

March 2022

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PASTOR'S PAGE

A friend took his little six-year-old boy fishing with him one day. They put out the line and then went back up to the cabin. After an hour, they went back down to the river to see if they had caught anything. Sure enough, there were fish on the line. The boy said,

“I knew there would be, Daddy.”

The father asked, “How did you know?”

He replied, “Because I prayed about it.”

So they baited the hooks again and put out the line and went back to the cabin for supper.

Afterward, they went back to the river; again, there were fish on the line. The boy said,

“I knew it.”

The father said, “How?”

“I prayed again.”

So they put the line back in the river and went to the cabin. Before bedtime, they went down again. This time there were no fish.

The child said, “I knew there wouldn’t be,” and the father asked, “How did you know?”

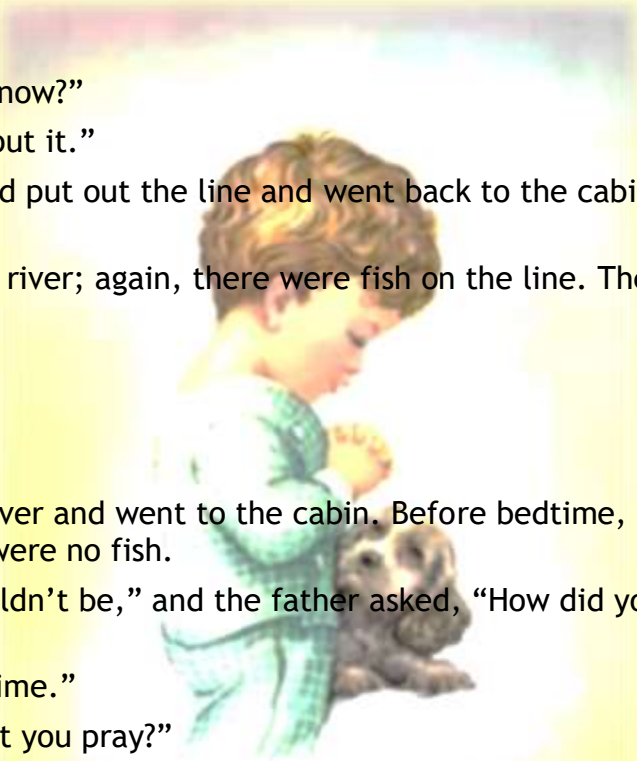
The boy said, “I didn’t pray this time.”

The father asked, “And why didn’t you pray?”

And the boy said, “Because I remembered that we forgot to bait the hooks.”

We will spend the entire month of March in our Lenten observance. It is a wonderful time. If we do all of the proper preparation, if we truly bait our hooks, we will set ourselves up for God’s surprise of Easter firmly in the Spring of the New Year. It is up to us to prepare ourselves. I pray for a faithful observance of Lent. I can sense that God is doing a new thing. I pledge to do my best to prepare for it.

Baiting hooks,
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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 and 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 March 26 and April 23.** Thank you!

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

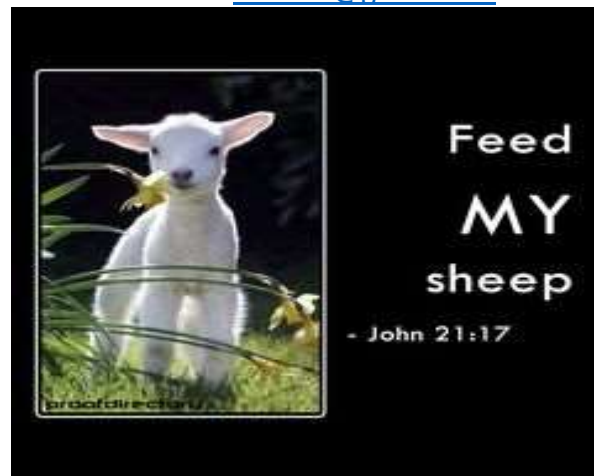


FEED MY SHEEP

Friday, March 11, 2022

NEEDED: Bodywash, Winter & Spring Clothing, Men's T-Shirts

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! 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?***



Family Fellowship in March

Family Fellowship will be **Saturday, March 19, 6:30 p.m.** at HUMC. We are planning on having a bingo night. All are welcome to attend this event! Please RSVP to Kerrie Book (kerrievansbook@gmail.com) or Becca Gates (photochic22@gmail.com).



Easter Egg Donations

The Christian Education Committee is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt this year at HUMC on **Saturday, April 16**. We are in need of mini-sized candy or small toys that will fit into Easter eggs. Donations can be left outside of the Family Ministries office. Please contact Kerrie Book (kerrievansbook@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



Youth Sunday school class

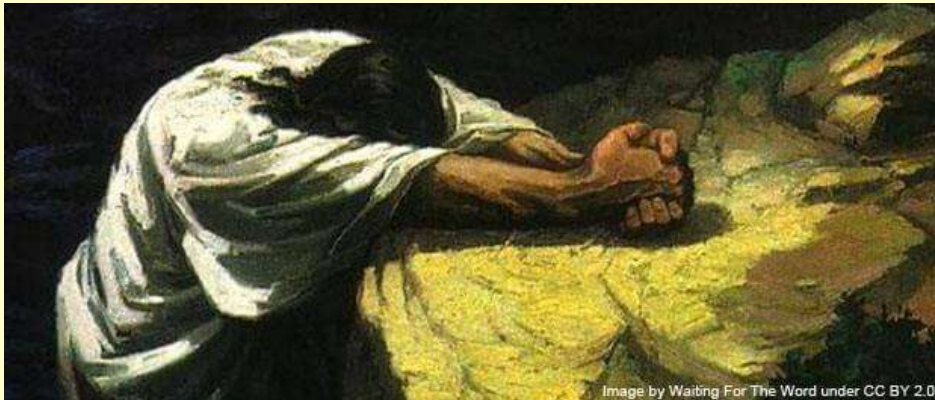
We need volunteers to lead the youth Sunday school class **once every 4-6 weeks**. Leaders will lead an informal class that includes discussions about topics in the Bible and issues relevant to everyday life. Materials will be provided. 4-6 leaders are needed to rotate. Please contact Kerrie Book (kerrievansbook@gmail.com) if you have any questions or are interested in leading this group.

Vacation Bible School

Save the dates for VBS! Vacation Bible School will be **August 9-11, 6:30-8:00pm**. Planning has started, and there will be more details to follow. We hope you can join us!



Lent is quickly approaching. It is a season when we reflect upon the ultimate sacrifice that Christ made for each of us, and the events leading up to His crucifixion. The night Jesus was betrayed, He was irate that His disciples did not stay awake and wait with Him. We, as of today's disciples, have the benefit of learning from scripture and the blessing of one another's strength and fellowship as we wait together until His victory over death. The words to this Lenten anthem have a powerful message.



Wait With Me

The spirit is willing, the body is weak,
And though they resist the temptation to sleep,
Soon every disciple is dreaming away
While all of creation now watches and waits.

The trees stand in silent attention tonight,
the moon keeps her vigil of silvery light
While thousands of stars all look down from the skies,
not once do they falter or close their bright eyes.

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“Wait with Me and watch with Me,” the Savior is pleading.
“The shadows are falling fast and night is closing in.
Wait with Me, watch with Me, the moments are fleeting;
Darkness has descended and My hour is at hand.”

The angels bend closer from heaven to hear
The words that are whispered between falling tears.
They offer the strength of their sheltering wings
To One who is praying in Gethsemane.

“Wait with Me and watch with Me,” the Savior is pleading.
“The shadows are falling fast and night is closing in.
Wait with Me, watch with Me, the moments are fleeting;
Darkness has descended and My hour is at hand.”

There are many ways during Lent that we can draw nearer to Jesus and to be in God’s word as we wait. The pieces the Chancel Choir, Bell Choir and Children’s Choir are working on have been carefully selected to shed light and perspective upon various aspects of Lent, beginning with Chancel Choir’s Ash Wednesday anthem, “Worthy Is the Lamb.” We pray you find meaning in all of our musical offerings throughout this most holy time of year.





Pastor Clark recently announced that after 33 years in the ministry – he will retire at the end of June. Consequently, the East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church has worked to identify a new pastoral appointment for our church. I am pleased to share the news that the Reverend Bruce Hartley will be appointed by Bishop Tracy Malone to become the next pastor of the Hudson United Methodist Church as of July 1, 2022.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee (myself, Fred Bailey, Paul Brown, Jill Centrello, Geof Gates, Cheryl Maimona, Curt Newell and Jerry Hammar) had an opportunity to meet with Pastor Hartley and his wife Janet. We had a wonderful meeting. It was clear that he brings a breadth and depth of ministerial experience and strengths that will benefit our members and individuals in our Hudson community. As we move through the transition, we'll have opportunities for members to meet and connect with Pastor Hartley. You can look forward to that this summer!

Jake Protivnak
Chair, Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)

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Easter Flowers Orders

We are offering the opportunity to purchase Easter Flowers for the Easter Sunday Altar in Memory or in Honor of loved ones. The Easter Sunday bulletin will list all of those who are being honored. Please make your selections from the list and turn in the form and check in the offering plate or mail them. Your check made out to Hudson United Methodist Church and note: Easter Flowers. **The final date for orders is Sunday, April 3.** * **Flowers may be picked up after the Easter Service or during the week.**

<i>Flower Choice</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Choice</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>x Qty.</i>	<i>Total</i>
Easter Lilies	White Double Stem		\$21.00		
Tulips	Red, Pink, Yellow		\$10.00		
Hyacinths	Blue, Pink		\$10.00		
Hydrangeas	Blue, Pink		\$21.00		
Daffodils	Yellow		\$14.00		
Donation Only	No Flowers Requested	Dedication in Bulletin	\$10.00		
Total Due					\$

<i>Given By</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>	<i>In Memory Of/In Honor of</i>

NURSERY SCHOOL



What a Wild February! We had a great time sharing our Valentine's and talking about the groundhog. We are looking forward to March and hoping the snow slows down a little.

We will be celebrating St. Patrick's Days with a special snack and the wearing of our green.

We will have a week off at the end of the month for Spring Break.



We are continuing to make the best of a situation and we are all having a great time. We do have openings for the 2022-2023 school year, should you know of anyone that may be looking for a preschool. They can either email the school or check out our website at www.hudsonumns.com

We hope everyone enjoys the month of March.

Director,
Lisa VanBuskirk





FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

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

Mary Martha Circle will provide a Teacher Appreciation Luncheon at Orchard School on **Thursday, March 10, 2022. Watch for details in your email.**

Mary Martha 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, March 24, 2022 at 9:30 am on Zoom.**

The book for discussion is *Extra Life: A Short Story of Living Longer* by Steven Johnson.

Books for Breakfast meets the 4th Thursday of the month at 9:30 am.

Questions contact Michelle Novosel at novandkoz@yahoo.com

Priscilla Circle will not meet in March. The next meeting will be **Wednesday, April 20, 2022.**

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

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 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

HEARTFELT THANKS

As a follow-up to the pledge request letters that were sent out in January, **32** women have donated **\$4300** to the Hudson United Methodist Women. This is wonderful news! At a time when pledges are our principle means of support instead of fundraisers, the UMW Board is quite grateful. The money will be distributed to a variety of mission agencies later in the year. If you have not made your contribution to UMW you may do so at any time. Checks should be made payable to, **Hudson UMW** and can be mailed to Debbie King, UMW Treasurer, 12 Hudson Common Drive, Hudson, OH 44236.

OUTREACH

SAVE THE DATE ~ UMW SUNDAY

The Hudson United Methodist Women will be providing the 9:00 am worship service on **Sunday, April 24, 2022.**

The special guest speaker will be Katie Peterson, Deaconess and Church and Community Worker, of Eastbrook Mission Barn located in New Castle, PA. Watch for more details in the coming weeks to sign up to participate in the service and/or Women's Choir.



CHRISTIAN UNITY PRAYER SERVICE AND LUNCHEON

New Date APRIL 28, 2022

The annual Christian Unity Prayer Service and Luncheon are rescheduled for **Thursday, April 28** at St. Mary Catholic Church in Hudson, located at 340 N. Main St. The ecumenical service, led by local clergy, begins at **10:00 AM**. It is followed by a luncheon and guest speaker. The service, traditionally held during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, has the theme, "We saw his star in the East, and we came to worship him" (Matthew 2:2) Rev. Lawrence Jurcak of St. Mary Parish, Hudson, will give the sermon.

Directly after the service, a box lunch will be served for ticket holders. The box lunches are catered by Nosh of Hudson.

The ticket price is \$15.00 per person and will be sold in the Gathering Area on Sunday, **April 3, and April 10**. You can also contact Cheryl Gamble at Cgamble1114@yahoo.com or Debbie King at kings7565@gmail.com

The prayer service is free and open to all; it does not require a ticket to attend, just for the luncheon.

GIFTS FROM THE HEART - THANK YOU!

The Hudson United Methodist Women would like to thank everyone who contributed to our Mission Outreach Project: "Gifts from the Heart". Through your generosity, we collected **\$894** which will equally benefit Heart 4 the City in Akron, and The Center of Hope in Ravenna. The monetary donations provided will help these programs continue with their food ministries and help to enhance the well-being of the families and individuals in their communities. Thank you for your continued support.

