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Rev. Clark Stein

PASTOR'S PAGE

“Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commit my Spirit...” Luke 23:46

Following entails journeying. “If anyone would come after me, let them deny themselves, take up their cross and follow me.” Now, the end of our journey may well be some form of a cross, and we will need to determine whether or not we will bear it, but in the meantime, let us not miss all of the encounters that are daily brought our way. Jesus led a life of encounter. It is in the measure of these encounters that we determine what is important to us, what we will stand for, and ultimately what we would be willing to die for.

There is an old sailor’s saying that goes, “When you reach the end of your rope, tie a knot in it and hang on.” Jesus was ever aware of the moment. So much so that when he was near his death, his last words on the cross were those of a bedtime prayer taught to Jewish youth in their childhood. “Into your hands I commit my Spirit,” was said like, “Now I lay me down to sleep.” It was with this prayer that he tied the knot and decided to hang on. I believe it was in recognition of a time of deepest winter. Of a time for Jesus that held grey skies and biting winds, not much of a sign of new life. In his deepest encounter with lifelessness, Jesus committed himself to God’s care as a child going to sleep at night, aware that the journey would continue with the birth of a new day.

As we continue to journey together this Lenten season, may we truly appreciate our daily encounters with the deepest winter. For in the end, when Spring breaks, we may stand amazed with the rest of creation that in spite of cold and biting winds, new life pushes up in the new day having been about its business unobserved. Thank you, Jesus.

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ASP MISSIONS SIGN-UP

Our church is planning to participate in Appalachia Service Project (ASP) from June 13-19 in Kentucky. Please contact Bill Centrello by 2/28/2021 if interested in volunteering at bcentrel@gmail.com or (216) 408-0690.



ALTAR FLOWERS



As you've watched the Sunday, on-line services, I'm sure you've taken in the beauty of the altar and the flowers that are always there. At the start of this pandemic someone stepped up to provide those flowers on a weekly basis. That person will be away for the next 3wks. and we are asking for volunteers for the weeks of **Feb. 28, March 7 & March 14.**

If you are interested please, contact the Main Office at 330.650.2650 or via email

HUDSON FOOD PANTRY

List for the **Feb. 27** distribution

Forty (40) family units have been using the pantry since October. Pre Covid, the monthly numbers were 20-25 family units. Clients receive 2 large bags of food items, a large bag of toiletry items and gift cards from Acme.

The new manager, Chad Bryant, (volunteer) is making a few changes. **He suggests that HUMC collect one specific item. We have chosen to commit to 40 rolls of paper towels monthly.** ** these need to be individual wrapped rolls. Donations can be dropped off at Rejoice Lutheran Church, 7855 Stow Rd. Hudson (right past Middleton) or at HUMC.

Again, donations can be dropped off at the Hudson Food Pantry at Rejoice Lutheran Church, 7855 Stow Rd. in Hudson **the second Thursday of every month starting 2/11/21 from 4-6pm.**

Visit hudsoncommunityservice.org for monthly needs.



NURSERY SCHOOL



What a wild February! We had a great time sharing our Valentine's and talking about the ground hog! We are looking forward to February and hoping the mild winter continues.

We will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day with a special snack and wearing of our green. We will have a week off for spring break.

We are continuing to make the best of the situation and we are all having a great time. We do have openings for the 2021-2022 school year if you know of anyone that may be looking for preschool. They can either e-mail the school or check out our website at www.hudsonmns.com We hope everyone enjoys the month.

Lisa VanBuskirk
Director



Family Fellowship in March

Family Fellowship is having a Zoom Easter-themed Scavenger Hunt! The Noll family is hosting. You will not need to get any supplies ahead of time. Join us for a night of fellowship & fun!



We will gather on Zoom on Saturday, March 13 from 6:30-7:30pm. For questions, to sign up or if you want the Zoom link, please contact Becca Gates (photochic22@gmail.com) or Kerrie Book (kerrievansbook@gmail.com).

All are welcome to join us for Family Fellowship!

Youth Group

Youth Group meets on Sunday nights 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.

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 via email. Sunday school kits for March will be going out the first week of March for the Sundays of March 7-April 4. If you are not signed up for a Sunday school kit and would like one, please contact Kerrie Book at kerrievansbook@gmail.com.

In March, Zoom Sunday school meetings will be March 14 & 28.



Financial Corner - Pledging
By Bill Centrello



As a part of my role as Finance Chair for 2021, I wanted to share thoughts and information on a variety of topics with the goal of enhancing congregational understanding around Church giving and expenses.

This month, I'd like to talk about pledging and its vital role in effective decision-making for our Church ministries. As part of the annual Stewardship campaign, members and friends of the Church are asked to make a pledge for the financial donations that they are expecting to give in the upcoming year. Typically, pledges are made for both our General Fund (general ministries) as well as the Care & Repair Fund (facilities upkeep and investments). These pledged amounts help the various committees plan for the year ahead, but sometimes this can also result in having to make some tough decisions. Let me give you an example.

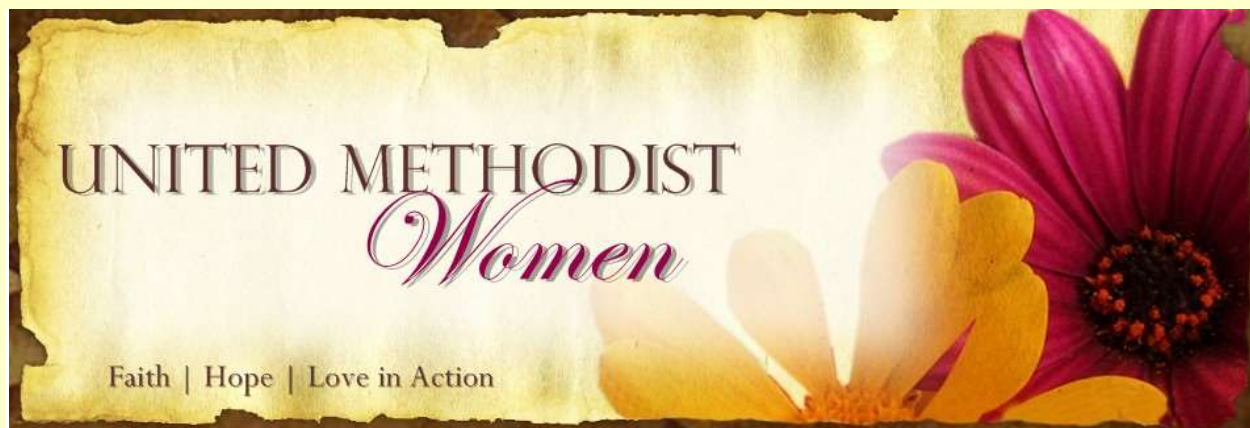
2021 pledged giving is slightly over \$245,000. Total giving by year-end is estimated to be closer to \$375,000.

Based on this, what is your level of confidence that we will be able to pay even our highest expense categories:

- a) Pay our wonderful staff - \$238,000
- b) Pay our mortgage and property taxes - \$45,000
- c) Pay our 2021 apportionments - \$58,000
- d) Pay our utilities and property maintenance - \$91,000
- e) Pay our office and communications-related expenses - \$11,000
- f) Pay our outstanding 2020 apportionments - \$17,000

Hopefully, you can see why pledging is so important based on our current budget. Expenses in (a) through (f) above total \$460,000, but we currently only have \$245,000 of pledged giving. This revenue gap often causes anxiety amongst Committee members wondering if they can put their great ideas for furthering God's kingdom into action.

As stated in Philippians 4:19 "And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus". I am confident that our congregation will continue to give faithfully and we will work through the income gap that we currently face. Thank you for your current and future generosity. If you haven't yet pledged and would like to do so, please contact Sheryl Reynolds, our Interim Financial Secretary, at humcfinance@windstream.net or 330-650-4047 ext. 102.



FELLOWSHIP EVENTS:

Hudson United Methodist Women's Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 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, March 17, 2021 at 6:00 pm on Zoom. **

Liz Murphy, the Executive Director of Destination Hudson, will be the speaker at our March 17th meeting. **Come wearing your green!** 🌿 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

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, March 25, 2021 at 9:30 am on Zoom. (Details will be sent in an email.)

The book for discussion will be *Educated* by Tara Westover.

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. We are in the process of cutting the capes right now and could really use some more sewers!* 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!!!

SAVE THE DATE

**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.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S CHOIR

Once a Year opportunity. All women are invited to participate in the UMW Virtual Choir!

Ladies, please consider joining the Hudson UMW Choir ~ please contact Debby Fabian ASAP for further details and direction on how to participate in the virtual choir.

Debby Fabian: debrah.fabian@gmail.com

ATTENTION LADIES: YOU ARE INVITED

All Ladies of Hudson United Methodist Church are invited to participate in United Methodist Women's Sunday on Sunday, April 11, 2021. **** Please see the list below for ways you can participate in the service. If you would like to participate in the virtual Worship Service, please contact Cheryl Gamble ASAP: cgamble1114@yahoo.com.**



****HUDSON UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S SUNDAY
APRIL 11, 2021
"Restoring Hope Through a Living Faith"**

Welcome	Cheryl Gamble / Sandy Wristen
Call to Worship	
Opening Prayer	
Scripture Reading /Response to Word	
Children's Time	
Pastoral Prayer / Silent Prayer	Rose Darling
The Lord's Prayer	
Invitation to Offering	
Prayer of Dedication	
The Message	Rose Darling
Benediction	