

# MARCH GIFT



Great Inspiration for Thought

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## PASTOR'S PAGE

### Lenten Sermon Series

Redemption is the focus during Lent. To date, we have explored God's desire to restore the brokenness of humanity evidenced in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In God's eyes humanity is never beyond restoration, no matter how broken our lives may be. We can always be cleansed, always be redeemed. We can be made whole.

Join Hudson UMC in worship, online and in person, throughout Lent as we confront our brokenness and reexperience the life God offers.

March 3 Romans 5:1-11 "Redemption: No More Pretending"

March 10 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 "Redemption: The Object of God's Delight"

March 17 Luke 10:38-42 "Redemption: Becoming More Available"

March 24 Matthew 22:34-40 "Redemption: Perfected in Love"

March 28 Maundy Thursday 7:00pm, communion

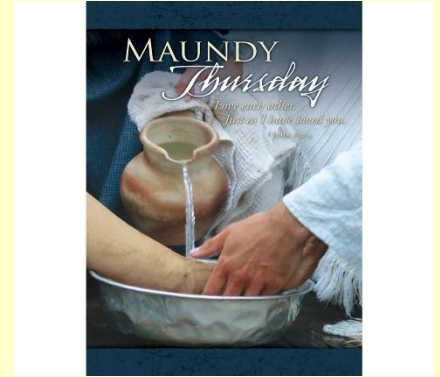
March 31 Easter



### **Maundy Thursday Worship Bags**

If you are unable to attend the Maundy Thursday service on **March 28**, a worship bag will be available on **Sunday, March 24**. Like the Ash Wednesday Worship Bag, the Maundy Thursday bag will include a bulletin, communion elements and materials to help your home-worship experience be meaningful.

“Join” us as we gather to receive Christ’s new commandment. Hudson UMC will live-stream the service at **7:00 pm**



### **Thank you for your service...**

Let us thank those who have sacrificed time away from family by serving Christ’s Church in a variety of ways. The passion for Hudson UMC has led people to serve on committees, assuring the many ministries of the congregation to happen. Your service is much appreciated.

Staff-Parish Relations – Jerry Hammar, Cheryl Maimona

Trustees – Jim Sherer, Wayne Jones

Finance – Bill Centrello

Lay Member to Annual Conference – Jill Centrello

Please consider serving Christ through his Church either on a committee or as a Greeter, Usher, Liturgist, or Technology. If you are interested in serving contact the office at [humc@windstream.net](mailto:humc@windstream.net)



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**PAPER TOWELS for the Hudson Food Pantry**

Hudson UMC supports the Hudson Food Pantry by supplying one roll of paper towels every month for 50+ families. The rolls do not need to be individually wrapped.

**Items requested at this time: PAPER TOWELS! Deodorant for men & women, Lotion, Feminine Products**

Checks can be made out to HUMC with monies directed to the 'Hudson Food Pantry'. Donations may be dropped off at the church in the gathering area.

Upcoming distribution: **March 23, 2024 THANK YOU!** Nancy Kralik [nskralik@gmail.com](mailto:nskralik@gmail.com) 330-212-7581



**Feed My Sheep March Outreach**  
**Men and Women's Shaving Cream, Lotion**  
**Non-Alcohol Mouthwash,**  
**Toilet Paper**  
**Gently Used Seasonal Clothing**  
**for Men, Women and Children**  
**Small Household Items -**  
**Travel Size Toiletries**

Feed My Sheep is a church-based hot lunch program on Fridays from 11:30a to 12:30p at Redeemer UMC (265 Cuyahoga Falls Ave.) in Akron's North Hill neighborhood. A clothing room with household items is open on Fridays.

Once a month HUMC offers a choice of socks, briefs or T-shirt, a toiletry item(s) and travel-size toiletries.

HUMC also supplies toilet paper, and a roll is offered every week with 130+ carry-out lunches.

Blue collection bins are located in the narthex closet, near the hand bell cabinet. Contact Nancy Kralik at 330 212-7581 [nskralik@gmail.com](mailto:nskralik@gmail.com)



**APPALACHIA SERVICE  
 PROJECT – 2024**

***Please support our ministry in rural Appalachia to restore hope and make homes warmer, safer, and drier for people in need.***

2024 is Hudson UMC's 50<sup>th</sup> year of service with ASP. We feel blessed to have maintained this ministry for so long, thanks to the dedicated support of our congregation.

We plan to send 1-2 teams of adults and youth again this year to serve during the week of June 9<sup>th</sup> – June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The total cost for the trip is expected to be \$7,000 - \$9,000, which covers transportation, room and board, and building supplies.

Please consider making a financial donation to support our teams this year. Your contribution is tax deductible. You can donate in one of the following ways:

- Using the Realm app, by selecting the fund Missions (Appalachian Service Project)
- In-person during Worship Services offering (put ASP 2024 on the memo line of your envelope/check)
- By placing a check in the Financial Secretary's mailbox in the church office (put ASP 2024 on the memo line of your check)

Here is some insight into the levels of expenses we must cover; however, any gift is greatly appreciated:

- **A gift of comfort:** \$75 treats the team to well-deserved snacks or ice cream.
- **A gift of hope:** \$100 covers one-way gasoline expenses to Kentucky.
- **A gift of warmth:** \$250 helps defray participation expenses for a single volunteer.
- **A gift of love:** \$500 helps defray the cost of team supplies for the week.
- **A gift of compassion:** \$1,500 pays for the rental cost of one van.





### How Will We Make Disciples?

Last month in this space, I shared the mission of Hudson United Methodist Church that was adopted at last October's all-church 3R (Reflect, Realign, Renew) planning/visioning meetings: **To make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.** We share this statement with The United Methodist Church, and it reflects Jesus' Great Commission to *go and make disciples...* (Matthew 28:18-20).

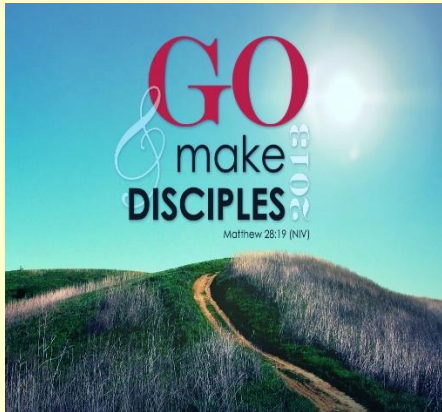
Each Methodist church will accomplish this mission in ways that reflect its own unique culture and values. So, identifying who we are and what we value here at Hudson UMC is central to discerning how we will make disciples here.

At our initial Reflection evening in October, a group of both long and short-term members and friends shared stories of inspiration and pride regarding their individual experiences with Hudson UMC. Through a group exercise, recurring themes were then distilled down to three core values that define who we are at our strongest and best: **At Hudson UMC, we value growing spiritually, serving others, and nurturing relationships.**

Growing spiritually and serving others are hallmarks of an intentional pathway to discipleship, so discipleship is a mission already at our core. And because it is important to us to cultivate strong and meaningful relationships within our community, we will find it natural and fulfilling to continue to make disciples of one another.

Having identified our core values as a church, our next step is to define the particulars of how we will accomplish our mission to make and mature disciples of Christ both on an individual level and as part of our wider communities. This will be an ongoing process, but at this stage, I can offer a few possibilities.

Because we value growing spiritually, we will continue to encourage participation in Sunday school classes and Bible studies. We will also look for more short-term classes to offer, covering special topics and Faith 101-type subjects.



Because we value serving others, we will continue to encourage faith in action through our many service opportunities and mission partners. We will further offer resources that will guide participants in understanding the unique God-given gifts they possess and how they may offer these gifts in service to their world.

And finally, because we value nurturing relationships, we will continue to encourage participation in small group activities and discussions, and even micro-groups of 3 or 4, all of which are designed to be faith-nurturing and life-affirming and to provide companionship and a soft place to land while navigating life's winding paths together.

I pray that this brief picture continues to grow and develop into something like what Jesus had in mind when he told his disciples to go make more disciples. You pray too, and then together we'll work, plan, and watch expectantly just what God will accomplish in and through our church family.

God Bless,

Elizabeth

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Hudson UMC's Annual  
**EASTER EGG HUNT**  
for children through 5<sup>th</sup> grade



**March 23 at 2:30 pm**  
Nursery School Playground

Please register [HERE](#)  
by March 20

**Accepting donations** of individually packaged candies and/or small toys.  
Any donations may be placed in the container outside  
Elizabeth Goodin's office (Room 117)

QUESTIONS? Contact Jackie Beam ([jacqueline.beam@gmail.com](mailto:jacqueline.beam@gmail.com))





# **CLASSICAL** *Concert*

**AN AFTERNOON OF CLASSICAL MUSIC,  
FEATURING**

**Andrew Bolden | tenor**

Director of Music, St. Timothy's  
Episcopal Church, Massilon

**Lesilee Gardiner | soprano**

HUMC Choir

**Sandy Simpson | organ and piano**

Director of Music, HUMC

**Jinyang Tian | organ and piano**

Organist&Pianist, HUMC

**MARCH 3 | 3:00 PM**

**HUDSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

2670 Hudson Aurora Road

*Free Will Offering to support HUMC's 60th Anniversary*

*Cookie reception to follow*





*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 may be made out to Hudson United Methodist Church marked with: Easter Flowers on the memo line.

Final date for orders is Sunday, March 17.

\* Flowers may be picked up after the Easter Service or during the week. Please note that color choices for tulips and hyacinths cannot be guaranteed based on availability.

<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		\$25.00		
Hydrangeas	Blue, Pink		\$25.00		
*Hyacinths	Blue, Pink		\$12.00		
*Tulips	Red, Pink, Yellow		\$12.00		
Daffodils	Yellow		\$15.00		
Donation Only	No Flowers Requested	Your Dedication Will Be in Bulletin	\$10.00		
<b>Total Due</b>					<b>\$</b>

<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 Valentines and talking about the groundhog! We had a great visit from the Akron Zoo. They brought some really cool friends with them. We got to learn about them and even pet a few! We are looking forward to March when we will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day with a special snack and wearing of our green. We will have a week off for spring break. We had a great February and look forward to hopefully getting outside on our playground real soon. We do have openings for the 2024-2025 school year if you know of anyone who may be looking for a preschool. They can either e-mail the school or check out our website at [www.hudsonumns.com](http://www.hudsonumns.com) We hope everyone enjoys the month.

Nursery School Director,  
Lisa VanBuskirk



**FELLOWSHIP EVENTS:**

**Hudson United Women in Faith** board meeting is scheduled for **Monday, March 4, at 7:00 p.m. at the church.**

**Mary Martha Circle** will be **volunteering at Medwish on Thursday, March 14. Plans are to meet at the HUMC parking lot at 9:00 a.m. to carpool.**

Mary Martha meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

Questions/Information contact Cheryl Maimona at [ctm2949@roadrunner.com](mailto:ctm2949@roadrunner.com)

**Priscilla Circle** will meet on **Wednesday, March 20 at 6:00 p.m. at the church.**

Kris Stoehr, part of the First Serve Leadership Team and now the volunteer coordinator at North HS will be the speaker. Please bring your own brown bag dinner.

Priscilla Circle meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Questions/Information contact Ann Ingling at [anningling@gmail.com](mailto:anningling@gmail.com), or Marty Hannah [marty2uin@windstream.net](mailto:marty2uin@windstream.net)

**Books for Breakfast** will meet on **Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.**

The book for discussion is *Facing the Mountain* by Daniel James Brown.

(Watch your email for updates on meeting location or on Zoom).

Books for Breakfast usually meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m.

Questions/Information contact Michelle Novosel at [novandkoz@yahoo.com](mailto:novandkoz@yahoo.com)

We are on **Facebook** - check us out at Hudson United Methodist Church **Women** be sure to "**Like**" us to get current updates.

**MISSIONS**

**UWF PANCAKE BREAKFAST – THANK YOU**

It is such a joy to experience the caring response of our loving congregation. The Hudson UWF is very appreciative of your support of our February 11 pancake breakfast and the mission, Snow Angels. Each year we try to estimate the number of people who will be attending. Regrettably, this year our estimate was incorrect, and we ran out of pancakes. We deeply apologize for that. We will try to do better next year. Even with that, the freewill offering netted \$800 which will be given to the **Snow Angels**. UWF thanks you so much for your generosity. The money will be of great assistance to many people.

**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH – SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**

**The Hudson United Women in Faith will be providing the 9:30 am Worship service on Sunday, April 7, 2024.** Our special guest speaker will be Belva Demark Tibbs. She will share her message of: “Sarah, the Mother of Faith”. Belva holds a BS in Medical Education from, the honors program, (which included the completion of the first two years of medical school) from Northwestern University Medical School in Chicago, and an MBA from Cleveland State University where she was inducted into the Business Honor Society. She also received a certificate from the Advanced Leadership Program at the University of North Carolina.

All women are invited to participate in the worship service as readers, ushers, as part of the Hudson UWF Choir. Watch the weekly bulletins for more in the coming weeks on how you can participate in the service. There will be a sign-up board in the Gathering Area in mid-March to sign up for a part in the service or to join the choir. If you are interested in being a part of this special Sunday worship service, contact Cheryl Gamble, [cgamble1114@yahoo.com](mailto:cgamble1114@yahoo.com)

**Sunday, May 12, 2024 - Gifts from the Heart**

Mission Outreach in support of Heart 4 the City and Center of Hope

