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Great Inspiration for Thought

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PASTOR'S PAGE

Thoughts Along the Way...

I find it healthy to pause from time to time and ask myself about my positions – politically, emotionally, and spiritually. I may have arrived at a political stance when I was 18 but, more than likely, I have matured and thus adjusted my position because of life experience. I know my beliefs in Christ and his Church have matured since I joined the UMC at age 20.

How about you? How have your beliefs changed or matured?

During the month of September, Hudson UMC will experience a sermon series entitled, “BeUMC”. Together we will revisit John Wesley’s early teachings and refocus on what it means to be a United Methodist.

Sept. 4 – “BeUMC - Do No Harm”

Sept. 11 – “BeUMC - Do Good”

Sept. 18 – “BeUMC - Attend to God's Ordinances”

Sept. 25 – “BeUMC - World is our Parish”



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THINK LIKE A FISH STUDY

“Then Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid, from now on you will catch men.” So, they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything, and followed him.” Luke 5:10b-11 NIV

The invitation to follow Jesus brought about a new orientation. The first disciples shifted to looking at self to looking for others. Jesus still invites would-be disciples to think differently. Join us beginning **Wednesday, Sept. 28 at 6:45pm** to study “*Think Like a Fish: Seeing your Church through the eyes of the Unchurched*”. Dr. Virgil M. Woods’ book will guide us to better understand our neighborhood/pond and not only what attracts fish/neighbors but retains them.

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.**

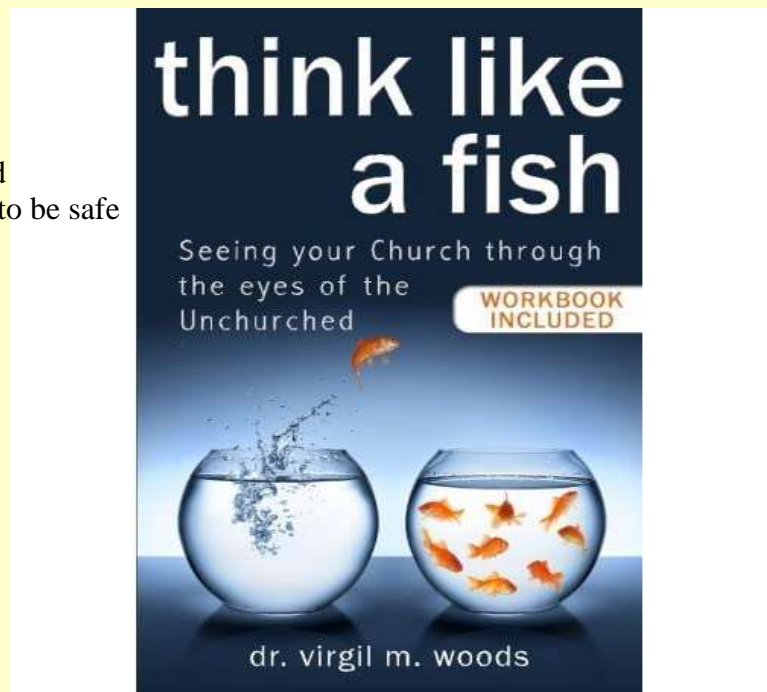
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Rev. Bruce is off most Thursdays and
in office most mornings – call ahead to be safe



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ACME

The Acme Cash Back program has begun again! This program allows us to get money back from the receipts we turn in to use on various missions. There is a bin near the pastor's office to put them in, or if you are unable to do that, you can email the Cash Back amount on the bottom of the receipt to s1bernert@aol.com. **This runs until Dec. 24.**

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 **September 24 and October 22.** For questions, contact Nancy Kralik at nskralik@gmail.com, or 330-212-7581



FEED MY SHEEP – SEPTEMBER

Men's 3 in 1 Body wash - 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.

Toilet paper and/or donations for the purchase of toilet paper is needed. Please note FMS TP on your check. 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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sunday Morning Childcare is a vital ministry for our church families and guests desiring to connect with HUMC on Sunday mornings. The church nursery is often the first contact young families will have with our church. A friendly greeting and exceptional care for their children can make a great impression for HUMC.

When you serve in the nursery, you are being entrusted with the most important (and vulnerable) members of the church family. There is no greater treasure on this side of heaven than the little ones God has given us.

We are in need of volunteers to assist our childcare providers in the nursery during Sunday morning worship service and the Sunday school hour. **The fall schedule will begin on Sunday, September 11, 2022.** Our Safe Sanctuary Policy requires 2 adult leaders in each classroom. If you enjoy children, and would like to be a part of this important church ministry, please contact Cheryl Gamble: cgamble1114@yahoo.com. It's not an obligation; it's a rewarding opportunity to work in the church nursery.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER - MAKE A DIFFERENCE





HOLY LAND TOUR

Bishop Tracy S. Malone and the Methodist Foundation of Ohio will lead an Educational Opportunities tour of the Holy Land from **January 31 through February 9, 2023.**

"This pilgrimage to the Holy Land will open up the Bible in a powerful way by expanding your understanding of scripture and deepening your faith as we visit sacred sites, worship together, and encounter God in the ancient places that ground our faith. It is my hope that those who participate will experience spiritual renewal both in their personal walk with God and in their respective ministries."

Bishop Tracy S. Malone

Daily Itinerary

- January 31 - USA to the Holy Land
- February 1 - Arrive in Tel Aviv
- February 2 - Jericho and Qumran
- February 3 - Herodion and Bethlehem
- February 4 - Caesarea, Mount Carmel, and Megiddo
- February 5 - The Galilee
- February 6 - Cana, Nazareth, Samaria, and Jacob's Well
- February 7 - Jerusalem
- February 8 - Jerusalem
- February 9 - Return to the USA

Learn more and sign-up for the trip at <https://t.co/iJtNZE1FIJ> #BeUMC #EOCUMC



FAMILY ministries

Save the Dates!

Rally Day & Sunday School Kickoff

Join us as we prepare for our Sunday school kickoff for the fall! Rally Day will be Sunday, September 11 and Sunday school will officially start **Sunday, Sept 18.**



Rally Day will be in the CAC after the morning worship service. Rally Day is a fun opportunity to learn about and get involved with the ministries at HUMC. Come and check out Sunday school classes and ministry opportunities this fall.

Volunteers Needed for Sunday School

The Christian Education Committee is in need of teachers and substitutes for many of their classes. The kid's classes are 3 years-1st grade, 2nd-5th grade and 6th-12th grade. The commitments range from weekly to once a month. All teaching materials are provided. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Kerrie Book at kerrievansbook@gmail.com



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Our VBS 2022 participants enjoyed a wonderful three days on "Adventure Island," during which our sanctuary and church grounds transformed into a tropical paradise!

During each night's opening assembly, Sandy Simpson led the kids in lively worship songs and choreography; and both Rev Bruce and our youth acting troupe brought three featured stories to life--the creation story, the paralytic through the roof, and the prodigal son. Our center leaders engaged kids with all sorts of creative, educational, and spiritual play: crafts, games, science experiments, Biblical activities, and mission outreach; not to mention, all the delicious snacks we ate!

Seventeen families participated, with a total of twenty-seven kids from age three to fifth grade. We had eight youth helpers, and over thirty adult volunteers. Thanks to all who helped and participated! It was a blessing to learn, sing, laugh, and play together. Although this year's VBS has come to an end, we hope you all continue to *shine* with LOVE, FAITH, and JOY.





Calling all singers, ringers and anyone else who would enjoy taking part in the music ministry at Hudson UMC! All are welcome, even if you would just like to sit in on our rehearsals. Here is what we have going on this fall:

Chancel Choir -High school age through adult singers who offer an anthem and occasional choral response for the majority of worship services. (We do take some Sundays off). Rehearsals are **Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:00** and will begin on Thursday, September 8th. It is not necessary to read music to praise God and sing.

Wesley Ringers - A handbell choir of age's high school through adult. Each ringer is typically responsible for playing two bells as they occur in the music. It isn't necessary to read music. We play approximately one Sunday per month, and rehearse from **6:15-7:15 on Thursday evenings**. Our first rehearsal will be Thursday, September 8th.

Crusader Choir – Our children's choir, Grades 1-6. We rehearse as part of a worship experience, which is incorporated into Sunday school time on Sunday mornings. We sing approximately once per month for worship services. We will begin to meet on Sunday, **September 18th**.

Flute Choir - A group of flutists who play for worship three or four times per year. Rehearsals are scheduled according to availability.

Instrumentalists - Please let me know if you play an instrument and would be willing to participate as a soloist or play an instrumental part for one of our choir anthems. It greatly enhances and adds vibrancy to worship. We are also considering starting a men's and women's ensemble, along with expanding our children and youth music opportunities once we get the above groups firmly established.

Please know that I am here for anyone who would like help learning the music we are working on or to develop additional music skills. We can schedule times that are convenient for you.



MUSIC MINISTRY PICNIC – Kick off our season and share fellowship with members of our music ministry and their families: Singers, ringers, anyone who has interest in our music ministry in the future, along with families and/or significant others. We will gather at the **Clark Pavilion at Hudson Springs Park at 4:30 PM on Sunday, August 28th**. Hot sandwiches, beverages and place settings will be provided. Bring a covered dish or dessert to share. The Koranes will be offering kayak rides!

NURSERY SCHOOL



I can't believe we are back in school again! The summer was a great time to reflect on the past school year, a time to relax and a time to get ready for another exciting year.

We had such a great experience last fall. The teachers are ready to be back and to welcome old friends and meet new friends. This year, Nursery school will start the week of September 7. Our theme for the school year will be "Under the Sea." We will be learning new routines and classroom rules as well. And we are excited to get outside on our wonderful new playground.

We do have a few openings in our 2-day 3's program and our Toddler program which meets either M/W or T/TH. This is a great program for that 2 ½ young 3 yr. old to interact with other children. The children do not have to be potty trained to be in the Toddler program. Call the office or go to our website, www.hudsonumns.com

Director,
Lisa VanBuskirk



FELLOWSHIP EVENTS:

Hudson United Women in Faith Board meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 7:00 pm at the church.**

Mary Martha Circle will be volunteering at **Heart 4 The City on Thursday, September 1, 2022.** (Please note the change of the normal meeting date). **Drive separately with arrival at 8:30 am. Location: 954 Eastland Ave. Akron**

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

Priscilla Circle will meet on **Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 6:00 pm at the church.** Their program will be sharing "What I remember about summer when I was a child." Bring your own bag lunch and beverage to enjoy.

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 will meet on **Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 9:30 am on Zoom.** The book for discussion is *Quiet* by Susan Cain.

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.

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