

# Hudson United Methodist Church

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Rev. Clark Stein

## PASTOR'S PAGE

“See, I am laying in Zion a foundation stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation: ‘One who trusts will not panic.’” Isaiah 28:16

A sentry stood day after day at his post for no apparent reason. One day, a passerby asked him why he was standing at that particular place. “I don’t know,” the sentry replied, “I’m just following orders.” The passerby then went to the captain of the guard and asked her why the sentry was posted in that place. “I don’t know,” the captain replied. “We’re just following orders.” This prompted the captain of the guard to pose the question to a higher authority. “Why do we post a sentry at that particular spot?” she asked the king. But the king didn’t know. So, he summoned his wise men and asked them the question. The answer came back that one hundred years before, Catherine the Great had planted a rosebush and had ordered a sentry placed there to protect it. The rosebush had been dead for eighty years, but the sentry still stood guard.

God is always doing a new thing. We must not just stand guard at the past, preventing movement into the future. However, many foundation stories of our past do inform who we are today. We have begun to plan to go back to basics for the coming year. Let’s consider together where we stand guard at dead rosebushes, and where we guard priceless treasures. I think such examination from time to time can be informative and life giving. I pray you will make plans to join us with supportive hearts and minds and hands and energies. I continue to celebrate what God is doing at Hudson UMC!

Peace for the day,  
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Notice

HUMC has received notice in regards to sexual abuse claims in Boy Scouts Bankruptcy.

The due date is 5 p.m. EST November 16, 2020.

Further information can be obtained by visiting [www.OfficialBSAClaims.com](http://www.OfficialBSAClaims.com) or call 1-866-907-2721.

Steve Hannah  
Charter Organizational Representative  
HUMC Scouting Units

### *A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!*

#### The Neal and Judy Rountree Scholarship for the Study of Music

##### Neal T. Rountree

Neal Thomas Rountree was a gifted and dedicated father who had a passion for music and sang with Hudson United Methodist Church's Chancel Choir and the Akron Symphony Chorus.

Neal attended the Air Force Academy where he was part of the US Air Force Falcons football team. He played on the offensive line in the first Air Force-Army Matchup at Yankee Stadium in 1959. After graduating from the Academy, Neal served two tours in Vietnam as a Marine Corps officer receiving Navy Commendation Medals with bronze stars and the Distinguished Service Medal. He retired from the Marine Corps with the rank of Major in 1981.

Neal was also a graduate of the University of San Diego Law School. He served as an environmental attorney for 20 years with the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company until his retirement. While enjoying his retirement with his wife, Judy, on the coast of Maine, Neal was also planning a long-held dream - to build a boat. Unfortunately, Neal passed in September of 2002 before his dream could be realized.

Family and friends remember Neal fondly for his wonderful sense of humor, his love for storytelling, and his kind and gentle nature. Judy and his two daughters, Mary Kathryn and Janey O'Brien, established the Neal T. Rountree Memorial Music Scholarship at HUMC, as a way, to honor his memory and love of music.

##### Judy N. Rountree

From her earliest days of a happy childhood in Newnan, Georgia, Judy developed a great passion for diversity, living respectfully in community, and always focusing on

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issues of poverty and justice. Judy was a young teenager when Neal arrived from California to spend several weeks visiting with his cousins. That summer he built a beautiful home for her pet white rat and won her heart forever! It was years later (1969) when they began thirty-three years of a wonderful marriage.

Prior to her marriage to Neal, Judy taught at West Virginia University as a graduate assistant, and also at the secondary level in England for two years. She was an assistant professor at Mary Washington College in Virginia and was a Fulbright Lecturer in India. Judy was actively involved in the 1960's with the promotion of equality and justice in the south.

Following Neal's death in 2002, Judy eventually fulfilled the dream of hers and Neal's -- building a home on their property on coastal Maine. She then moved permanently to the village of Blue Hill, Maine in 2005. Judy became an active parishioner of St. Francis by the Sea Episcopal Church.

Judy and Neal along with their daughters, Mary Kathryn and Janey O'Brien, lived in Hudson for more than twenty years. Both girls were confirmed at Hudson United Methodist Church where they have fond memories of very special Sunday School teachers and seeing their Dad's large presence in the choir. Judy, always a Methodist at heart, is very pleased to be part of a living scholarship in memory of Neal and the Rountree family's love for Hudson United Methodist Church. This scholarship also honors their granddaughter, Frances Kathryn Natchez, who was born to Janey and her husband, Jon, in May of 2016.

The Memorials, Endowments and Gifts Committee is pleased to announce the 2020 recipient of The Neal & Judy Rountree Scholarship for the Study of Music is...

### TREVOR LEE!

Congratulations Trevor! Best wishes as you finish your degree from the Berklee College of Music! We are grateful that you have shared your talents here at HUMC!



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# MUSIC MINISTRY

Hello all!

I just want to check in with everyone and let you know what the music department is doing during this difficult time! Though we are not able to get together in person, we have been meeting on Thursday nights during rehearsal time to catch up and make sure everyone is doing alright. How wonderful to be a part of such a caring, dedicated group! It really helps to see everyone, even if it is different than usual. I know I speak for all of us in saying that we all miss seeing church people and can't wait to get back to singing and ringing for you! Please take care of yourselves and know we think of all of you often.

Terri Wilhelm  
Director of Music Ministries



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# FAMILY ministry

## Family Fellowship in September

Family Fellowship will have a socially distant meeting on Saturday, September 12 from 6:00-7:30pm at HUMC, weather permitting. We will be meeting outside to "Chalk the Walk" with encouraging messages and fellowship. Please bring your own lawn chairs and sidewalk chalk. Masks & social distancing are required. If you have any questions please contact Becca Gates at [photochic22@gmail.com](mailto:photochic22@gmail.com) or Kerrie Book at [kerrievansbook@gmail.com](mailto:kerrievansbook@gmail.com).

## Thank You!

Thank you to all who participated in Christian Education's spring Penny Challenge. Even though the challenge only lasted a few weeks, we were able to raise over \$185 for our next Vacation Bible School. Thank you to all the classes and groups who joined us for this challenge.



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### Summer Bible Challenge

This summer, Christian Education held a Summer Bible Challenge for our kids & families! In this three week event, our students were challenged to read a featured Bible story with their families, memorize a related Bible verse, hunt for Bible story clues outside of the HUMC building, complete a fun craft or service activity, and participate in online or in-person worship services. Kids were able to earn a prize for completing activities, and families had fun experiencing Bible stories in a new way!



## NURSERY SCHOOL



As I sat down to write this article and reflect on what has happened since I last wrote an article for the GIFT, I can't even put it into words.

March 13<sup>th</sup> of 2020 we had to leave our classrooms and the children we had become attached to since September. The day we left I remember thinking we will be back in a week or two and all will be good. I was so wrong!

I am excited to say we will be back at school on September 8<sup>th</sup>. The teachers and I are so excited to see the children again! The startup of this school year has really been different. No parents in our buildings. The teachers are wearing masks and we are cleaning and cleaning some more. We would not give this up for the world! We can't wait to see the smiling faces again.

September will be exciting as we meet new friends, explore our playground, and library. We would also like to welcome 3 new staff members this school year. Shannon Hagen who is the new 3-year-old assistant, Beth Harper who is the new Toddler assistant, and Carol Groves who is the new 4/5 3-day teacher.

Lisa VanBuskirk  
Director



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## Upcoming Events

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### FELLOWSHIP EVENTS:

Hudson United Methodist Women's Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Board members will be notified by email with the Zoom link for the meeting.

**\*\*The two UMW circles, Mary Martha Circle & Priscilla Circle will have a combined Zoom meeting on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 6:00 pm.\*\***

*Speaker, Stephanie Johnson, will give a presentation on Rahab Ministries. (Reaching Above Hopelessness And Brokenness) offers concrete solutions to human Trafficking by putting Truth & Love into action.*

All ladies of the church are invited to attend this Zoom meeting.

Marty Hannah [marty2uin@windstream.net](mailto:marty2uin@windstream.net) is the Zoom host for this meeting.

*Priscilla and Mary Martha Circle are joining forces for the next year.*

*To be consistent, these monthly meetings will be on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm.*

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