



The GIFT

June 2022

Great Inspiration for Thought

**Hudson United Methodist Church
2670 Hudson Aurora Rd
Hudson OH 44202**

REV.
BRUCE
HARTLEY



PASTOR'S PAGE

Personal Background

Wife: Janet Lynn Hartley
Children: Susan (Nicholas)

Missional Match

Connects regionally
Interpersonal with all generations
Strong leader, that actively leads

Education

United Theological Seminary, M.Div. (1
Kent State University, BA English (1984)
Ravenna High School

Appointments

Vincent (Elyria/Lorain)	1987-1990
Strasburg	1990-1999
Trinity/Mt. Gilead	1999-2007
Lakewood	2007-2017
Cove	2013-2015
Granger	2017-Present

Board and Committee Memberships

*District Board of Trustees/Church Building and Location (CN)

View of Ministry

I look to the past for strengths and to the future for growth. When I examine my leadership characteristics, one dominant thought comes to mind-participation. The concept of participation is one that I want to pursue as I strive to serve God and the Church.

Participation has been an essential component of my ministry. I have been touched by many good folks who thought enough to reach out in the name of God. I hope that as I moved in and out of peoples' lives God has touched them through my activity.

The leader that participates with those he or she serves can more effectively speak and minister to the events in their lives and be ministered to. My role as participator takes me out of the office and into the homes. My role as participator takes me into the streets of the community or on missions abroad.

God has called me into the ministry of the local church. Therefore, I am called to preach in a way that encourages an encounter between God and the people. I understand this function as essential to the life of the Church.

Proclaiming God's message is something I do not take lightly. Preaching with effective illustrations and creative delivery are ways of allowing participation between God and people.

Visitation is another way of participating in the life of the Church. My abilities to relate with a variety of age groups as well as my developing listening skills allow for a greater sense of participation.

Missions are another area where I enjoy participating. This fulfills a need for physical activity and to be in service with others. I enjoy planning mission projects as well as learning and educating about mission work.

My need to participate is not only strong in my professional life but also my personal life. I realize the difficulty of balancing family and career. But I also realize I have a need to participate in family functions and development.

To this point, I have restricted my comments to my role as participator. I do not want to leave the impression that I want to or expect to do everything in the Church. I want all to take seriously their vows of baptism and entrance into the believing community as participators in the general ministry of the Church. My role as leader is to encourage total involvement in the life of the community so that no one person is burdened with the responsibility. It is my hope that individuals will reap the benefits of serving others through the expansion of their faith. The service we are called to perform can be work but it can also be fun. Through the concept of participatory leadership, the work and fun can be shared by all who choose to participate.



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



CHILDCARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Do you enjoy young children, playing with blocks, puzzles, or sitting in a rocking chair? I have just the thing for you. We are in need of volunteers to assist in our Sunday Morning Childcare Ministry for the summer months. You would only need to commit to one Sunday a month during the 9:00 am worship service. If you are interested in volunteering with this vital ministry, please contact Cheryl Gamble at cgamble1114@yahoo.com

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 at the church in the gathering area. Upcoming distributions are June 25 and July 23. Thank you! Questions, contact Nancy Kralik at nskralik@gmail.com or 330-212-7581



FEED MY SHEEP – JUNE

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 and hotel sized toiletries are especially needed this month. Blue collection bins are located in the narthex closet, near the hand bell cabinet. **Feed My Sheep** is a church-based hot lunch program that takes place every Friday from 11:30a to 12:30 at Redeemer UMC (265 Cuyahoga Falls Ave.) in Akron's North Hill neighborhood. Contact Nancy Kralik at 330 212-7581 or nskralik@gmail.com





Calling all Graduates!

We would like to honor our high school and college graduates! Our Graduate Sunday date is TBD. If you have a student that will be graduating and would like them to be honored on our Graduate Sunday please contact Kerrie Book at kerrievansbook@gmail.com by Tuesday, June 21.



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. We are having a family VBS with activities geared towards 3 years - 5th grade. Online registration is open! Please visit the church's website for the registration link.

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. There are many areas where volunteers are needed! If you would like the volunteer registration link or if you have questions, comments, or suggestions please contact our coordinators, Becca Gates, Kerrie Book, and Jackie Beam at VBSatHUMC@gmail.com.



VBS PAINTING FUNDRAISER



On **Sunday, June 26 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.** will host a lighthouse-themed painting fundraiser to support this year's Family VBS, "Adventure Island: Quest for God's Great Light."

Kerrie Book invites participants to create, relax, and socialize, as she guides them in painting a summery design on canvas. Individuals of every artistic level, ages 11 and up, are welcome to attend. Light refreshments and drinks, along with materials and supplies, are included. Suggested donations of \$30 per person will benefit this summer's Family VBS, which HUMC offers for free to all children.

Additionally, individuals participating in the fundraiser will receive free childcare during the event. Children in preschool through 5th grade, will enjoy an island-themed painting activity, a tropical snack, and time to play. This event is open to the public. If a child's guardian is not participating in the Painting Fundraiser, the cost is \$5 per child.

Register online by visiting HUMC's website.

Online registration is open now through June 19.

For more information about HUMC's VBS Painting Fundraiser or Family VBS, contact Directors Jackie Beam, Kerrie Book, and Becca Gates at VBSatHUMC@gmail.com.



NURSERY SCHOOL



Well, we finished another successful year in the Nursery School. We will have children leaving us to go onto kindergarten and children returning to enjoy all the fun we share! This year proved to be another exciting year working around COVID. The staff and parents need to be applauded for all their hard work in keeping everyone safe. We hope in the fall we will have this behind us!

We ended the school year with Bubble Day and Field Day. Bubble Day was a blast. We got to try all kinds of different bubble wands and make little and huge bubbles. We finished the day with a special bubble snack which was vanilla ice cream and 7UP. We even added food coloring to make it really exciting! The children always love this day. Field day was another success. We got to do relay races, the parachute and dance to silly songs. We ended our day with delicious popsicles after all our hard work.

We had our year-end picnics at Hudson Spring Park which turned out to be a great weather day. We got to have snacks with our friends and parents, as well as a special treat from the school. We are looking forward to the fall and all it has in store for us!

We do still have some openings in our programs. If you know someone who is looking for a preschool, please let them know.

I would also like to announce that **Mrs. Stacy Franzmann is retiring** at the end of the school year. Stacy has been with the school for 35 years. She sure will be missed!

Director,
Lisa VanBuskirk



FELLOWSHIP EVENTS:

Hudson United Methodist Women's Board meeting is scheduled for **Monday, August 1, 2022** at 7:00 pm at the church.

Mary Martha Circle will be taking a summer break. Meetings will **resume in September**. Mary Martha meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 10:00 am. Questions/Information contact: Cheryl Maimona: ctm2949@roadrunner.com

Priscilla Circle will be taking a summer break. Meetings will **resume in September**. Priscilla Circle meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm. Questions/Information contact: Ann Ingling: anningling@gmail.com, Marty Hannah marty2uin@windstream.net



Books for Breakfast had their book selection for the 2022/2023 season on Thursday, May 26, 2022. (Details of the book selections will be sent in an email). They will be taking a summer break and will **resume in September**. Books for Breakfast meets the 4th Thursday of the month at 9:30 am. 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 5:30 pm. 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.