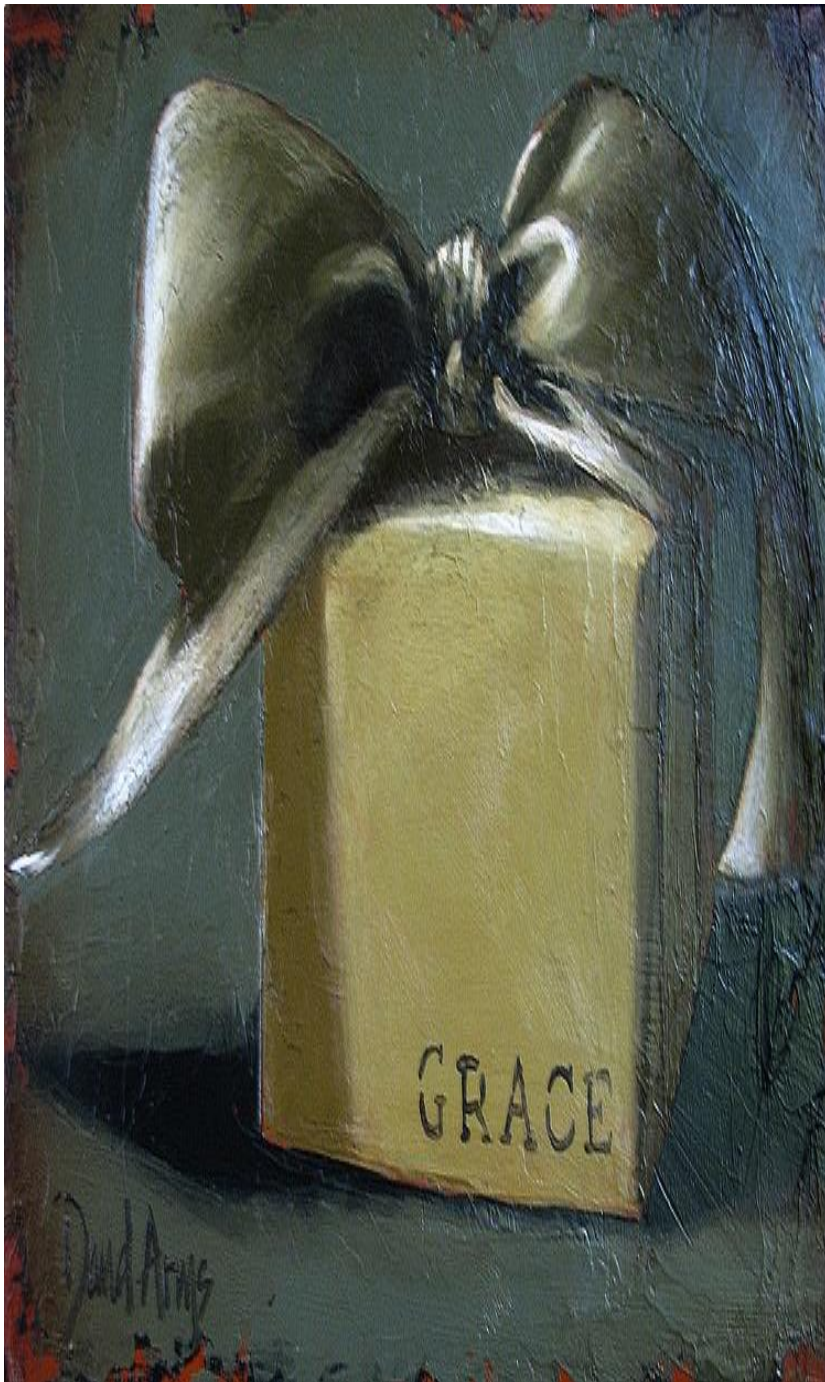


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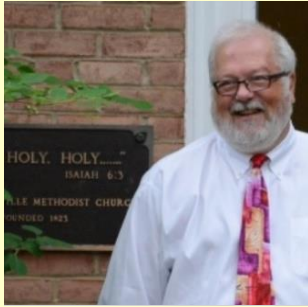
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Rev. Clark Stein

## PASTOR'S PAGE

As we say goodbye to 2020 and welcome in 2021, I thought it would be good to remind ourselves of who we are. This, I believe, is true in spite of our circumstances.

Luke 2:9-12

We are the music makers,  
And we are the dreamers of dreams,  
Wandering by lone sea breakers,  
And sitting by desolate streams;  
World-losers and world-forsakers,  
On whom the pale moon gleams:  
Yet we are the mover and shakers  
Of the world forever, it seems.  
Arthur William Edgar O'Shaughnessy "Ode"

The noise of the holiday season begins to fade quite quickly as we move rapidly into another new year. I often ruminate over what happens to the wonder we feel, the community we seek out and treasure around Christmas? We seem to fall back into old familiar patterns, and out of holiday spirit. We allow ourselves but a glimmer of opportunity for real change, and go back to that in which we are so comfortable. I can't help but wonder if we are missing an important element of the story.

The arrival of the Magi is an interesting tidbit to me. They come from afar, prompted to journey and seek out the promise of something new. They encounter the resident power structure, and move on ahead to see for themselves this potential for change...And once they meet this possibility, they return home by another way. Things couldn't remain the as they were, they couldn't return the same way they had come.

As we enter another year together, and say goodbye to a trying year, I hope you and I still hold out the hope that we are the music makers, and the dreamers of dreams. Perhaps we will set out for home by another way? Welcome 2021!

Peace,  
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### Scholarships

The United Methodist Higher Education Foundation provides more than \$2 million in scholarships every year to United Methodist students attending UM-related institutions of higher education.

Applications for the 2021-2022 academic year will be accepted January 1 - March 1, 2021 at [umhef.org/apply/](https://www.umhef.org/apply/).

UMHEF offers two main scholarship programs. The Dollars for Scholars Program is a non-competitive scholarship that begins with a \$1,000 award from your United Methodist Church and is matched by UMEHF for a total of \$2,000. The award can also be matched by participating UM-related schools and UM Conference Foundations for a possible total of up to \$4,000. The General Named Endowed Scholarship Program is a traditional program that includes awards of various amounts from named funds established by various donors. For more information about these programs, eligibility

requirements, and how to apply, visit <https://www.umhef.org/scholarships/>.

The grand vision of the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation is that it be economically possible for any qualified United Methodist student to be educated at a United Methodist-related institution of higher education. Let UMHEF help make your dreams of a higher education possible. Apply on January 1, 2021

at <https://www.umhef.org/>. Questions? Contact us at 800-811-8110 or email [umhefscholarships@umhef.org](mailto:umhefscholarships@umhef.org).



**FAMILY FELLOWSHIP**



**HUMC Sunday School Classes & Small Groups**

Our small groups are growing! As we head into the winter months, many may be looking to connect through Sunday school classes or small groups. If you are looking for opportunities for community, we would like to know how we can better serve you.

Our classes are meeting and we have other small groups that have continued to meet virtually during the pandemic. As our classes grow, we want to be able to provide more chances to connect. We currently have Sunday school classes and other groups that meet for prayer, Bible study & fellowship, but we would like to know if more groups are needed.

If you are looking for ways to connect, can you fill out this short questionnaire if you have not already? This will also be sent out in an email from the church. We would love to find ways to connect you to existing groups and create groups where we have a need and an interest. If you are interested in learning more about the current groups that are available, please contact Kerrie Book at [kerrievansbook@gmail.com](mailto:kerrievansbook@gmail.com).

Link for the questionnaire: <https://forms.gle/aj3QMHRNktj7MCvg6>

### Family Fellowship in January

Family Fellowship is having their annual White Elephant Gift Exchange! Please contact Becca Gates or Kerrie Book to sign up.

**Please sign up by Monday, January 4.** After you sign up, you will be given the names of another family. You can drop off their gift(s) to them anytime before Saturday, January 9. Please do not buy anything new! Just wrap something in your house that you want to get rid of.



We will gather on Zoom on Saturday, January 9 from 6:30-7:30pm, and we will open our gifts then. For questions, to sign up or if you want the Zoom link, please contact Becca Gates ([photochic22@gmail.com](mailto:photochic22@gmail.com)) or Kerrie Book ([kerrievansbook@gmail.com](mailto:kerrievansbook@gmail.com)).

All are welcome to join us for Family Fellowship!

### Youth Group

Youth Group will be meeting on January 10, 17, 24 & 31 on Zoom from 6:30-7:15pm. Youth group is for all students in grades 6-12. Join us for games, fellowship & Bible study. If you have any questions or would like the Zoom link, please contact Kerrie Book at [kerrievansbook@gmail.com](mailto: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 lessons are always sent out weekly, and on December 27 & January 3, lessons will be only electronic (no Sunday school kit). Sunday school kits for the remainder of January will be going out the week of January 4 for materials beginning on January 10. If you are not signed up for a Sunday school kit and would like one, please contact Kerrie Book at [kerrievansbook@gmail.com](mailto:kerrievansbook@gmail.com).

Sunday school meets on Zoom on the 1st & 3rd Sundays and will be meeting January 3 & 17 from 10:15-10:45am. Please contact Kerrie if you would like the Zoom link.

# NURSERY SCHOOL



December was a blur for the Nursery School, we were so busy getting ready for the holiday. We learned some great Christmas songs, we made a gift for our family, we made Gingerbread houses. We had a Grinch Day in the 4/5 class, and so much more! We did not let COVID get us down or stop us from celebrating this joyous holiday. We are making the best of each day and doing it safely.

It is that time of year again that we are gearing up for registration for the **2021-2022 school year**. We will have packets available down at the Nursery School wing. The information will also be on our web site as far as a registration form and what to do. We will more than likely be holding a virtual open house this year. Details will follow. The registration deadline is Friday, February 5, 2021. If you have any questions, feel free to visit our web site or call the office at 330-650-4091 ext. 106. We have programs for children from 2 ½ through 5 yrs. and Pre-K. We are very excited to open registration again.

We are looking forward to a great January filled with all kinds of winter fun! Everyone is loving being back in school with all their friends and the teachers are excited to be back as well! Remote learning is just not the same to a young child!

Lisa VanBuskirk  
Director



**FELLOWSHIP EVENTS:**

Hudson United Methodist Women's Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 4, 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, January 20, 2021 at 6:00 pm on Zoom. The meeting will feature a speaker from Heart 4 the City.**

This month we will host a speaker from Heart 4 The City, a mission church located in the Goodyear Heights neighborhood of Akron, Ohio. Heart 4 the City is one of the organizations that UMW contributes to during our "Gifts from The Heart" Mission project. They will be sharing about their mission to help those with food insecurities through their food pantry and backpack food for kids.

Marty Hannah [marty2uin@windstream.net](mailto: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](mailto:anningling@gmail.com), Marty Hannah [marty2uin@windstream.net](mailto:marty2uin@windstream.net) Questions/Information contact Cheryl Maimona: [ctm2949@roadrunner.com](mailto: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](mailto:debrah.fabian@gmail.com)



**Books for Breakfast** will meet **Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 9:30 am on Zoom.** (Details will be sent in an email.) The book for discussion will be *Feather Thief* by Kirk Wallace Johnson.

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

Questions/Information contact: Michelle Novosel: [novandkoz@yahoo.com](mailto:novandkoz@yahoo.com)

**The total dollars collected for UMW Blanket Sunday from the Financial Secretary was \$460.**



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