

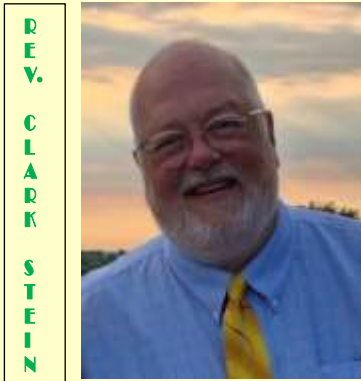
The GIFT

May 2022

Great Inspiration for Thought

**Hudson United Methodist Church
2670 Hudson Aurora Rd
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PASTOR'S PAGE

John 20:17

"If you love someone, set them free." Lots of places offer this advice, and the idea is attributed to many different advice-givers. We often say this when one of our friends is experiencing some kind of loss or change in their life. I think this kind of counsel is given when we cannot control outcomes and simply turn over our life circumstances to fate. It flies in the face of contemporary culture, where we are often encouraged to never admit defeat, and that we must try and try again because all is not over until the fat lady sings.

Jesus said to Mary, "Do not cling to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."

All through life we find instances when we walk away from where we should be. Temptation grabs a hold of us or we just simply wander off. It should be evident to us that we have a very hard time hanging on to God, but God ever has hands-on us.

Jesus cannot be contained. He isn't ever firmly within our grasp, hoarded away for our own salvation. One of the loudest expressions of an empty tomb is that he is loose, uncontained, out in the world ever before us. And I remind you once again, he knows our names.

So, once again in this season of Easter, we watch while creation reawakens all around us. New life springs from the apparent tomb of winter, and we venture out into a brand new creation. We must remember that in order to experience the new life God has in store for us now, we must set the past free. It seems to me that we are in a constant state of saying good-byes and hellos. And through all of it, God has a firm hold on us and all whom we encounter. And I pray that is always enough for you, as it is for me.

Praying through transitions,
Pastor Clark



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Fellowship Time is Back!

"To the Lord, let the praises be,
for there's Methodist coffee in the C.A.C.
Like the days in the wilderness, Egyptian exile,
we've been without coffee for a good long
while.

Yes, God is good; God is great,
like when we hear that coffee percolate.
Here's to the post-service holy trinity:
regular, decaf and hot water for tea.

Yes, God is great; God is the top;
God is good to the very last drop."

- Steve Korane

FEED MY SHEEP, MAY 13

Body Wash, Alcohol-Free Mouthwash, Men's White Crew Socks, **Gently used spring/summer clothing for men, women and children is especially needed at this time.** Each month HUMC passes out socks, briefs or T-shirts, toilet paper and toiletries. Body wash, mouthwash, toothpaste and hotel sized toiletries are especially needed this month.

Deadline: Thursday, May 12. Blue collection bins are located in the narthex closet, near the hand bell cabinet.

Feed My Sheep is a church-based hot lunch program every Friday from 11:30a to 12:30 at Redeemer UMC (265 Cuyahoga Falls Ave.) in Akron's North Hill neighborhood. For questions contact, Nancy Kralik at 330 212-7581 or nskralik@gmail.com



Save the Date!

HUMC will be having a recognition for Clark, for his retirement, on Sunday, May 22nd. A reception in the CAC will occur at 10:00 a.m. at the conclusion of the church service.

PAPER TOWELS FOR HUDSON FOOD PANTRY



Hudson Community 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 at the church in the gathering area. Upcoming distributions are **May 28 and June 25.** Thank you! For questions contact, Nancy Kralik at nskralik@gmail.com or 330-212-7581

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

FAMILY ministry

Family Fellowship



Family Fellowship will meet on **Sunday, May 29 at 11:00 a.m. at Hudson Springs**. There will be a pavilion reserved, and everyone can bring their own picnic lunch. More details to follow.

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

Last Day of Sunday school

The last day of Sunday school, until fall, will be **Sunday, May 15**. Thank you to all of our wonderful Sunday school leaders who have taught classes this past year!

2022 Penny Challenge!

The Christian Education Committee is excited to announce the Penny Challenge contest to support UMCOR's humanitarian assistance in Ukraine. The challenge will run from **April 24-May 15**.

Here's how it works: every Sunday school class will receive a coin collection jar. Search for or earn change to put in your class's jar. Every penny, silver coin, or dollar is important! Jars will be weighed 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 prizes!



Anyone at HUMC is welcome to join and donate to any group.

For more information please contact Kerrie Book at kerrievansbook@gmail.com.

2022 Family Vacation Bible School

Families and volunteers, **SAVE THE DATE**: HUMC is going tropical this year with an island-themed VBS—Cokesbury's Discovery on Adventure Island: Quest for God's Great Light. This family VBS will be held on **August 9th, 10th, and 11th from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm**. Online registration opens on May 1. As always, we'll need plenty of help, so please let us know if you and/or your youth helper (6th grade and up) are interested/available in lending a hand. Also, feel free to send questions, comments, or suggestions to our coordinators, Becca Gates, Kerrie Book, and Jackie Beam at VBSatHUMC@gmail.com.

NURSERY SCHOOL



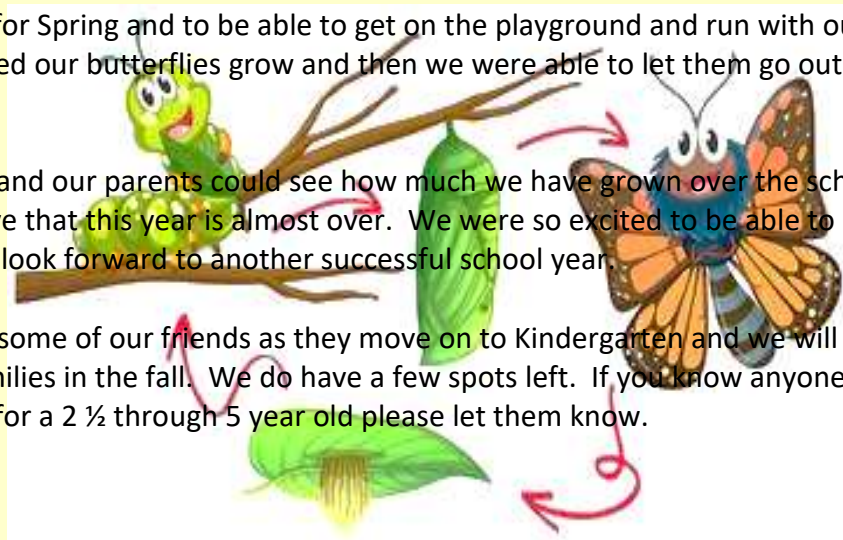
April was another great month here at the Nursery School. We were very excited to have our annual Art Show after 2 years of not having it. Our theme was Underwater Friends. We turned the Narthex into a sea of wonderful sea creatures. It is always so exciting to see what wonderful artwork the children do each and every day.

We are all very excited for Spring and to be able to get on the playground and run with our friends! We also watched our butterflies grow and then we were able to let them go outside. That 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 this year 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. If you know anyone looking for a preschool for a 2 ½ through 5 year old please let them know.

Director,
Lisa VanBuskirk





UMW SUNDAY- THANK YOU

We would like to thank all the ladies who participated in the United Methodist Women's Worship Service on Sunday, April 24. Also, many thanks to Sandy Simpson, Jinyang Tian and the UMW Choir for the wonderful music selections. It was a joy to have Katie Peterson of Eastbrook Mission Barn (located in New Castle, PA) as our guest speaker. We would also like to thank everyone who donated to our special offering to Eastbrook Mission Barn. Through your generosity, we collected over \$500 that will continue to help support the many outreach mission ministries of Eastbrook Mission Barn. Cheryl Gamble and Sandy Wristen, Co-Presidents Hudson UMW



UMW Choir



Participants of UMW Sunday Service

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 has also dedicated so much time and effort to service.

Cheryl Maimona was recently presented the 2022 UMW Special Mission Pin. Cheryl received a gold lapel pin with a cross. Cheryl was recognized for the many ways she serves in different ministries of the church and mission outreach programs. We will highlight just a few of the many ways Cheryl shows her dedication to mission and service to women, children and youth. She has served at our Open M ministry in Akron, she has volunteered at MedWish in Cleveland

and the Akron Canton Food Bank. Cheryl also serves as a frequent greeter, she has taken care of your child as a childcare provider, she also serves as the leader of the Mary Martha Circle, and she has shared her time and talents with almost every committee in the life of our church. Cheryl is generous with her time, and she is a warm and caring person and very deserving of being recognized as this year's UMW Special Mission Recognition recipient. Congratulations



Cheryl!

Cheryl Maimona receives United Methodist Women's Special Mission Pin Recognition from Cheryl Gamble and Debbie King

FELLOWSHIP EVENTS:

Hudson United Methodist Women's Board meeting is scheduled for **Monday, May 2, 2022 at 7:00pm at the church.**

Mary Martha Circle will volunteer at **Heart 4 the City** on **Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 8:30am.** Watch for details in your email.

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

Priscilla Circle will meet on **Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 6:00pm for a picnic at the church.** Watch for more details in your email.

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

Books for Breakfast will meet on **Thursday, May 26, 2022 at 9:30am on Zoom.**

This meeting will be their 2022/2023 Book Selection.

Books for Breakfast meets the 4th Thursday of the month at 9:30am. Questions/Information contact: Michelle Novosel: novandkoz@yahoo.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 5:30pm.

Questions/Information contact: Debby Fabian: 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.