: Sarah DiMare

Lay Leader: Ada Arenstrup

TV Ministry: The DiMare family

*Newsletter articles for the December newsletter are due **Monday, November 24 by 5pm**. Please send articles to me via e-mail: lpattsonvb@yahoo.com Early Submissions always encouraged!*

Prayer Requests:

Continued prayers for Linda Jones and family.

For family and friends of Deb's niece, Laura; recently passed.
Pam's cousin, Linda, in ICU following surgery and for Todd, who has terminal cancer.

Mary; for a niece with severe mental health issues and her husband hurt his back.

For Mary's sister-in-law who passed on October 22 at age 56.

Prayers for Syd and for Pete with cancer.

For victims of Hurricane Melissa, battering Jamaica.

Struggling? Prayers to help us let go of things beyond our control.

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

For world peace and an end to conflicts everywhere.

For victims of natural disasters, war, poverty.



Save the date! Christmas Country Fair
Saturday, December 6th

Stewardship Letter – submitted by Pam Sherman

At the end of September, our beloved pastor, Chris Jones, passed away. In the 3 years that he served this congregation, Pastor Chris preached many sermons about how God calls us to love everyone, even those people we don't like; especially those people we don't like. I don't know about you, but I know that I struggle to love everyone, even those people I don't like; especially those people I don't like. I'll never succeed without God in my life, and I need the church to help me keep God in my life. That's where Stewardship comes into play.

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. When you pray for me, when you greet me at church, when I bring to the altar the money you have donated to help keep our ministries active, when you hand me a bulletin or plate full of food, and when you share with me how God has been working in your life, I feel the love of God through you. That's what Stewardship is all about.



On the second Sunday in November, the 9th, we will offer our pledges for 2026. There is a pledge card at the end of the newsletter for you to complete. Please bring it with you to church on the 9th or mail it to the church office. A pledge card is a financial commitment, but consider how you may also support our church through your prayers, presence, service, and witness as well.

Bible Study

Wednesdays at 10am - 6-week study of Learning to Discern in Culture of Deception.

Twisting The Truth by Andy Stanley

The source of deception
All is not as it seems
Says who?
Facing forward
It's only Physical
It's no mistake



November Birthdays

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

Thanksgiving Day Dinner



Thursday, November 27th 4:30pm.

This is an open Invitation to enjoy your Thanksgiving celebration with your dinner prepared by Bob Scerra and his family. They will be preparing and serving a full holiday dinner for those who may not have plans. All are welcome!

November Anniversaries

19	Doug & Frances Wolfe
22	Fred & Iris Lucy

Soup's On is Coming!!!!

The Missions, Opportunity, and Outreach (MOO) committee is sponsoring our sixth annual "Soup's On" event, to be held on Saturday, November 8, at 5:00 pm.



Once again, we encourage our fabulous cooks to help by contributing favorite soups, chowders, chilis, or stews, and/or a variety of desserts, to serve at this event. We hope to come up with 12 different soup, stew, chowder, or chili, recipes, with at least one gluten-free, and at least one vegetarian. As in the past, we will invite the public to join us.

So that there will be enough for everyone to enjoy, we ask that each cook makes approximately 4-6 quarts of your recipe. We plan on serving the soups/stews/chowders/chilis from crockpots, with half to be kept warm on the stove in stock pots.

We will be asking for a free will offering from the attendees. The funds raised will help pay our Church's heating costs. We want to be sure that our beautiful building will be as warm as our hearts!

To avoid duplication of soup/stew/chowder/chili recipes, we ask that cooks let Diana Andrews (dimandrews@comcast.net) know what you plan on making by November 1, and, if you wish, provide a copy of your recipe – at some point, we plan on printing a cookbook of Soup's On recipes!

Whether or not you will be contributing your favorite recipe, please plan on joining us for an evening of fellowship and yummy food! Bring your friends, too!

Christmas Country Fair – Serving Plates



Again, for the Christmas Country Fair this year, I will be making available all kinds of serving plates (from small to large to shaped like Santa or Rudolph ~ both ceramic and melamin), holiday mini loaf pans, Christmas tins, paper doilies for plates, holiday cupcake wrappers, and more. We have found that our goodies ~ cakes to candies ~ sell so much better when plated on (or in) sturdy holiday themed items. If you have a husband, teen, neighbor or sister-in-law willing to bake, grab a plate or tin for them as well!

These items will be available at church starting November 2nd. If you are looking for something specific, give me a heads up and I will check my stash and keep my eyes open as I am out and about.

Elaine Gjeltrema

Christmas Country Fair - Baskets

As most of you know I am a little slower than usual this year and as a result any help with the fair baskets would be greatly appreciated. There are many ways you can help.



1. Empty clean baskets. When I say baskets that can be any kind of container that could hold items i.e... decorative bowls, boxes, baking pan.
2. If you have a good idea for a themed basket, you could put one together. If you are not sure how to wrap it bring it to me and we can do that for you. I could also provide the supplies to do this.
3. No ideas on a total basket? Then bring in one or two items and we can add other items to build a complete basket.
4. Here are some examples of themes for baskets: children's toys, games, books, Christmas, sports items, car wash bucket, game night, tea, hot chocolate, Italian dinner, self-care.

The fair is not just an event to help with the church budget, but it is also a time for fun and wonderful fellowship during the holiday season. It is a lot of work that brings all participants much joy! If you have any ideas you would like to share or have any questions please call me. My phone number is 508-380-1333. Or you can always catch me on Sunday at church. Thanks in advance - Deb Kauffman

Grief Support Group Continues

The Grief Support Group continues to meet every other Thursday at 11am for roughly two hours. Don't have that much time; come for what time you can. You are warmly welcomed! We will be meeting November 6 and 20, as well as December 4 and 18.

Margo Coates remains co-facilitator of this group. With the loss of Pastor Chris, Elaine Gjeltema will be filling his facilitation spot. She has been a licensed social worker for over 40 years. Elaine's last 6 years of full-time social work here in Central Massachusetts was as a Hospice social worker. She is currently continuing her education as she works to gain certification over the next few months as a Grief Educator.

While we most often link grief with the death of a loved relative, it may also be from the death of a friend, neighbor, pet or pastor. Life events can also trigger grief; retirement, empty-nesting, chronic illnesses that limit capacity, moving to a new community and leaving your old neighborhood behind, your child's miscarriage and thus the loss of a grand or even great-grandchild, failing eyesight or hearing, etc.

Pop in once. Come every other week or once a month. Bring a grieving friend. Not sure that it's grief you're struggling with? Come. Talk. Listen. Be welcome.

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GRATITUDE AND PLEDGE CARD - 2026

You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous in every way

--2 Corinthians 9:11

I/We want to express my/our gratitude to God for all blessings God has given us by giving

\$ _____ per _____ Week _____ Month _____ Year _____

[Please check box] to support God's work through our church.

Print name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Signature _____

Date _____

“Count your many blessings, name them one by one, count your many blessings, see what God has done.”

--Johnson Oatman Jr. “Count Your Blessings”



THANK YOU!!!

Thank you for your commitment to support God's work through our congregation.

[Jesus said:] “Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap.”

--Luke 6:38 NRSV

Please return to church with “Financial Secretary” or “Pledge” on the envelope

Cut on the dotted line below and save a copy of your commitment:

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