

***Hudson United Methodist
Church***

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Rev. Clark Stein

PASTOR'S PAGE

In Person Worship is Returning

Your Church Council has visited the issue of resuming in-person worship most recently in January and February. We extend thanks and appreciation to the Communication Team, particularly, John Neff, Bill Centrello, and Paul Brown for their dedication recording and production each week involving several hours. Regularly viewers are numbering over 100 and extend beyond our church family. We conclude the original factors for curtailing in person worship remain. We so miss the communion of sharing together our mediation, prayer and celebration of worship. Covid transmission, however, is still threatening so the sanctuary with it's poor circulation with related enclosed hallways and areas cannot guarantee safety for the volunteers, staff (over one dozen) and congregation to host worship. Church Council concluded the best opportunity to return to in person worship will be EASTER morning. We will resume with worship in the courtyard. We advertise our presence to the community there and we can still access the recording equipment necessary to continue our online presence. Pray for accommodating weather and sunshine to greet each other again!

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Please support our 2021 Appalachia Service Project (ASP) Trip

From June 13-19, Hudson United Methodist Church will be sending 2 teams of up to 7 people per team to serve in rural regions of Kentucky to spread the love of Jesus and to help make homes warmer, safer, and drier for those in need. This year will be our 47th year of volunteering at ASP.

The cost to send two teams for the week is slightly over \$7,800, which includes:

- team travel and living expenses
- materials for repairing homes
- tools and supplies used by our teams
- the cost of ASP staff to help setup and oversee repairs
- background checks for adults attending the trip

Normally this time of year, we raise money for our annual trip via a benefit dinner with a silent/live auction. While we are unable to have the auction due to COVID-19 restrictions, we could still use your help in providing financial and...

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... prayer support for our mission trip.

Please consider a gift to ASP via check made payable to Hudson UMC with ASP 2021 in the memo line, sent to: Hudson United Methodist Church Attn: Bill Centrello 2670 Hudson-Aurora Rd. Hudson, OH 44236:

\$25 (Renewal): Provides a needed ice cream break for the team after a long, hot day of work

\$50 (Care): Helps stock medical kits needed for the trip

\$100 (Hope): Provides a gift for a family we are serving

\$250 (Love): Provides gasoline for a vehicle for the week

\$500 (Faith): Subsidizes half of the rental cost of a 12-passenger van to transport a team to/from Kentucky.

Other (Joy): Give as your heart calls on you to give.



PAPER TOWELS NEEDED FOR HUDSON FOOD PANTRY



Hudson UMC helps support the Hudson Food Pantry. We committed to supplying paper towels each month for the 35+ families utilizing the pantry in 2021.

Our families use a couple rolls of paper towels each week. It would be wonderful if we as a church could provide at least 1 roll of paper towels for 40 families every month.

Paper towels can be dropped off in the blue bin outside the church office. You may also contribute toward the purchase of paper towels by writing a check. Please write: 'pantry paper towels' in the memo.

In addition, donations may be dropped off at Rejoice Lutheran each month on the second Thursday, 4-6pm.

Questions? Nancy Kralik
nskralik@gmail.com 330-212-7581

Thank you!



*Suppose you have not been worthy of trust in handling worldly wealth.
Then who will trust you with true riches? - Luke 16:11 (NIRV).*

Stewardship at its core is the responsible management of something that is entrusted to your care. The Finance Committee and the various Committee Chairs at Hudson UMC work very hard to effectively manage your pledges and gifts in ways that maximize the amount of money that goes to supporting the ministries of the church. This aligns very well with the verse from Luke 16 above. By continuing to demonstrate good stewardship of the gifts that God has entrusted to us, God will entrust us with more important goals such as leading others to Jesus Christ and creating future disciples.

Our stewardship of pledges and gifts often includes finding innovative ways to reduce costs and to control expected increases in cost. Efforts currently underway include:

- examining utility providers and pricing for the church and the parsonage
- making adjustments to our lawn maintenance and snow plowing contracts for flexibility
- reducing the amount of lawn care spend through volunteer work days
- utilizing the Church Caretaker to clear sidewalks (saving \$900)
- making changes to reduce future heating and cooling costs (hopefully saving \$1,700/year)
- instituting a vendor managed inventory program for purchasing cleaning products and supplies
- ensuring a competitive bidding process for necessary work

These proactive steps will hopefully allow us to expand our ministries and outreach into the community. Thank you for your ongoing support of HUMC ministries through your prayers, presence, gifts, and service.

NURSERY SCHOOL



March was another busy month for the Nursery School. We celebrated the weather warming up a little bit we even got to take a few walks outside!

We celebrated St. Patrick's Day 🍀 with a special green snack and we all wore our green for the day and celebrated! March also brought us Spring break. I think we all look forward to a little time off to spend enjoying the spring weather.

In April we will talk about butterflies and watch as our chrysalises emerge into butterflies. This is always an exciting time for the children.

We will have our pictures taken for one last time. The school year has really flown by and we have enjoyed every minute of being able to be in school and socializing with our friends.

We do have a few spots left for the 2021-2022 school year. If you know of anyone looking for a pre-school, please let them know.

Lisa VanBuskirk
Director



Family Ministries

Easter Egg Hunt

Christian Education is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3 at 1:00 p.m. in the courtyard of HUMC. Kids up to 5th grade are invited to participate! Families can choose to participate in a masked, socially distant outdoor hunt or may pick up an "Easter Egg Hunt Kit" to do at home. In the case of inclement weather, all participants will have Easter Egg Hunt Kits to do at home that can be picked up at HUMC during the scavenger hunt's scheduled time.

You can register here: <https://forms.gle/TpWncrWXST6EbQsc9>. The link will be included in this week's Sunday school email, or you can also email Kerrie Book at kerrieevansbook@gmail.com. Please register by Wednesday, March 31.

Family Fellowship

Our Family Fellowship in April will be on Saturday, April 10 at 6:00 p.m. and will be outdoors at HUMC (weather permitting). If there is inclement weather, we will move to Zoom. Masks and social distancing required. More details to follow. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Becca Gates (photochic22@gmail.com) or Kerrie Book (kerrieevansbook@gmail.com).

Confirmation Classes

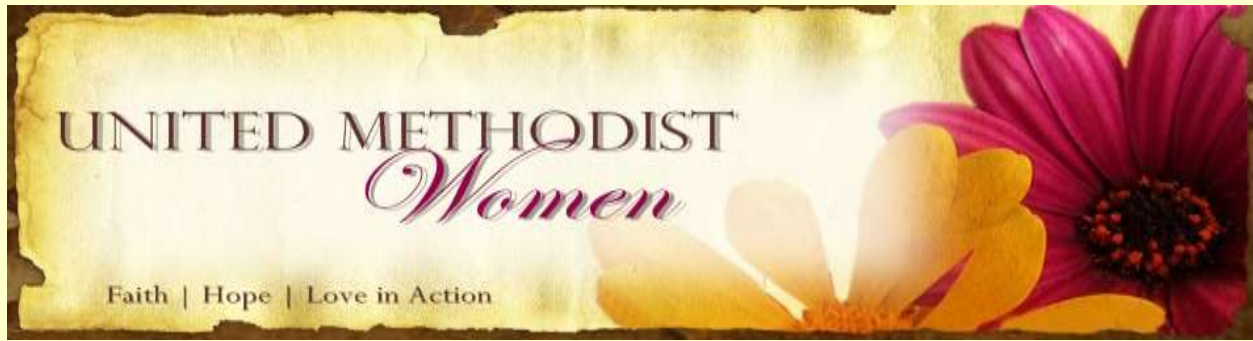
We are gathering information for students interested in going through Confirmation classes. Confirmation is open to any student in grade 7 or above who would like to take the next step in their faith journey. For more information, please contact Kerrie Book (kerrieevansbook@gmail.com).

Calling all Graduates!

If you have a student that will be graduating high school or college this spring and would like them to be honored in our Graduate Sunday (date TBD), please contact Kerrie Book at kerrieevansbook@gmail.com.

Youth Group

There will be no youth group on Sunday, April 4. We will be back on Zoom on Sunday, April 11, and (weather permitting) outdoors on Sunday, April 18. Youth group will be meeting outdoors at HUMC on Sunday, March 21 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. (weather permitting). All students 6th-12th grade are welcome to join us! If you have any questions, please contact Kerrie Book at kerrieevansbook@gmail.com.



FELLOWSHIP EVENTS:

Hudson United Methodist Women's Board meeting is scheduled for **Monday, April 5, 2021, 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 be meeting on Wednesday, April 21, 2021, at 6:00 pm on Zoom. ****

Lajoyce Harris, Program Manager at the Center of Hope, will be sharing how the Center of Hope offers daily hot meals and food assistance to disadvantaged residents of Portage County. **Marty Hannah** marty2uin@windstream.net is the Zoom host for this meeting. **Anyone from the church is invited to attend.**

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. Questions/Information contact: Ann Ingling - anningling@gmail.com, Marty Hannah - marty2uin@windstream.net Questions/Information contact: Cheryl Maimona: ctm2949@roadrunner.com

2021 HUDSON UNITED METHODIST WOMEN PLEDGE DRIVE

The vision of the United Methodist Women is "turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world."

In 2020, **39** generous women pledged **\$5100** to our Hudson UMW unit. Through these gifts, we supported the following organizations: UMCOR Disaster Relief, Summit County Battered Women's Shelter, Flat Rock Homes, Stewart's Caring Place, Open M, Church World Service, and Kids Capes for Courage. **Thank you for your wonderful generosity!**

Like a perennial flower, our **2021 pledge drive is well underway**. So far **33** women have graciously donated **\$4230**. Funds raised by our UMW are distributed later in the year to missions and outreach so there is still plenty of time to make your gift. By the way, all women of the church are members of UMW according to the bylaws. Pledges should be sent to Debbie King, Hudson UMW Treasurer, 12 Hudson Common Drive, Hudson, OH 44236. Please make your check payable to Hudson UMW and print Pledge in the memo line.

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Novels at Night will notify members by email/phone when they are ready to resume meetings.

Novels at Night usually meets on the 2nd Friday of the month at 5:30 pm.

Questions/Information contact: Debby Fabian: debrah.fabian@gmail.com

Books for Breakfast will meet **Thursday, April 22, 2021, at 9:30 am on Zoom.**
(Details will be sent in an email.)

The book for discussion will be *Breath* by James Nestor.

Books for Breakfast meets the 4th Thursday of the month at 9:30 am.

Questions/Information contact: Michelle Novosel: novandkoz@yahoo.com

We are on Facebook - check us out at Hudson United Methodist Church Women- be sure to "Like" us to get current updates.

SPIRITUAL OUTREACH: MISSIONS

Kids Capes of Courage:

The Kids Capes of Courage project in which the UMW participates to meet our local goal of support for children is well underway. Many thanks to Linda Arnold, Cheryl Gamble, Linda Hunsucker, and Edie Taylor for all their hard work in cutting out the fabric and assembling the kits. The sewing of the kits is now in progress by Sandy Bernert, Angie Helmer, and Carol Spinelli. If you would like to participate in this project, please contact Angie Helmer at 330 655-2354 or 330 221-9252 or Cawhelmer@aol.com

United Methodist Women Sunday: Sunday, April 11, 2021

The Women of Hudson United Methodist Church will lead a virtual worship service on Sunday, April 11, 2021 in celebration of United Methodist Women's Sunday. The special guest speaker will be: Rose Darling, Church and Community Engagement Coordinator for Flat Rock Homes. Flat Rock serves developmentally and intellectually disabled individuals in various ways in, order to meet their needs. Lives are transformed through the work of Flat Rock Homes. Rose will share her message of "Restoring Hope Through a Living Faith" We hope you will join us for United Methodist Women's Sunday.

Please consider a donation in support of Flat Rock Homes, an outreach mission that our unit of UMW supports each year. **Please make your check payable to HUMC and note "Flat Rock Homes" on the memo line** - You can mail your donation to the church.