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Great Inspiration for Thought



PASTOR'S PAGE

“A fanatic is someone who can’t change his mind, and won’t change the subject.”

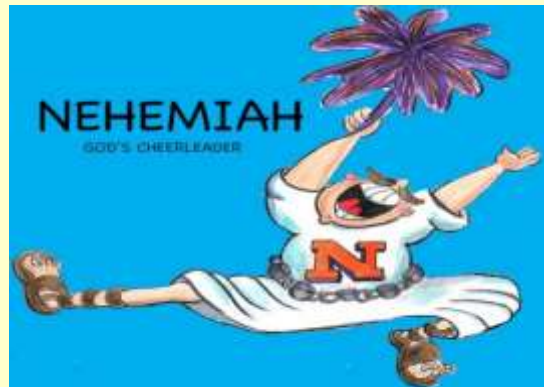
Winston Churchill

Football season is now in full swing once again. I always love to watch the games, but I also really enjoy watching how the “fanatics” get involved in the whole process. The tailgaters arrive hours before the game, displaying their loyalty by painting their cars and their bodies, wearing the appropriate jerseys, breaking out the pre-game beverages and banquets, and whooping it up. The energy begins to build, and if the home team is lucky, spills into the stands in anticipation of the game. I have watched momentum swings in contests that are very close. No one will easily convince me that the “home crowd” is not a significant advantage. When people so openly display their devotion, their love for the game and their team, it unites them in ways that nothing else can. That is what “team spirit” is all about.

It seems to me that we have been carried away in this place by a similar team spirit. Look around you, the Spirit is moving folks to get involved in the life of the church in some awesome and powerful ways. We are beginning a journey together that involves vision and mission and purpose. I am getting pumped up by the stories I hear, by the witness of those on our team who have decided to get involved beyond these walls. The world is literally changing as more of the kingdom becomes flesh and blood when we lend our hearts and hands to creating pockets of love and grace. We should be tailgating before worship.

All of the college and pro teams with significant fan bases have fun and enjoy the fellowship of their shared passion of game and team. We are God’s fanatics, who can’t change our mind and won’t change the subject. Thanks for being who you are. I am happy to be your pastor.

Grace and Peace,
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FEED MY SHEEP FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2021

NEEDED: Non-Alcoholic mouthwash, body wash and gently used seasonal clothing for families

Feed My Sheep is a church-based lunch program on Fridays at Redeemer UMC (265 Cuyahoga Falls Ave.) in Akron's North Hill neighborhood. Every Friday, 80+ bagged to-go lunches are prepared and distributed together with canned goods, produce & toilet paper. Once monthly HUMC offers toiletries, socks, briefs & T-shirts. **Gently used seasonal clothing for men, women and children is needed at this time.**

Cleaning products, small household items and paper products are also accepted. Donations may be dropped off on Sundays and during office hours. Alternatively, donations may be picked up. Thank you for supporting Feed My Sheep!

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



PAPER TOWELS FOR HUDSON FOOD PANTRY



Hudson UMC supports the Hudson Food Pantry by supplying paper towels every month for 35+ families. In addition, staple food items requested on a monthly basis are baked beans, fruit cups, applesauce cups, pancake mix and canned chicken or tuna. Donations may be dropped off on Sundays, during HUMC office hours or at Rejoice Lutheran Church on the second Thursday each month from 4-6pm.

Questions/contact Nancy Kralik @ nskralik@gmail.com or 330-212-7581 Thank you!



Acme Community Cashback is here! Don't forget to save your receipts and put them in the drawer by the pastor's office. If you are unable to do that, you can email the cashback total at the bottom of the receipt to Sandy Bernert at s1bernert@aol.com. The program started August 5 and **runs till December 25**. The money that we get back from this program goes to various missions.



Trunk or Treat!

Christian Education is hosting a Trunk or Treat for families on Saturday, October 30 from 2:00-3:30 p.m. in the HUMC parking lot. Families can come for some fall fun. We will have trunk or treat for the kids, and hot chocolate & apple cider for everyone. This is a free event. Please invite a friend!

We need volunteers for this event! We would like to have 15-20 cars decorated and passing out candy. We will also be having some prizes for the most creatively decorated cars.

If you would like to volunteer with this event, please contact Kerrie Book at kerrieevansbook@gmail.com.



Family Fellowship in October

Join us for mini golf & ice cream! Family Fellowship will be Saturday, October 9 at 5:00 [p.m.](#) at the Birdie Shack in Ravenna for mini-golf. The cost is \$7/round for adults and \$6/round for children under 12. Please eat dinner before you come, but they do have an ice cream stand. Please RSVP to Kerrie Book at kerrieevansbook@gmail.com or Becca Gates at photochic22@gmail.com if you will be joining us.



Youth Group

Youth group is meeting! The Youth Group meets on Sundays at the church. We will mostly be meeting outdoors for Bible study & fellowship, but are also planning some events for fall. Youth group is open to all students in grades 6-12. If you do not currently receive the emails for events, please contact Kerrie Book at kerrievansbook@gmail.com to be added to the list.



Confirmation

Confirmation classes will be starting in mid-October. Confirmation is open to any student in grades 7th or older who would like to take the next step in their faith journey. Students meet weekly, until Confirmation Sunday in the spring. The day of classes is determined by the participants. For more information, please contact Kerrie Book (kerrievansbook@gmail.com).

Sunday School

Sunday school is meeting in person! We have classes for kids & adults during the 10:00 Sunday school hour. Here are the classes that are meeting:

- Nursery (ages 0-3)
- 3 years - 1st Grade
- 2nd -5th Grade
- 6th-12th Grade
- Adult Class: Amazing Graces
- Adult Class: Family Ties
- Adult Class: Men's Class
- Adult Class: Ties that Bind

If you have never attended a Sunday school class and would like to start, now is a great time! Please contact Kerrie Book if you would like some more information about classes.

Christian Education Volunteers

We are still needing some nursery volunteers and Sunday school teachers! We need nursery volunteers & substitutes for both the 9:00 Worship Service & 10:00 Sunday school hours. We are also needing teachers & substitutes for Sunday school for kids of all ages. The commitment would be 1-2 Sundays a month. If you are interested, please contact Kerrie Book at kerrievansbook@gmail.com.





I am beyond excited to be called into the music ministry at Hudson United Methodist Church. The circumstances surrounding the way we found one another assures me that it is indeed a calling. It brings to mind parts of 1Corinthians 12: “Just as a body, through one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body, whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free, and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. In fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be.”

Those of you whom I have had the privilege of meeting have showered me with the kind of warmth and hospitality that gave me the feeling of being home. I was immediately struck by the kindness, the sincerity, the spirit of helpfulness and particularly the laughter that shines Christ’s light. I see broad potential for us to witness God’s love through our music ministry together in our church and in the community as well.

I look forward to meeting you in worship on Sunday, October 3rd, and launching our 2021/2022 season of music together.



Sandra Simpson

NURSERY SCHOOL



We had an exciting September starting another great year of preschool. The children and teachers were very excited to be back! This year we are hoping to get back to a little bit of normalcy. I'm not sure we know exactly what that is yet. We made first day placemats to take home to have our lunch on which everyone was so happy to have and do. We were very excited to get to explore the playground and the library.

October will be fun filled as well. We have fire fighter, Kevin, coming to teach us about fire safety and we hope to get to Hudson Springs Park in early October as well. At the part we will have a nature walk to see all the things happening in the fall. We will have a snack and play on the playground. This trip is always a hit!

The end of October we will have our Halloween parties which is always so much fun! It is so exciting for the children to dress up, play games and have a special treat. We also get to do a small parade for the moms and dads. October will surely be busy.

We still have a few openings in our 2's and toddler program, if you know of anyone looking for a preschool.

Lisa VanBuskirk
Director



There have been a number of repairs and preventative maintenance tasks completed within the church over the last several months. Here is a list of just a few items, in case you may have missed them:

*Early in summer the prayer box was repaired and re-varnished and brought back to proper working condition again, and looked good with the new-season flowers that were planted.

*The tall, white shutters attached to the building's exterior walls were removed to clear a family of bats and carpenter bees living from behind them. They were re-painted with insect repellent paint, and re-hung. And, within this same vicinity of the church, repairs were made to the roof and overhang that extends over the playground facility.

The largest project was the re-sealing and re-lining of the parking lot which took place over a two-day period near the end of August. Thanks and appreciation is extended to all those who made alternative plans in visiting the church during that time.

*The two exterior pole lights which illuminate our pathway to the sanctuary's main doors have been repaired so that they work at night, which is an improvement to what we have been experiencing previously.

*The exterior of the parsonage has been given a spruce up as well, with repairs being made to the window frames before a whole exterior power wash, and a fresh coat of paint around the affected windows and front doorway.

*This summer has also seen extensive work by the Akron City Water Department as they replaced the water mains on the north boundary of the church and parsonage.

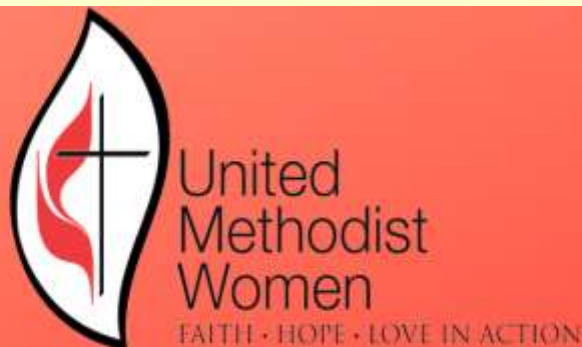
*Turning our attention inside, a number of electrical, fluorescent lighting, fixtures have either been repaired or replaced within the church. We have also contracted the HVAC services of a local company to assist in maintaining our furnace and air conditioning units. We have 12 of them! These bi-annual inspections not only help us make the necessary repairs required in a timely fashion but also provides us with valuable preventative maintenance that ultimately saves the church money in costly repairs.

*Within the sanctuary itself, half of the fans have been taken down and have had their motors repaired ensuring a longer lifespan. Now, with only a wiring adjustment at the switch plate left to do, all six fans should be operational.

*In a final tick of our current checklist, the elevator is back in compliance with the State of Ohio and is operational.

*Here are two ways you can assist us with the care and upkeep of our church:

- 1) Come volunteer with our Fall Clean-Up Day next month
- 2) Consider helping us with our search for a volunteer to remove snow from our walkway on Sunday mornings.



FELLOWSHIP EVENTS:

Hudson United Methodist Women's Board meeting is scheduled for **Monday, October 4, 2021**, at 7:00 pm at the church.

Mary Martha Circle will be meeting on **Thursday, October 14, 2021**, at 10:00 am at Wood Hollow Metro Park in Hudson for hiking and fellowship. Lunch afterwards TBD. Mary Martha meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 9:30 am.

Questions/Information contact Cheryl Maimona at ctm2949@roadrunner.com

Priscilla Circle will meet on **Wednesday, October 20, 2021**, at 6:00 pm. Watch for updates about the meeting in your email or the church bulletin.

Questions/Information contact Ann Ingling at anningling@gmail.com, Marty Hannah marty2uin@windstream.net



Novels at Night will notify members by email/phone when they are ready to resume meetings. Novels at Night usually meet on the 2nd

Friday of the month at 5:30 pm.

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

Books for Breakfast will meet on **Thursday, October 28, 2021**, at 9:30 am on Zoom. The book for discussion is *Even as We Breathe* by Annette Clapsdale.

Books for Breakfast meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at 9:30 am. Questions/Information contact Michelle Novosel at 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.





HUMW - Blanket Sunday

Hudson United Methodist Women will be offering a Mission Moment for Blanket Sunday on Sunday, October 3, 2021. Each year our church shows its caring and compassion by giving generously to the Church World Service Blanket Sunday Mission project. During the past year, there have been many disasters (hurricanes, flooding, wildfires and Covid) throughout the world, including here in the United States. Because our neighbors deserve warmth and comfort, and because our God of great love taught us all to be compassionate, we share our blessings. Each blanket costs only \$10, but they can bring support, warmth, and encouragement for those who receive them. Through this special offering, you will provide a blessing of God's love throughout His world. We hope you will support this UMW Mission by submitting your check payable to HUMC and note on the memo line: UMW Blank Sunday. Please place your donation in the offering plate or mail it to the church. Thank you.