

*Hudson United Methodist  
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## PASTOR'S PAGE

### Psalm 137:1-4

Many of us have come to equate the arrival of September with busyness. We can't ignore the facts: children resume their schooling, meeting schedules kick in, vacations are accomplished, football begins in earnest, and the fun associated with summer play makes a quick and rather abrupt exit. Replacing the carefree casualness of summer is a businesslike, closely scheduled, hectic pace of autumn. Some things just happen, and we all know it is time to get back to work. It is a part of the cycle of life. We do the same things year after year after year. The change is normal, and we welcome it in ways and settle on into it.

As we become busier, it is easier to fall into line with what our culture expects of us. We are once again bombarded, (subliminally to a greater degree as our pace quickens) with messages from Wall Street and Madison Avenue. Are you driving a Mercedes? Do you wear designer jeans? Are you as successful as you could be? Do you drink the right soda? Are you "politically correct"? Be alert to the new campaigns, the new visions that are sleekly packaged and will fly at you left and right, expecting you to conform through the investment of your purchasing power and time commitments.

September also marks the beginning of our regular church schedule. We also ask for more of your time as you become involved in meetings and an extra hour (if you so choose) of our church school offerings. We are also asking more of you in direct opposition to other areas of society that compete for your time and your money. We are all faced with choices.

As we begin yet another run at our busyness, as we sort through the maze of messages and expectations, perhaps we, too, should pose the question, "How shall we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?" Much of what holds an attraction for us is based increasingly on greed and selfishness. As society continues to grant us a license to think only of ourselves, the Gospel continues to call us to accountability. It is an uncomfortable tension. We need to discuss how we will sing the Lord's song in the middle of madness. Perhaps our harps have hung in the trees too long, and our singing has been reduced to hums heard only in our own heads. I believe that the time has come to join together and raise our voices. Maybe we have spent far too much time worrying about who will hear us, rather than thinking about the importance of the gathering and the singing and the doing. I hope you choose to commit to joining us in worship and in church school. We really do need your voice. No one else can sing your part.

Blessings,  
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### EMPTY NESTERS AUGUST- SEPTEMBER 2021



**When** - 2nd Monday of the Month with the next meet-up on Sept. 13 at 6pm

**Where** - Hudson First and Main Green, by the pergola. Everyone can pick up/bring their own dinners, bring your own chairs, and we can make a circle on the green. We did notice that several restaurants are closed on Mondays so you might want to double check if your restaurant of choice is open. No RSVP necessary!

If the weather doesn't cooperate, we will cancel and reschedule the following Monday.

As always, no real rules for this group! All are welcome, feel free to share with others that would enjoy an evening out with some amazing Christian friends!

### FIRST SERVE

Be a part of the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Day of Service on Saturday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, by volunteering for one of many projects. Breaking from tradition, First Serve has moved to a Saturday to coincide with the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11. Our morning will start with a brief outdoor sending service-Rise up in Faith, Hope and Love-as we remember 9/11 and ground ourselves for our communal work in the community.

Most project will be located at North High School, in Akron focused on updating and refreshing classrooms, hallways, and restrooms in the school and areas outside. We will also have outside projects at many of our long-time partner locations.

Building relationships is the primary focus of First Serve and a better way to meet people by working on a project, sharing lunch or playing a game. This year, many projects will be done within a few hours leaving time for people to join or cheer on badminton games, play Frisbee and participate in a soccer skill course.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2021!

For more information visit

[joinfirstserve.org](http://joinfirstserve.org)

Please contact Colleen Padgett, HUMC Committee Representative, if you have any questions.

330-701-8569 Mobile [crpadgett@msn.com](mailto:crpadgett@msn.com)



**Registration for First Serve  
2021 is Now OPEN**

**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. 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? Nancy Kralik  
[nskralik@gmail.com](mailto:nskralik@gmail.com) or 330-212-7581  
Thank you!



**FEED MY SHEEP, SEPTEMBER 10, 2021**

**Needed:** Non-Alcoholic Mouthwash, Toothbrushes 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  
[nskralik@gmail.com](mailto:nskralik@gmail.com)





### **Thank you!**

Thank you to everyone who gave of their time, talents and resources to Vacation Bible School this year. VBS cannot be done by a few, and we are so grateful to have had such wonderful volunteers who made it all happen! We had a fantastic 3 weeks filled with Bible stories, activities and fun. Thank you so much for your help in serving our families and our community!

### **Volunteers needed!**

Do you want to find new ways to volunteer this fall? Christian Education is looking for volunteers to serve our kids & families! We are looking for nursery volunteers & kids Sunday school teachers. The commitment would be once or twice a month, depending on where you would like to volunteer.

### **Sunday school**

Sunday school will be officially starting on **Sunday, September 12**. More information to follow!



### **Confirmation**

Confirmation classes will be starting this fall. 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 at ([kerrievansbook@gmail.com](mailto:kerrievansbook@gmail.com)).

# NURSERY SCHOOL



I can't believe we are back in school again! The summer was great time to reflect on the past school year and relax and get ready for another exciting school year. We are happy to be back. We had such a great experience last fall, the teachers are happy to back and welcome some old friends and meet new friends. Nursery school will start the week of September 7 and our theme for the school year will be, "Under the Sea".

Come September we will be learning new routines and classroom rules. We are hoping to be able to get outside on our wonderful playground, as well. We will take about family and apples.

We have a few opening in our 2 day 3 year old program and our Toddler program which meets either M/W or T/TH. This is a great program for that 2 1/2 young 3 to interact with other children. The children do not have to be potty trained to be in the Toddler program. Call the office or go to our website, [www.hudsonmns.com](http://www.hudsonmns.com)

Lisa VanBuskirk  
Director





**FELLOWSHIP EVENTS:**

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

**Mary Martha Circle will meet on Thursday, September 9, 2021, at 11:45 am at Lager and Vine in Hudson for their 2021-2022 planning luncheon.** (Please watch for any updates/changes due to Covid.) We will be eating outside if weather permits; but will reschedule if raining. Bring ideas of what you would like to do for this year. Mary Martha usually meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 9:30 am. Questions/Information contact: Cheryl Gamble: [cgamble1114@yahoo.com](mailto:cgamble1114@yahoo.com)

**Priscilla Circle will meet on Wednesday, September 29, 2021, at 6:00 pm at the Veterans Way Pavilion in Hudson by the Splash Pad.** There will be a potluck dinner so bring your favorite dish to share. Questions/Information contact: Ann Ingling: [anningling@gmail.com](mailto:anningling@gmail.com), Marty Hannah [marty2uin@windstream.net](mailto: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: [debrah.fabian@gmail.com](mailto:debrah.fabian@gmail.com)

**Books for Breakfast**

Books for Breakfast will meet on **Thursday, September 23, 2021, at 9:30 am** at the home of Amy Pendergrass. The book for discussion will be *Evening and the Morning* by Ken Follett.

Books for Breakfast meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at 9:30 am. Questions/Information contact: Michelle Novosel: [novandkoz@yahoo.com](mailto: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.**