The Messenger

News and Information for the First United Methodist Church, Hudson, MA September 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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Staff Leaders 2025:

Pastor Chris Jones Pastor: Certified Lay Minister: Susan Niro Music Director: Lisa Schliker Organist: Marcia Desilets Administrator: Bonnie Elman **Newsletter Editor**: Lisa Schliker Mario DiMare Sexton: Sarah DiMare Nursery Care: Lay Leader: Ada Arenstrup TV Ministry: The DiMare family

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prayer, being watchful and thankful."

Colossians 4:2

One on ones with Pastor Chris - Fridays between the hours of 1:00pm – 3:00pm. Call Chris at 978-877-9757 to get on his calendar.

Newsletter articles for the August newsletter are due **Monday, September 29 by 5pm**. Please send articles to me via e-mail: lpattonvb@yahoo.com Early Submissions always encouraged!

Prayer Requests:

- For Elaine's cousin Tim & his wife Eileen who was diagnosed with very aggressive cancer.
- From Mary & Dana Gilmore. Mary's mother-in-law, Laura Gilmore and her uncle, Ken Martin, both died in August. Healing for all.
- For our "sister" Gaytha Montgomery; healing prayers.
- For Deb K. recovering from recent knee surgery.
- For Bonnie; healing of a recent leg wound.
- Prayers for Brenda and all with health issues.
- From Ada; for Jo & Dennis, looking for a place to live.
- Pam; for Derek who has a brain tumor and for Todd, starting new cancer treatment.
- Thank you prayers for our Agape Café, Cindy and her helpers
- Doris Downey's recovery is very, very slow. Cards may be sent to her daughter, Laura Ledoux at 104 Freedoms Way, Northbridge, MA 01534.
- For those undergoing tests or facing medical or mental challenges. Prayers for hope and healing.
- For peaceful resolutions to the ails of our country, for world peace and healing for broken families.
- For victims of natural disasters.

Wednesday Bible Study

Bible study will resume on September 10th at 10 a.m. in Lamson Hall.

We will be studying the life of the apostle Paul, his letters and missionary journeys. Paul was an arch-enemy of Christianity who amazingly became the greatest Christian of all time. He wrote more books of the Bible than anyone else and is called the "A postle to the

than anyone else and is called the "Apostle to the Gentiles". All are welcome, you will only need your Bible.



September Birthdays

- 8 Ken Lizotte
- 12 Anthony Curtis
- 14 Darnell Butler
- 14 Mike Haggerty
- 16 Linnea Elman
- 17 Erika Eastman
- 17 Julie Snyder
- 19 Doris Downey
- 22 Chris Jones (Pastor)
- John DeRusha
- 26 Brad Lowe
- 29 Bonnie Elman



FUMC Chancel Choir

The FUMC Chancel Choir will resume in September. All singers are welcome to join us!

We typically rehearse immediately before Sunday services starting at 10am. Our first rehearsal will be the Sunday before the Block Party (Sunday, September 7).

Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

Lisa Schliker – Music Director lpattonvb@yahoo.com

September Anniversaries

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Finding the Sacred in Secular

Meet at the Parsonage, 8 Laurel Dr. where Pastor Chris and Linda will be hosting a series focusing on "Finding the Sacred in the Secular." We're going to be listening to popular music and looking for biblical themes within those songs. We will have light refreshments; 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.



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.





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

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH

FEATURING

FOOD, FUN & LIVE MUSIC

34 Felton St. Hudson