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Rev. Clark Stein

PASTOR'S PAGE

Matthew 6:33

Jim Smith went to church on Sunday morning. He heard the organist miss a note during the prelude, and he winced. He saw a teenager talking when everybody was supposed to be bowed in silent prayer. He felt like the usher was watching to see what he put in the offering plate and it made him boil. He caught the preacher making a slip of the tongue five times in the sermon by actual count. As he slipped out through the side door during the closing hymn, he muttered to himself, "Never again, what a bunch of clods and hypocrites!"

Ron Jones went to church one Sunday morning. He heard the organist play an arrangement of "A Mighty Fortress" and he thrilled at the majesty of it. He heard a young girl take a moment in the service to speak her simple moving message of the difference her faith makes in her life. He was glad to see that this church was sharing in a special offering for the hungry children of Nigeria. He especially appreciated the sermon that Sunday- it answered a question that had bothered him for a long time. He thought as he walked out of the doors of the church, "How can a man come here and not feel the presence of God?"



Both men went to the same church, on the same Sunday morning. Each found what he was looking for. What do we look for on a Sunday morning?

Peace, PC

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WELCOME OUR NEW CARETAKER

SPRC and Trustees would like to welcome Gary Beckely, to our HUMC Family! Gary is our new Part-Time Church Caretaker. Please welcome him when you see him around the church. Gary comes to us with a brilliant background and he will be a real asset to the church, as we look to better invest in our future and adjust to the new normal, we envision. Gary can be reached via Caretaker@HudsonUMC.com or by calling 330-650-4047 Ext 104. Gary will be working largely with and at the direction of the Trustees. Gary is currently using the old Associate Pastors office, but you likely often find him somewhere around the building or grounds. Welcome, Gary!!!



Current Employment Opportunities at Haven of Rest Ministries

To apply for these positions, please stop at the reception desk M-F between 8:00am-4:30 pm, or you may call the department manager at the number indicated. All applicants must have a minimum of a high school diploma, and a desire to serve in a rescue ministry setting.

Food Service Department:

For more information, contact Jo Nell Muth, Foodservice MGR, 330-535-1563
FT Inventory Clerk, FT Inventory Clerk

Volunteer Department:

For more information, contact Jan Pluck, Volunteer Coordinator, 330-535-1563
PT Volunteer Coordinator, Clothing Dept., FT Receiving Clerk

Women's Division:

For more information, contact Kathleen Turner, Director of Women's Division, 330-434-1149
FT Supervisor

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

Family Fellowship in February

Join us for Family Fellowship in February as we play Bingo! Mattie Korane will reprise her role as Bingo caller. Family Fellowship will be on Zoom on Saturday, February 6 from 6:30-7:30. Anyone is welcome to join! For questions or the Zoom link, please contact Becca Gates at photochic22@gmail.com or Kerrie Book at kerrievansbook@gmail.com.



Kids Sunday School (3 years - 5th grade)

Kids ages 3 years - 5th grade are invited to join us for Sunday school!

Sunday school kits will be going out the first week of February for materials beginning on February 7. If you are not signed up for a Sunday school kit and would like one, please contact Kerrie Book at kerrievansbook@gmail.com.

Sunday school meets on Zoom on the 1st & 3rd Sundays and will be meeting February 7 & 21 from 10:15-10:45am. Please contact Kerrie if you would like the Zoom link.



Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday school groups are meeting! If you would like to be connected to a group throughout the winter, please contact Kerrie Book at kerrievansbook@gmail.com.



NURSERY SCHOOL



January, we welcomed everyone back from Christmas break. The children shared with us what a great holiday they had. We started back talking about the winter weather and then we moved into talking about our dads.

This year will be very different as we cannot have our dads come visit our school, so will be doing special things to honor our dads.

February is also registration for the 2021-2022 school year. It seems hard to believe we are already doing registration! Time flies when you are having fun!!

In February we will celebrate Valentine's Day. We will share our special Valentine's with our friends, we'll have a special snack and play some fun games. We are always making the best of the situation at hand.

If you know of anyone looking for pre-school please, let them know we are registering.

Lisa VanBuskirk
Director

Trustee Ministry

Trustees Corner Spring 2021

There is always light in any shade if we are brave enough to see it and bold enough to be it! What can we say about 2020, besides, we are glad it's over. We would thank everyone for their support, bravery and courageousness in their willingness to aid in tending to the maintenance of our building and grounds. We were very successful, all things considered, in maintaining our facilities, as well keeping our expenses in-check for the year. While the building remains closed, it still must be maintained.

2020 brought its challenges to the church as well we had to evict critters from the attic of the parsonage, replace the parsonage stove and deal with several water backups in the church. We took care of many furnace maintenance items including faulty motors, blowers and thermostats and are in the midst of upgrading the technology infrastructure of the building.

In mid-January we welcomed a new member to our church family, Gary Beckley, who is our new church caretaker. This resurrected position from the past is vital for maintaining the church, maintaining the progress we have made over the past two years, but also as we enter this new normal of getting to our new normal. The position enables us to rely less on contracted support for the physical operation of our building, giving us not only more control, but also flexibility in these uncertain times.

This doesn't mean that we still don't need the congregation's support, physically, monetarily and in prayer. Your support is vital to the mission and ministry of not only the trustees but the church as a whole. With that being said please, mark your calendars for **April 10th** for our annual spring garden clean-up, many hands make light work! No matter your skill level and/or ability level, any and every hand is welcomed, there is always something for everyone. There of course will be other opportunities in the summer months with shrub trimming, weeding, etc., so keep your eyes peeled for those announcements.

As we aim to continue our momentum on maintaining and improving our house of Worship; the Trustees have a relatively aggressive agenda for 2021 that includes getting the basement back together, upgrading the fire suppression system in the kitchen to meet code, painting doors, continued work on our LED change over, maintaining the parking lot, improving building and grounds safety and continuing to look for ways to streamline costs. To accomplish these things, we need your support and continued participation. Help us be a light to the world! If you have any questions, please reach out to any of the Trustees, and we certainly would be happy to discuss any opportunity or topic with you.

In Christ, Jim, Dan, Wayne, Dave, Christopher and Keith



FELLOWSHIP EVENTS:

Hudson United Methodist Women's Board meeting is scheduled for **Monday, February 1, 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, February 17, at 6:00 pm on Zoom. ** All are Welcome**
Priscilla and Mary Martha will be hosting a Zoom Social. A social will give us a chance to check in with each other and share the state of our hearts. To get the conversation started, and to give each a chance to share, please come prepared to answer one or two of the below questions:

- What has brought you the most joy lately?
- As a Christian, what do you do to show love to others?
- How can you tell someone you love them without using words?
- What makes you feel loved?

Have your hot chocolate or tea ready and let's enjoy being in the company of each other. **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 or Cheryl Maimona: ctm2949@roadrunner.com

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, February 25, at 9:30 am on Zoom**. (Details will be sent in an email.)

The book for discussion will be *Sons and Soldiers* by Bruce Henderson.

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.

MISSIONS

Kids Capes of Courage:

The Hudson United Methodist Women are preparing for our third year of service to a project called *Kids Capes of Courage*. This organization was founded by several women from Northampton United Methodist Church in Cuyahoga Falls to



provide capes for children who are in hospitals in need of extra love and comfort. The children surround themselves with the capes and feel empowered to combat their illness. ***HUMW supports this project by purchasing appropriate fabric, using patterns to cut the fabric, and then sewing the fabric into capes. We would love to have you join us. Some people lay the pattern on the fabric, cut, and prepare the kits. Some people who have sewing skills sew the kits to make the cape.*** Then the finished capes are delivered to Debby Rowland, our contact person at Kids Capes of Courage. Debby in turn delivers the capes to Akron Children's Hospitals and other hospitals for distribution to the children. During the past two years, we have made approximately 36 capes each year.

For additional information on this project contact Angie Helmer at Cawhelmer@aol.com or 330 221-9252 or 330 655-2354.

Please join our group as we support this project which is part of our mission to support children on a local basis. We would love to have you!!!