

# *The GIFT*

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## **Great Inspiration for Thought**

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## PASTOR'S PAGE

A credit card company asks viewers, “What’s in your wallet?”

God is asking followers of Christ, “What’s in your hand?”

During the month of October, we will explore various people who encounter God. I envision God asking each person, “What’s in your hand?” As we hear about what is in the hand of each person, then we will be challenged to reflect on what is in our hand and how offering it to God can bless God’s Kingdom.

Oct. 2 John 6:1-15 “What’s In Your Hand – Little Boy?”

Oct. 9 Exodus 3:15-4:5 “What’s In Your Hand – Moses?”

Oct. 16 1 Samuel 17:38-50 “What’s In Your Hand – David?”

Oct. 23 Luke 12:13-21 “What’s In Your Hand – Young Man?”

Oct. 30 Luke 21:1-4 “What’s In Your Hand – Old Woman?”

Consider this...God equips us, places a gift/skill in our hands, when God calls us.

God does not select us and send us to crash, burn, or fail. God addresses us, invites us, challenges us and empowers us to use what is in our hands to do God’s mission in the world.

You are challenged to pray the following prayer as you prepare your heart to respond to the opportunity to financially support the mission and ministry God is calling Hudson UMC to offer our neighbors.

Let us pray, “**Lord, what do you want to do through me?**”

Dr. Woods writes, “If we are called to be fishers of people, shouldn’t we truly know the people we are trying to catch – or guide into a relationship with Christ? Shouldn’t we know the best time of day to get their attention? Shouldn’t we know the right bait to use to even attract them and persuade them to take a closer look at the Christ we offer?” Pg. 4 Think Like a Fish

This is life-changing work we are invited to do in Christ’s name. Let’s go fishing!

12 copies of “Think Like a Fish” are available in the church office. Classes are held on **Wednesday at 6:45** for at least 5 weeks, **beginning Sept. 28.**





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## 2022 OPEN M HOLIDAY BASKETS

As a church we are taking on supplying 400 boxes of Macaroni & Cheese for 200 Holiday baskets for families in need. You may buy the mac & cheese and drop it off or make a financial donation (write OPEN M Christmas Basket on your check) and we will buy them for you. Please leave them in the tub near the kitchen. Donations are **due by November 28**. Any questions, please call Linda Brown at 330 805-6136 or email [flashknit@gmail.com](mailto:flashknit@gmail.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 distribution is **Oct. 22 & Nov. 18**. For questions, contact Nancy Kralik at [nskralik@gmail.com](mailto:nskralik@gmail.com), or 330-212-7581



## FEED MY SHEEP – OCTOBER

Alcohol-Free Mouthwash, **Gently used fall and winter clothing for men, women and children is especially needed at this time.** Once a month HUMC offers a choice of socks, briefs or T-shirts, a toiletry item and hotel-sized toiletries. Toilet paper is offered every week with **130** carry-out lunches.

Blue collection bins are located in the narthex closet, near the hand bell cabinet.

Feed My Sheep is a church-based hot lunch program Fridays from 11:30a to 12:30p 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](mailto:nskralik@gmail.com)



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## CASH BACK

Please remember to save your Acme receipts and put them in the green bin by the pastor's office. The money we get back goes toward missions and it doesn't cost us a cent! If you would prefer, you can email the cash back amount to [s1bernert@aol.com](mailto:s1bernert@aol.com). Thank you!



### Church Management Software Migration

Hudson UMC is improving our ability to better manage our church information by migrating our church roster, attendance information, and giving information into a new system called Realm. The software, which replaces our Power Church software, allows members and friends of the church to create an online account that will allow you to maintain your contact information, monitor your giving, create new pledges, eventually register for church events, and more. We are in the final stages of data migration into the new system. In October, you will receive an email inviting you to create your online account that looks very similar to the sample provided below. The email will come to your inbox from Hudson United Methodist Church (notifications@onrealmmail.org). A mobile app can be downloaded to manage information from your phone. Upon receiving the email, just click the link in the email to get started.



### Appalachia Service Project (ASP): Summer 2023

We are beginning to plan for our service in Summer 2023. We will likely volunteer in June 2023. This coming year will be the church's 49<sup>th</sup> year of service with Appalachia Service Project!



As you are probably aware, flooding severely impacted many areas of Appalachia, including many areas of Kentucky that we have served in previously. Our help will likely be desperately needed next year.

If you are wanting to volunteer for Appalachia Service Project or would like more information, please contact Bill Centrello at [bcentrel@gmail.com](mailto:bcentrel@gmail.com). Friends and family are welcome. Requirements for volunteers are age 13+ and having completed the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

## Rally around Giving



Rally Day on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> provided opportunities to celebrate a new 9:30 a.m. time for Worship and to learn about Christian education and small group opportunities at HUMC. It also allows us the opportunity as a church family to reflect on our giving of our time, talents, and gifts. In the near term, please consider the following:

Please review your year-to-date giving to ensure that it is current. As typically happens over the summer, families go on vacation and overall attendance and giving can be lower. Unfortunately, the bills to support our ministries still need to be paid. We really need your help with generous giving through the end of the year to ensure that we end 2022 on a positive note.

Our Stewardship Campaign for 2023 will be held during the month of October 2022. Please join us during Sunday Worship services, in-person or online, to hear our stewardship messages; with 2023 pledges given at the altar on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Understanding congregational giving is vitally important to planning our ministries for the upcoming year.

Get involved. There are many opportunities to share your talents in support of discipleship, missions, small groups, church committees, ushering, audio/video support, etc. Getting more involved is also a great way to meet new people and to see all of the ways that God is at work within our congregation!



**SAVE the DATE: Trunk-or-Treat!**

This year's Trunk-or-Treat will take place on **Saturday, October 29 from 3:30-5:00** in our church parking lot. Please let Kerrie Book ([kerrievansbook@gmail.com](mailto:kerrievansbook@gmail.com)) know if you'd like to participate by decorating a vehicle. We will also need 6-8 volunteers to help with games, snacks/refreshments, and general information. We hope to see you there!



**Family Fellowship**

Volunteers are needed for family fellowship! Family Fellowship is going to be the third Saturday of the month in the fall. Tentative dates are October 15 and December 17. We are looking for hosts to plan an activity each of those months. Ideas for events include, but are not limited to, bingo, board game night, mini golf, movie night, scavenger hunt, etc. You can host at your home, the church, or another location. Family Fellowship is a fun, family friendly time where all are welcome! If you are interested in hosting, please contact Kerrie Book at [kerrievansbook@gmail.com](mailto:kerrievansbook@gmail.com).



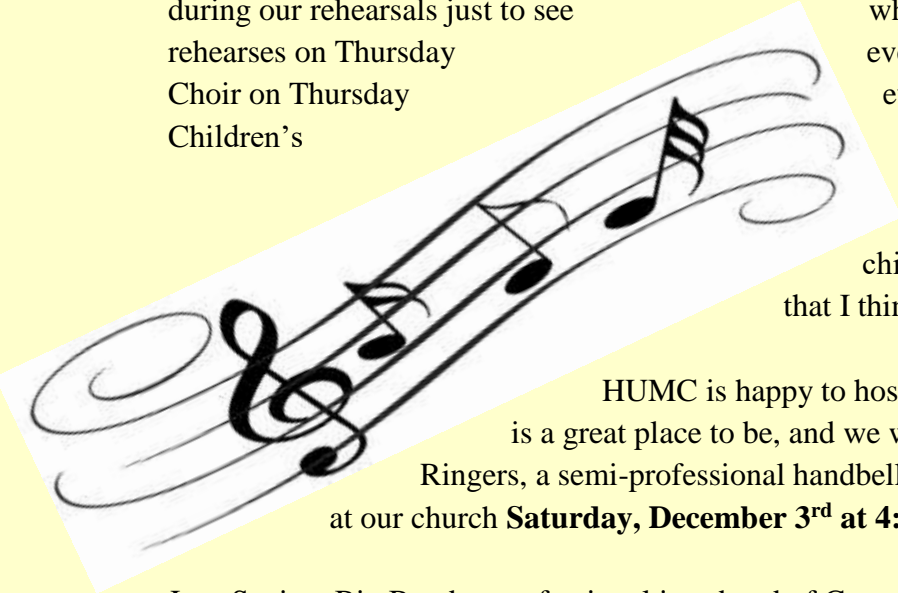




I am thrilled that our musical groups are up and running! What life and energy each of our members bring to our worship experience. It has been just plain fun for me this year to “Start at the very beginning, a very good place to start...” as we prepare music for Fall, All Saints Day, Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas. It is especially meaningful for us to sing and play music representative of scriptures and messages Rev. Bruce focuses upon each Sunday. We are working on a variety of musical messages that we hope draws each of us closer to God.

Our rehearsals are filled with a spirit of warmth, welcoming and acceptance. Feel free to drop by during our rehearsals just to see  
 rehearses on Thursday  
 Choir on Thursday  
 Children's

what we are all about. Bell Choir evenings from 6:15 until 7:15 and Chancel evenings from 7:30 until 9:00. The Choir meets at the beginning of their Sunday School hour from 10:45-11:05. There are some ideas for children's music we are mulling around that I think the kids will enjoy.



HUMC is happy to host community music events. Our church is a great place to be, and we want to spread the word. Harmony Ringers, a semi-professional handbell choir will present a Christmas concert at our church **Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 PM**, so mark your calendars.

Jazz Society Big Band, a professional jazz band of Canton, may also be offering a Christmas concert at HUMC, date TBA.

Hudson High School is considering holding a few of their smaller events in our sanctuary. Please let me know of any other ensembles or soloists who may be interested in performing in our space or interested in singing or playing as guests for our worship services.

## NURSERY SCHOOL



Well, we had an exciting September! We started another great year of preschool, and everything ran smoothly. The children and teachers were very excited to be back and to be doing all the fun activities we haven't been able to do.

We took a field trip to Beckwith Orchard and had a great time! We learned about all the different apple types and what needs to be done to care for the trees. We were also very excited to explore our brand new playground!! The smiles, giggles and activity are priceless.

October will be fun filled as well. We have firefighter, Kevin, coming to school to teach us about fire safety. We also hope to get to go to Hudson Springs Park in early October. At the park we will have a nature walk and see all the things taking place in the fall, including the wonderful colors. We get to have snack and play at the park! We are also going to see Peter and The Wolf performed by Akron Symphony. A very exciting trip as well!

The end of October we will have our Halloween parties which is always so much fun. It is so exciting for the children to dress up, play games and have a special treat. We will also do a small parade for our moms and dads. October sure is busy! We do still have a few openings in our toddler and 2 day 3's Class. If you know anyone looking for preschool, please let them know.

Director,  
Lisa VanBuskirk



A Big Thank you to the Mom who volunteered her time to make our entrance Beautiful and welcoming for the start of Nursery School





**FELLOWSHIP EVENTS:**

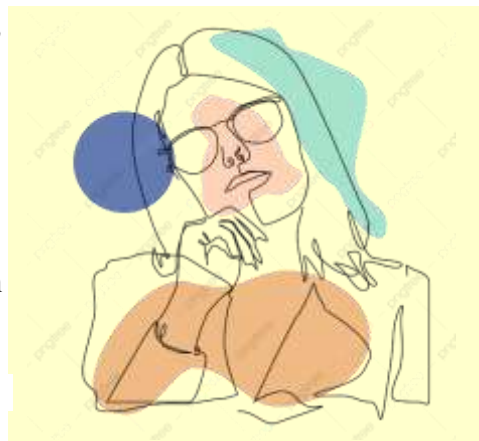
**Hudson United Women in Faith Board** meeting is scheduled for **Monday, October 3, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the church.**

**Mary Martha Circle** will be touring **The Akron Civic Theater, 182 S. Main St., on Thursday, October 13.** They will meet at the Route 8 parking lot at 9:15 am to carpool. The tour begins at 10:00 am and will last approx. 1 hour. Everyone is welcome to join. Mary Martha meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 10:00 am. Questions/Information contact, Cheryl Maimona, [Ctm2949@roadrunner.com](mailto:Ctm2949@roadrunner.com)

**Priscilla Circle** will be meet on **Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 6:00 pm at the church.** Bring your own bag lunch and beverage to enjoy. Program TBD. Priscilla Circle meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm. Questions/Information contact, Ann Ingling, [anningling@gmail.com](mailto:anningling@gmail.com), Marty Hannah, [marty2uin@windstream.net](mailto:marty2uin@windstream.net)

**Books for Breakfast** will meet on **Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 9:30 am on Zoom.** The book for discussion is *Thread of Life* by Clare Hunter. Books for Breakfast meets the 4th Thursday of the month at 9:30 am. Questions/Information contact: Michelle Novosel, [novandkoz@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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

### **Hudson United Women of Faith- Fall Project**

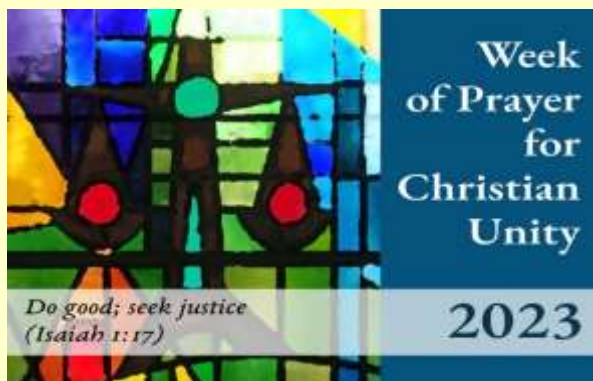
Fall is here, the colors are vibrant, and it is time for a fall mission project of Hudson United Women in Faith (HUWF)! We are very excited to announce that we are collecting, assembling, and delivering hygiene kits to UMCOR (The United Methodist Committee on Relief). We are asking for your help in making this mission successful as you have so often done in the past with our collection of items for school kits. At this time, UMCOR is only accepting hygiene kits and cleaning kits. The hygiene kits require wash cloths, hand towels, combs, toothbrushes, nail clippers, soap, and Band-Aid's to be used for people who are facing devastation due to flooding and other natural disasters. We will be collecting items for the hygiene kits during October and November. Please visit our "fall" tree area in the Sunday School wing near the Family Ministries office, for details on how to participate. It is as simple as taking a paper leaf from our tree with the item needed, shopping for it, and bringing the item to church and putting it under the tree. If you have any questions, please contact Angie Helmer at [cawhelmer@aol.com](mailto:cawhelmer@aol.com). Thanks in advance for your participation!



## SAVE THE DATE

**The Christian Unity Prayer Service (CUPS)** will be held at Hudson United Methodist Church on Thursday, January 19, 2023, at 10:00 am.  
The theme is **"Do Good; Seek Justice"**. (Isaiah 1:17)

Watch for more details in the coming months. If you have any questions, contact Cheryl Gamble: [cgamble1114@yahoo.com](mailto:cgamble1114@yahoo.com)







### **BOY SCOUT FUNDRAISER**

The Boys Scouts are selling Pecatonica Popcorn and Whitley's Specialty Nuts. Proceeds from these sales support Scout camping, equipment, events and supplies. Options include, Popping Kernels, Microwave Popcorn, Specialty Popcorn Flavors and Chocolate Covered Pretzels. Whitley's Nuts options include Almonds, Cashews, Peanuts, Peanut Clusters and Chocolate Covered Specialties.

Also, The Troop is selling Fresh Holiday Wreaths, Swags and Sprays to decorate for the season.

See Kristen [Bradshaw/kmacbradshaw@yahoo.com](mailto:Bradshaw/kmacbradshaw@yahoo.com) to order or for more details.

