

***Hudson United Methodist
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Rev. Clark Stein

PASTOR'S PAGE

A certain man was troubled with dizzy spells. He went from one doctor to another and none could tell him what the problem was. He tried everything, it seemed. Finally, it was bothering him so much he started to lose weight, and he couldn't sleep at night. He became a nervous wreck and his health began to deteriorate. He had lost hope that he would ever recover. So, he decided to prepare for the worst. He made out his will, bought a cemetery plot, and even made arrangements with the local undertaker for what he was convinced was his soon demise. He even decided to buy a new suit of clothes to be buried in. When he went into the haberdasher's he was measured for everything and picked out shoes, socks, coat, pants-and he asked for a sized 15 shirt as well. The clerk said, "But, sir, you need a size 16 ½ shirt, not a 15." But the man insisted he wore a size 15. Finally, in exasperation the clerk said, "But if you wear a size 15 you'll get dizzy spells."

The events of Holy Week wrapped their hands around the disciples' throats like sized 15 collars. I believe they knew what it was to experience dizzy spells and to plan for their own demise. Good answers seemed elusive, and no clear-cut way forward left them behind closed doors planning funerals. But when they got on back about their business, they found new life out and about. They found new life in walking with a stranger along a road to Emmaus. They found new life when a stranger told them to come on ashore and have breakfast. They found the Risen Jesus in new places at unusual times. I believe that these encounters allowed each of them to loosen their collars a bit, and seemingly the dizzy spells went away. When they became accustomed to encountering the presence of Jesus in their "everydayness" life became a bit less squeezed.

Spring, after a long, cold, cruel winter, loosens our collars. As you make your way back out into the world, I pray the squeezes on you lessen. I pray you find the Risen Christ in your "everydayness". I pray you come to know peace and new life in ways that may have eluded you up until now. Time to open the windows, unbolt the doors, and to venture out...

Peace. PC



Great Inspiration for Thought

EMPTY NESTER

As we begin to see things improving and with the weather improving, I wanted to plan an outing for the HUMC Empty Nesters! Hudson has made eating outdoors such an easy alternative we can plan to meet on the First and Main Green. Everyone can pick up/bring their own dinners, bring your own chairs, and we can make a socially distant circle on the green and catch up with each other.

Our first planned outing will be Monday May 10th at 6pm. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we will cancel and reschedule the following Monday. We will meet on the end of the green by Three Palms and One Red Door.

No RSVP required since everyone is bringing their own dinner/chairs but feel free to let me know if you plan to join us.

And as always, there are no real rules for the group! Feel free to share with others that might enjoy hanging out with such an amazing group of people.

Can't wait to see you! Jill Centrello



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Streetsboro, OH 44241
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You know about Mother's Day. But did you know there is a Birth Mother's Day? It is the Saturday right before Mother's Day. Open Arms Adoptions works with birth moms from a variety of backgrounds and we strive to make sure they have access to things they need such as a cell phone or groceries, and we assist with bill payments for utilities and rent. This May, we are holding a Gift Card Drive. We are in need of Walmart and Amazon gift cards in any amount. Our birth moms are making tough, life-altering decisions and this assistance removes some of their stressors. Gift cards can be sent to Open Arms Adoptions at 9205 State Route 43, #208 Streetsboro, OH 44241

Great Inspiration for Thought

GIFTS IN MEMORY



Many thanks to those who generously gave gifts in memory to the Memorial, Endowments and Gifts Committee. Gifts in memory/honor were recently received for...

Joanne Roenigk

Dick Swartz

We lift them up. May they rest in peace.

PAPER TOWELS FOR HUDSON FOOD PANTRY

Hudson UMC supports the Hudson Food Pantry by supplying one roll of paper towels every month for 35+ families. Paper towels can be dropped off in the blue bin outside the church office. In addition, pantry donations may be dropped off at Rejoice Lutheran on the second Thursday each month from 4-6pm. Questions? Nancy Kralik 330-212-7581 or nskralik@gmail.com Thank you!

FEED MY SHEEP MAY 2021

NEEDED: Gently Used Seasonal Clothing, Lotion, Men's Crew Socks

Feed My Sheep is a church-based lunch program on Fridays at Redeemer UMC (265 Cuyahoga Falls Ave.) in Akron's North Hill neighborhood. Each Friday, 80 bagged lunches are prepared and distributed together with baked goods, produce & toilet paper. Once monthly we offer toiletries, socks, briefs & T-shirts. **Gently used spring and summer clothing is needed at this time.** A blue bin is located outside the HUMC office entrance. Please call ahead to the church if you have several bags. Alternatively, donations could be picked up. Thank you for supporting Feed My Sheep!

Questions/contact: Nancy Kralik 330 212-7581 or nskralik@gmail.com



NURSERY SCHOOL



April was another great month here at the Nursery School. We are all very excited for Spring as we've able to get on the playground and run with our friends! We also watched our butterflies grow and then we were able to release them outdoors. This was very exciting!

We had spring pictures and our parents could see how much we have grown over the school year. It is hard to believe that school is almost over. We were so excited to be able to be in school all year long and look forward to another successful school year.

We will say goodbye to some of our friends as they move on to Kindergarten and we will welcome some new families in the fall. We do have a few spots left in the school. If you know anyone looking for preschool for a 2 ½ through 5-year-old, please let them know.

Lisa VanBuskirk
Director



2021 Family Vacation Bible School

This year's **Concrete & Cranes Family VBS** will take place on **Thursdays, August 5, 12 & 19 from 6:30-8:00.**

We are moving everything outdoors into our beautiful church grounds. Pop-up tents and canopies will house our centers--everything from crafts to missions to recreation. We will invite the whole family to attend, which means parents will remain with their children and travel from center to center as family units. Volunteers, participants, and families will be required to wear masks.

We are still in the early stages of planning. Please begin prayerfully considering whether you might be able to assist as a 2021 VBS volunteer. We will need help with missions, snacks, crafts, music, storytelling, a/v, traffic-directing, greeting, the welcome center/help desk, decorations, set-up, break-down, and more! There will be opportunities to volunteer at the event, but also opportunities to volunteer at home with preparations for each week.

Please stay tuned for more information about volunteering and registration that will be coming soon! If you have any questions, you can contact Jackie Beam, Becca Gates, or Kerrie Book at vbsathumc@gmail.com



FAMILY FELLOWSHIP DATES FOR MAY

Family Fellowship will be Saturday, May 1 at 6:00 p.m. at HUMC (outdoors, weather permitting.) More details to follow.

Family Fellowship will also be meeting on Sunday, May 30 at 11:00 a.m. at Hudson Springs. There will be a pavilion reserved, and everyone can bring their own picnic lunch.

Family Fellowship is open to anyone who would like to attend. We hope to see you there!

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Becca Gates (photochic22@gmail.com) or Kerrie Book (kerrieevansbook@gmail.com)

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group will be meeting outdoors & on Zoom in May! These are the dates we will be meeting:

- Sunday, May 2, 6:00-7:00 (outdoors at HUMC)
- Sunday, May 16, 6:30-7:15 (Zoom)
- Sunday, May 23, 6:00-7:00 (outdoors at HUMC)

We will not be meeting on May 9 & May 30.

Youth Group is for any students in grades 6-12. If you have any questions, please contact Kerrie Book at kerrievansbook@gmail.com

2021 PENNY CHALLENGE!



The Christian Education Committee is excited to announce a home-based Family Penny Challenge to support our summer VBS program. The challenge will run from April 11- May 23.

This year is a little different, but here's how it works: every family will receive a coin collection jar. Search for or earn change to put in your family's jar. Every penny, silver coin, or dollar is important! Jars will be weighed on May 23rd and counted the week after. Please note, there are two ways to win: the jar that weighs the most AND the jar that contains the largest amount of cash will BOTH win!

Anyone at HUMC is welcome to join and compete! This is not just limited to the kids' classes. You can request a jar or use your own.

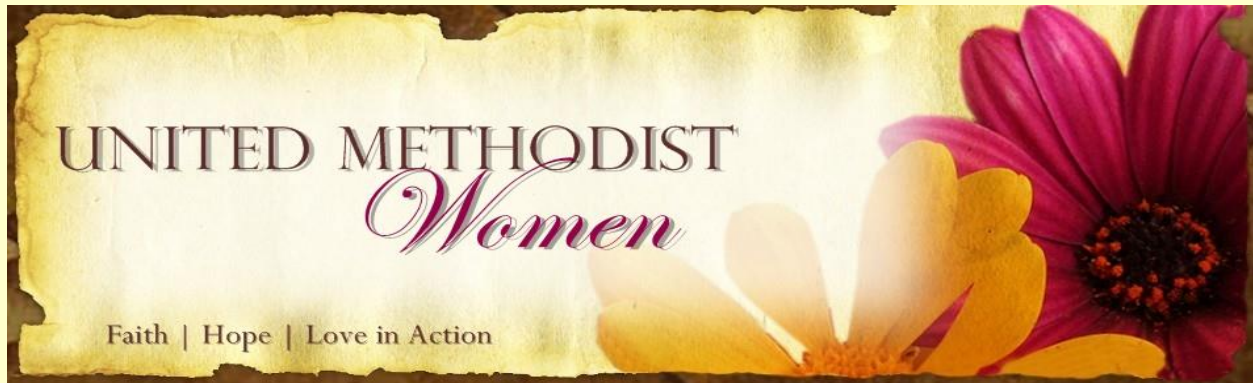
All proceeds will benefit our HUMC VBS program. For more information, please contact Kerrie Book at kerrievansbook@gmail.com

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 (kerrievansbook@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 kerrievansbook@gmail.com



FELLOWSHIP EVENTS:

Hudson United Methodist Women's Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 3, 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 are tentatively planning a picnic on Wednesday, May 19, 2021. More details about the time and place will be sent out later.

Priscilla and Mary Martha Circle are joining forces for this 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, May 27, 2021 at 9:30 am on Zoom.
(Details will be sent in an email.)

Book selections for the 2021/2022 season will be discussed.

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**UMW Presents Special Mission Recognition Award**

One of the ways United Methodist Women support missions is through the purchase of Special Mission Recognition Award pins. It is also an opportunity for the UMW to honor a special recipient who has distinguished themselves in advancing the purpose of UMW and have also dedicated so much time and effort to service.

Bill Centrello was recently presented the 2021 UMW Special Mission Pin. Bill received a gold lapel pin with a cross. Bill was recognized for his dedication to mission and service to women, children and youth. We will highlight just a few of the many ways that Bill continues to serve in missions. He has served as Youth Leader, coordinates HUMC presence on our church website, Chair of the Audio /Visual Communications Team, is the technological support person for our church, chair of the Finance Committee, serves as the Key Leader/Coordinator of our ASP Program and has served as an ASP Team Leader more times than we can count. Congratulations to Bill Centrello.



Bill Centrello receiving his award from Cheryl Gamble

UMW GIVES SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

The United Methodist Women's Board would also like to take a moment to offer special recognition to the Hudson United Methodist Church Communications Team. **We recognize Michael Beam, Kerrie Book, Linda Brown, Paul Brown, Bill Centrello, Rebecca Gates, John Neff, Pastor Clark Stein and Terri Wilhelm** for their service and dedication for all they have done over the past year to keep our church as active as possible amid the pandemic. All the time and effort they have expended on behalf of the congregation to broadcast services have been greatly appreciated. You have excelled at keeping the congregation current. In your honor, the United Methodist Women has donated \$380 to the Hudson Food Pantry. We do appreciate each of you. Thank you.

“GIFTS FROM THE HEART” - UMW MISSION PROJECT

The Hudson United Methodist Women is sponsoring their mission project, **Gifts from the Heart** (formally Brown Bags) food program which will begin Sunday, May 9, 2021, and will end Sunday, May 23.

We will be supporting the **Center of Hope** (Ravenna), **Heart 4 the City** (NE Akron). Your donation of money makes a difference. For every \$1 donation, the Foodbank can provide the equivalent of 4 meals to the **Center of Hope** and **Heart 4 the City**. Make your checks payable to Hudson UMC with “Gifts from Heart” noted in the memo. The deadline is Sunday, May 23. For more information: please contact Sandy Bernert at s1bernert@aol.com. Thank you for supporting this important mission outreach program sponsored by the Hudson United Methodist Women!

