



# Hudson United Methodist Church

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## May G.I.F.T. Great Inspiration for Thought



### A Message from the Pastor

#### Invitation for Sermon Series Suggestions

Dear Members and Friends of HUMC,

We invite you to share your suggestions for sermon series for the coming year. This could include:

- A series from a book in the Bible i.e. Psalms, Habakkuk, James
- A spiritual discipline -
- A theme – courage, doubt

Please [contact Rev. Bruce \(pastor@hudsonumc.com\)](mailto:pastor@hudsonumc.com) with your suggestions and include your contact information in case some clarification is necessary.

Thank you for your participation and ideas.  
Rev. Bruce

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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 60+ families. The rolls do not need to be individually wrapped.

**Items requested at this month:  
PAPER TOWELS!  
Canned chicken & canned fruit**

Donations may be dropped off at the church in the gathering area.  
Upcoming distribution:  
Saturday, May 24

**THANK YOU!**  
Nancy Kralik [nskralik@gmail.com](mailto:nskralik@gmail.com)  
330-212-7581



### **FEED MY SHEEP MAY OUTREACH**

**Shampoo, Deodorant, Gently Used Spring, Summer Clothing, Household & Cleaning Items**

Feed My Sheep is a church-based hot lunch program Fridays from 11:30p 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, 2 toiletry items and travel-size toiletries. HUMC also supplies toilet paper and a roll is offered every week with 125+ carry-out lunches.

Blue collection bins are located in the narthex closet. Thank you for supporting Feed My Sheep! Contact: Nancy Kralik 330-212-7581, or [nskralik@gmail.com](mailto:nskralik@gmail.com)

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# FROM Elizabeth Goodin, Director of Family Ministries

[Contact Elizabeth \(familyministries@hudsonumc.com\)](mailto:familyministries@hudsonumc.com)

## Thank You!

On Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, Hudson UMC hosted 30~40 enthusiastic children for our **annual Easter Egg Hunt**. Many thanks go to organizers, Silvia Gudgel and Jackie Beam, and our generous volunteers who provided treats and helped to fill 1300 eggs. Love and good will was felt by all!



## Safe Sanctuary Training

**Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 – 11:00am.**

*Safe Sanctuaries* is a United Methodist Church policy and set of guidelines put in place to protect the children, youth, and vulnerable adults who participate in our ministries from physical, emotional, or sexual abuse. **Training is required every three years** for all volunteers who currently or may potentially work with children, youth, or vulnerable adults. *Safe Sanctuaries* screening also includes completion of an application as well as a background check. Questions? [Contact Elizabeth](#).

## High School Senior Recognition

**Sunday May 11th**



Additionally, if you have a **senior graduating from college or graduate school**, please email Elizabeth their name, school, degree, and future plans. We will recognize their accomplishment in the morning's bulletin and include them in our prayer for the graduates.



## Recruiting Summer *Children's Sermon* Adult Assistants

Each Sunday during the sermon portion of the worship service, Elizabeth, along with an adult volunteer, takes the kids to the CAC for a brief lesson and activity related to the sermon topic. If anyone has ever been curious about what happens during this time with the kids, or would value making some **meaningful connections with our "young disciples,"** then serving as our adult helper might be the perfect volunteer opportunity. No preparation is required, but the kids would certainly benefit from any additional wisdom offered to the conversation.

If you think this ministry is something you would like to be involved in, please take a look at the summer schedule linked [HERE](#), and add your name to one or more upcoming Sunday's slots.



## Do you love to organize?

Elizabeth could use your help this summer **decluttering** the Resource Room (Room 115) and **relocating** useful resources to other rooms and cabinets. This will serve to free up classroom space for ministry. Let Elizabeth know you'd like to join the crew, and we'll put your gift for organizing to good use.

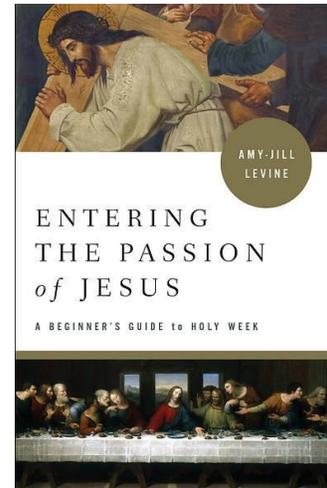
## Adult Sunday School offerings through Sunday, May 18. ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN!

*To arrange attendance by ZOOM, contact Elizabeth Goodin*

### ***FAMILY TIES*** **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**

*Entering the Passion of Jesus*  
**Continuing through Sunday, May 18**  
**10:50am, Room 118**

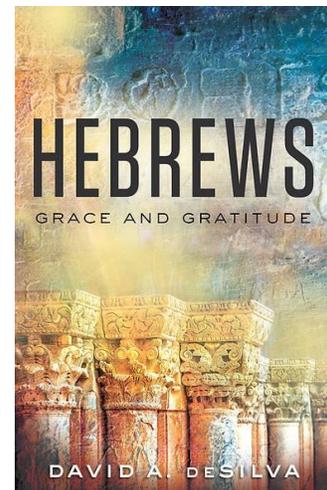
**A deep dive into the history of the last days before the crucifixion.** What if we look at the "ordinary" people who witnessed the Passion events... the women around Jesus? Or the "bad" guys... Judas, Pilate, and Caiaphas? Amy-Jill Levine looks closely at the people who were part of Jesus' life during his last days. [PREVIEW Entering the Passion](#)



### ***MEN'S AND AMAZING GRACES*** **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**

*NEW! Hebrews: Grace & Gratitude*  
Sundays, April 27 - May 18  
**10:50am, Room 109**

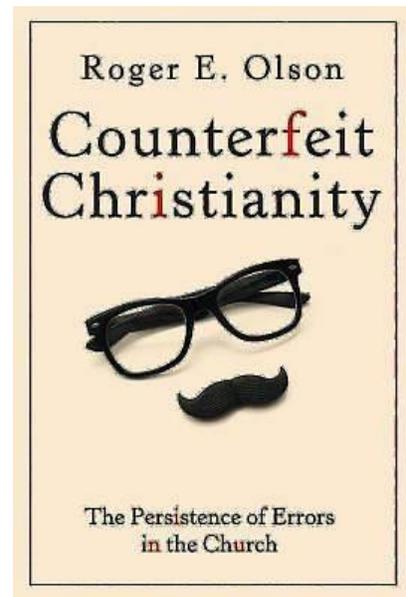
Perhaps there is no better time than now for us to study gratitude and grace. Author and New Testament scholar David deSilva traces these themes through the book of Hebrews, helping us to see the connection between God's grace in our lives and the gratitude we can express for our salvation when we answer the call to invest ourselves in God's mission in the world. [PREVIEW Hebrews](#)



***Ties That Bind***  
**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**

*Counterfeit Christianity:*  
*The Persistence of Errors in the Church*  
Continuing through Sunday, May 18  
**10:50am, Parlor**

Distorted Christian teachings threaten effective and thoughtful faith. Heresies are not limited to times of long ago. True, major heretical controversies originated ages ago, but many of these same errors and myths continue to circulate through congregations of today. [PREVIEW Counterfeit Session One](#)



**Coming this summer...**

*The Chosen*  
**INTERGENERATIONAL SUMMER  
SUNDAY SCHOOL**

***Begins June 1<sup>st</sup> - Led by Chris Bolinger***

Chris Bolinger will once again lead an intergenerational summer Sunday school class on ***The Chosen, Seasons 4 and 5***. Class sessions will include video clips, followed by a time for discussion.

Season 4 of *The Chosen* focuses on the last year of Jesus' ministry, starting with the death of John the Baptist and leading to the events of Holy Week. Season 5 explores the events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion, including the triumphal entry, the Last Supper, Jesus turning the tables at the temple, and Judas' betrayal. **CLICK BELOW** to view official trailers.

[The Chosen: Season 4 Official Trailer](#)  
[The Chosen: Last Supper | Official Trailer](#)

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## From our Nursery School

April was another great month for the Nursery School. We were very excited to have our annual Art Show. It was a great success! Our theme was Around The Country! We turned the Narthex into different cultures and things native to those countries. 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. This 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 school is almost over. We 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 in the school. If you know anyone looking for preschool for a 2 ½ through 5 year old please let them know. We will also have the Baby and Me class again starting in the fall. This class is designed for the child who is 18 months to 2.5 years old.

Nursery School Director,  
Lisa VanBuskirk

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## Thank you from the HUMC Mission Committee

The **HUMC Missions Committee** extends our heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your generous support of our recent ASP Silent Auction. We sincerely appreciate your contributions—both the gift items and the purchases. Your kindness enables us to uphold our congregation's 51-year tradition of partnering with the Appalachia Service Project, where we work together to repair homes, making them warmer, safer, and drier, while transforming the lives of both homeowners and volunteers. This year, we are excited to be sending two teams to Tennessee.

We are truly humbled by your remarkable generosity.  
Thank you!



United  
Women  
in Faith

## FELLOWSHIP EVENTS:

**Hudson United Women in Faith** board meeting is scheduled for **Monday, May 5, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the church.**

**Mary Martha Circle** will be **hosting a Teacher Appreciation Luncheon at the Orchard School on Thursday, May 8, 2025. Watch your email for more information.**

Mary Martha meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month.

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

**Priscilla Circle** will meet on **Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the church.** A Build-A - Salad Bar is on the menu. Lettuce will be provided with each attendee contributing a small bowl of their favorite salad ingredient. This is a brainstorming/planning session for the 2025-2026 year.

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), Marty Hannah

[marty2uin@windstream.net](mailto:marty2uin@windstream.net)

**Books for Breakfast** will meet on **Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. for their 2025/2026 book selection at the home of Paula Shaw.**

Books for Breakfast meets on the 4th 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

### The Happy Project

The Hudson's (HUMC) United Women in Faith will be collecting period and **incontinence supplies**, including – tampons, pads and liners for the Hudson Food Pantry from **June 1st, 2025- August 10th, 2025; monetary donations will also be accepted; please contact Marcia Korane at [mskorane@windstream.net](mailto:mskorane@windstream.net) if you have any questions.**

**H:** Hudson United Women in Faith

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**Y:** young women and all those who benefit from Hudson Food Pantry



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## SAS UPDATE

On April 6 a Church Chat meeting was held following church service to discuss SAS (Simplified Accountable Structure). At this well-attended meeting, SAS was presented to those present with a brief question and answer session following the presentation. SAS is a new form of church governance that is becoming increasingly popular within our district. Basically, this new structure requires a 9-member leadership team with our Senior Pastor as the tenth member. This new governance structure replaces the committee structure, making decisions more streamlined and efficient. As a congregation, in the future we still must have a Special Charge Conference where we will vote on adopting this new form of governance.

At the meeting, everyone was encouraged to submit any questions they may still have, and the current Church Council would provide answers and publish them for all to review. You are encouraged to go to our website to review the questions and answers and the entire presentation on the [Church Initiatives](#) page of the HUMC website.

The 9-member leadership team will be selected from church members who have applied and have been selected by the nominating committee for a one-, two- or three-year term. The leadership team will meet once a month for 90 minutes to address the current and future opportunities and challenges of our church. **Members interested in being part of the leadership team are encouraged to complete this [application form](#).** A hard copy of this one-page form is available for pick up following church service or at your convenience during the week on the table outside the church office.

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## Membership Exploration

If you feel a nudge from God to explore membership at Hudson UMC, we welcome you warmly.

Contact Rev. Bruce at [\[pastor@hudsonumc.com\]](mailto:pastor@hudsonumc.com) to express your interest or ask questions. Details regarding dates will be shared when those interested are identified.

Future opportunities will be available if now isn't the right time.

