

February



Great Inspiration for Thought

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PASTOR'S PAGE

1 Peter 3:8-12

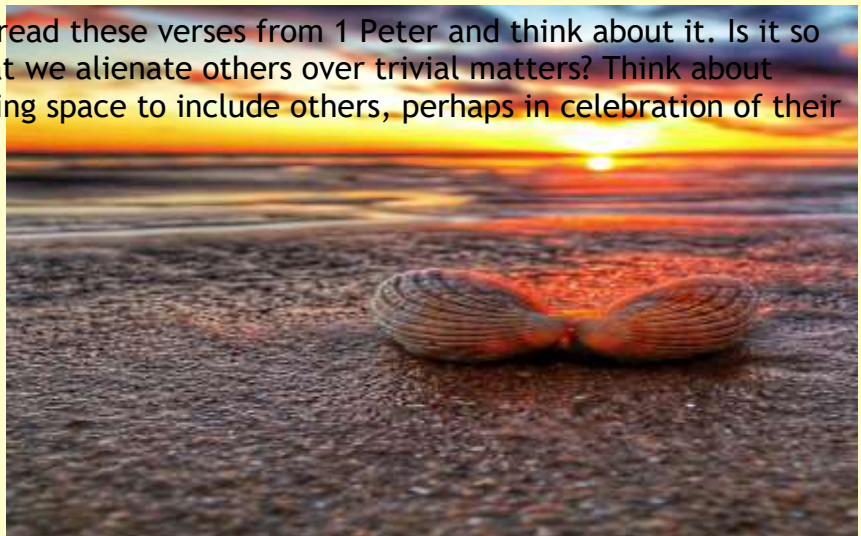
A lawyer and a psychologist were talking at a party. “You and your wife get along very well,” said the lawyer. “Do you ever have differences of opinion?” “Definitely,” said the psychologist, “very often- but we get over them quickly.” “How do you do that?” asked the lawyer. “Simple,” said the psychologist, “I never tell her about them.”

Whenever I walk on the beach to watch the sunset I do not call out, “A little more orange over to the right, please,” or “Would you mind giving us a little less purple in the back?” No, I enjoy the always different sunsets just as they are. We should do the same with people whom we love.

‘Tis the month of Valentine’s Day when we stop for a moment to consider the notion of love, and whether or not we are caught up in it, perhaps. I am drawn to these short considerations and how they inform my approach to people in general. We need not always debate those whom we love about every small detail of disagreement. Perhaps the larger display of a loving spirit is allowing a wide enough berth for multiple opinions without jeopardizing a loving relationship. It is mirrored, perhaps, in the daily experience of a sunset. We have seen them, yet no two are ever completely alike. They are all sunsets, beautiful in their unique way.

I encourage you to read these verses from 1 Peter and think about it. Is it so necessary to be RIGHT that we alienate others over trivial matters? Think about Valentine’s Day and creating space to include others, perhaps in celebration of their difference.

Still enjoying sunsets,
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PAPER TOWELS FOR HUDSON FOOD PANTRY

Hudson UMC supports the Hudson Food Pantry by supplying paper towels every month for 35+ families. Staple food items requested on a monthly basis are;

baked beans, fruit cups, applesauce cups, pancake mix, canned chicken and 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**. Upcoming distributions are February 26 and March 26. Thank you! For questions contact Nancy Kralik at nskralik@gmail.com 330-212-7581



STEWARDSHIP LETTERS

Please know that Stewardship Pledge Letters were mailed out on 1/14. If you did not receive one, please contact the church office to make sure we have your correct, current mailing address. To update information for the church directory...in writing is best via email. humc@windstream.net



FEED MY SHEEP

Friday, February 11, 2022

NEEDED: Toothbrushes, Seasonal Clothing, Coats, Gloves, Blankets, Men's, T-Shirts, Bodywash

Feed My Sheep is a church-based Friday lunch program at Redeemer UMC 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.

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! For questions contact Nancy Kralik at 330 212-7581 or nskralik@gmail.com



****Have you remembered the Hudson United Methodist Church in your will or your estate plan?***



Sunday School Opportunities

Now is a great time to join a Sunday school class if you have been curious about one! There are classes for children & adult Bible studies. Sunday school is at 10:00 a.m., immediately following the morning worship service. Some adult classes also have virtual options available. Please contact Kerrie Book (kerrievansbook@gmail.com) for more information.





Handbell Workshop

We are hosting a handbell workshop at HUMC on Saturday, February 26th from 2:30 to 4:30 in the sanctuary. Anyone who is remotely interested in ringing bells or would like to simply learn more about handbells is encouraged to attend. You are welcome to try ringing or just watch.

Christine Allison will be conducting the workshop. She is the director of Harmony Ringers, a premiere handbell choir in the region and the bell choir director at First Congregational Church in Akron. She has a great deal of experience conducting handbell choirs in both sacred and secular settings. Christine has been an active handbell clinician as well as a participant for many years. She is also the founder and director of A Chorus For A Cause, which is a community choir you may have heard perform in the Akron/Canton area.



There are many facets and techniques of ringing handbells and chimes. The workshop is designed to offer new approaches and practical tips to help us with various techniques and elements of musicality. We will utilize music the Bell Choir is currently working on as well as fun exercises for precision and expression that Christine will bring along. Anyone who attends the workshop has the option of participating in as much or as little as you feel comfortable doing. Beginners will receive a mini-lesson on how to hold and ring a handbell and chime. HUMC's Bell Choir will be there both to learn and to help guide anyone who is new to ringing.

Now is the time to give it a try!



Hudson United Methodist Church has historically taken great pride in its ability to support United Methodist ministries both locally and around the world through timely, full payment of Church apportionments.

In 2020, we had difficulties paying our apportionments in full as total expenses including apportionments far exceeded pledges and other gifts.

I am happy to report that as of December 2021, not only have we paid our outstanding 2020 apportionments but we have also paid our 2021 apportionments in full as well, totaling over \$75,000 in payments!! Praise God!!

Thanks to the congregation for your generous giving and the leadership exhibited by the Finance Committee that helped make this possible. I pray that as a congregation we increase our giving in 2022 and beyond to ensure that Hudson UMC can continue to fully pay future apportionments.

NURSERY SCHOOL



January we welcomed everyone back from Christmas break. The children had a lot of great stories of their holidays!

We've been talking about the winter weather and then we moved into talking about our dads. This year will be very different as we cannot have our dads come visit our school so we will be doing special things to honor our dads.

February is also registration for the 2022-2023 school year. It seems hard to believe we are already doing registration! Time flies when you are having fun!!

In February we will celebrate Valentine's Day. We will share our special Valentine's with our friends, we will have a special snack and play some fun games. We are always making the best of the situation at hand.

If you know of anyone looking for preschool please, let them know we are registering.

Director,
Lisa VanBuskirk



FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

Hudson United Methodist Women's Board meeting is scheduled for **Monday, February 7, 2022, at 7:00 pm on Zoom.**

Priscilla Circle will meet on **Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at 6:00 pm on Zoom.** The topic will be **The Blessings of Friendship and Chocolate.**

Priscilla Circle meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm. Questions contact Ann Ingling at anningling@gmail.com, Marty Hannah marty2uin@windstream.net

Mary Martha Circle will meet on **Thursday, February 17, 2022, at 10:00 am on Zoom.** (Please note this meeting is scheduled for the third Thursday.)

The program will feature a **“Go Red for Women” American Heart Association speaker about women and heart health.**

Mary Martha usually meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 10:00 am. Questions contact Cheryl Maimona at ctm2949@roadrunner.com

Books for Breakfast will meet on **Thursday, February 24, 2022, at 9:30 am on Zoom.**

The book for discussion is *The Book of Longings* by Sue Monk Kidd.

Books for Breakfast meets the 4th Thursday of the month at 9:30 am. Questions contact Michelle Novosel at novandkoz@yahoo.com

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 contact Debby Fabian at debrah.fabian@gmail.com

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

MISSIONS

“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, February 13 and will end Sunday, February 27, 2022.

We will be supporting the **Center of Hope** (Ravenna), **Heart 4 the City** (NE Akron). Your monetary donation 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**. Please make your check payable to Hudson UMC with “Gifts from Heart” noted in the memo. The deadline is Sunday, February 27, 2022. 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!

OUTREACH

UMW Nurture Committee Needs You!



The Hudson United Methodist Women’s Nurture Committee is a vital ministry to the members of HUMC. The Committee arranges for meals to be provided to families that may need assistance with meals following a hospitalization, health issues or a new baby, etc. There are also times that we need someone to deliver a meal. We can also have an ongoing need and would welcome new volunteers to participate in this church-wide ministry.

If you are on the email distribution list, we thank you and hope that you will remain on the list. If you have not signed up to assist with a meal from time to time but

would like to be added to the email distribution list, please contact Cheryl Gamble at cgamble1114@yahoo.com or 330-554-4081. Thank you

SAVE THE DATE

Christian Unity Prayer Service—Thursday, April 28, 2022

IMPORTANT UPDATE: CUPS (Christian Unity Prayer Service) Rescheduled

The Christian Unity Prayer Service originally scheduled for Thursday, January 20, 2022, at St. Mary's Parish has been **postponed until spring**. The decision to postpone was due to the recent surge and uncertainty of the latest Covid variant. **The new rescheduled date for the CUPS service and luncheon will be held on Thursday, April 28, 2022, at 10:00 am.** at St. Mary's Parish.

If you have already purchased a ticket for the luncheon and guest speaker, it will be honored for the rescheduled date. If you are unable to attend on the new date, we will arrange for your refund. We will again be selling tickets closer to the new date. Watch for more information in the coming weeks. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Gamble at cgamble1114@yahoo.com