



Hudson United Methodist Church

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November G.I.F.T.

Great Inspiration for Thought

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A message from the Pastor

Dear Members and Friends of Hudson UMC,

This communication offers an update regarding the congregational vote on and transition to the Simplified Accountable Structure (SAS).

This transition has been in development for some time, and we now have individuals who have agreed to serve on the newly designed Leadership Board. Along with sharing these names, we are also reminding you of the date for a Charge Conference, which is a necessary step to officially implement the SAS.

Charge Conference Details

Official Charge Conference Notification

We are writing to officially inform the membership of Hudson United Methodist Church that our Charge Conference has been scheduled and will convene in Akron, Ohio. The meeting will take place at Green Valley United Methodist Church on **Saturday, November 8, beginning at 11:00 a.m.**

As previously promised, the address for Green Valley United Methodist Church is:

Green Valley UMC

620 E. Turkeyfoot Lake Rd., Akron, OH 44319

Leadership Board Update

This notice also includes an update regarding those who have agreed to lead Hudson UMC forward in the Simplified Accountable Structure. The individuals desiring to serve on the Leadership Board are:

- Three Year Class – David Heater, Cheryl Maimona, Kevin Mohr
- Two Year Class – Wally Helmer, David Aebi, Pat Rego (red indicates additions)
- One Year Class – Linda Schmeichel, Tom King, TBD

Note: A Chairperson has not been elected as of this printing.

Ongoing Nominations Process

The Nominations Team remains dedicated to a careful and prayerful approach in seeking additional members to serve on the Leadership Board.

Thank you for your prayers and continued interest in your church. If any questions arise as you review this information, please contact Rev. Bruce Hartley, Nominations Team Chair.

Live in Courage and Hope,

Rev. Bruce



A Reminder About Your 2025 Commitment

As we continue this season of stewardship, we invite all members and friends of Hudson United Methodist Church to prayerfully consider your financial commitment for the coming year. Your pledges are an important part of how we plan and support the ministries that make a difference in our church, our community, and beyond.

If you have not yet returned your pledge card, please take a moment to do so. Pledges may be dropped off in the church office during the week or in the offering plate on Sundays. As you reflect, we encourage you to listen for how God is calling you to share your gifts in gratitude and faith.

If you need a commitment form, please [click here](#).



Serving
Others



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:

Paper towels!!! Canned Great Northern Beans, Canned Kidney Beans, Tea, Vegetable Oil

Donations may be dropped off at the church in the gathering area. Contact Nancy Kralik, nskralik@gmail.com



Feed My Sheep

Feed My Sheep is a church-based hot lunch program on Fridays from 11:30am to 12:30pm 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 sized 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. Thank you for supporting Feed My Sheep! Contact Nancy Kralik, nskralik@gmail.com



Acme Community Cash Back

The Acme Community Cash Back program is beginning again! This year it will run from 8/1/25 to 2/15/26. Our church will receive 5% back from the purchase of certain items to be used for missions.

You can put your receipts in the collection bin outside the pastor's office, or email the cash back total on the bottom of the receipt to s1bernert@aol.com. Thank you for supporting our missions!



Mountain of Food

Heart 4 the City's monthly "Mountain of Food" distribution is Thursday, November 6th. Set-up 7:30am; the distribution at 8am. Park on the grass, east of the church: Heart 4 the City, 954 Eastland Ave, Akron, OH 44305. Questions? Contact Tammy Heffernan at 330-322-6952 Future distribution: December 4th.

OPEN M's monthly "Mountain of Food" takes place on Friday November 21st beginning at 7:45am. A Direct Distribution program of the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank hosted by OPEN M open to Summit County and beyond. It is a one-day, bulk distribution of foods such as produce, meat, breads and more. For more information or to rsvp for carpool, contact Linda Brown at flashknit@gmail.com.

Future distribution dates: December 19th, January 16th.

Our church will be supplying **200 cans of sloppy joe** for OPEN M families in need. Either purchase the sloppy joe and bring it to church, or you can donate money. Please mark your check "OPEN M Sloppy Joe." Donations are due by December 1.

From Elizabeth Goodin, Director of Family Ministries

contact: familyministries@hudsonumc.com



As I write this, Mark and I are preparing to host church family members in our home for a Dinner for Eight. Along with multiple hikes planned and life groups that are beginning to form, Dinners for Eight are one of the fruits of the Fellowship Ministry Team's efforts to provide opportunities for making connections and building community at Hudson UMC.

Why does a disciple-making church focus first on helping to build strong relationships? Because it's within and through relationships such as this that life is experienced and

shared, reflected upon, strengthened, and sustained. It's where the laughing, crying, and searching happens, and it's where we learn about who we are and ultimately, who God is. At Hudson UMC, the expression of our values begins with hospitality, continues through fellowship, and with intention and commitment, leads to discipleship and growth.

As you read through the opportunities listed below and throughout this newsletter, consider not whether, but *where* you may plug yourself in, alongside others, to continue with the next step on this shared journey.



Dinner for Eight is a great way to meet new people at church and to get to know your church family better.

A group of eight people (couples will be kept together) will meet for dinner and fellowship. You do not need to be a couple to join a Dinner for Eight. A group will be available for everyone to join.

If you're interested in **hosting** a Dinner for Eight in your home in **January/February**, please email Amy Pendergrass at amy.j.pendergrass@gmail.com.





Empty Nesters Life Group– Next gathering on November 8!

Enjoying fellowship and support with others whose children have grown up and moved out of the family home. For more information about the Empty Nesters Life Group, contact Amy Pendergrass at amy.j.pendergrass@gmail.com.

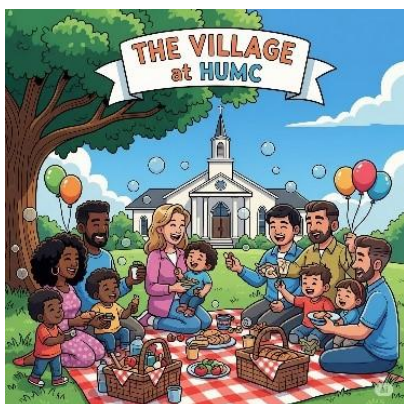
Empty Nesters Dessert

Saturday, November 8

7:30 PM

34032 Summerset Drive, Solon

(home of Mark and Elizabeth Goodin)



The Village: Building Faith and Community, Together – Next gathering on November 2!

"The Village" is a small group designed for **families with young children** who want to connect with others, grow in their faith, and navigate the joys and challenges of parenthood in a supportive environment. We believe it takes a village to raise a child, and we want to be that village for you—a place where you feel seen, supported, and celebrated.

Our group provides a relaxed, judgment-free space for families to build friendships and share experiences. We gather to discuss faith-based topics relevant to family life, enjoy fellowship, and share in a meal. While the adults connect, the kids have a chance to play and make friends in a fun and safe setting.

"The Village" is more than just a meeting; it's a community. It's a place to find encouragement, pray for one another, and walk together on the journey of faith and family. Join us as we build a legacy of faith for our children and find strength in our shared community.

First Sunday of each month

4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

6872 Saint Regis Blvd., Hudson

(home of Kallie Beck)

This is a **potluck-style** gathering, so please bring a dish to share.

RSVP to kalliebeck@gmail.com

Upcoming dates:

November 2nd (RSVP by October 28)

December 7th (RSVP by December 2)

Do you have an idea for forming another type of Life Group at Hudson UMC?

Contact Elizabeth at familyministries@hudsonumc.com.



Praying the Scriptures – More to Consider:

The deep interest and success of Kathy and Hugo Sandberg's *Praying the Scriptures for your Adult Children* class leads us to consider other future possibilities!

Jodie Berndt has authored several impactful books in her *Praying the Scriptures* series, helping readers pray scripturally for different stages and areas of life. **Anyone who feels led to form a group around praying together for children, teens, marriage, or life, is encouraged to talk to Elizabeth for help in getting started.**

[Click to see Jodie Berndt's other Praying the Scripture books](#)

November Adult Sunday School Opportunities

Sundays, 10:50 - 11:50am:

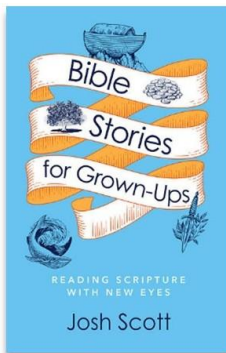


The Bible Project, Room 113

Led by Bruce Hartley, Elizabeth Goodin

This class will view and discuss videos produced by *The Bible Project*, an organization founded by two friends and Bible scholars who love teaching the Bible. Through the production of creative videos and accompanying study guides, *The Bible Project* introduces books and key themes of the Bible in ways that are clear, approachable, and transformative. **Through November, we will continue with overview videos and discussion on foundational books of the Bible.** WALK-INS WELCOME!

[Watch The Bible Project's GENESIS 1-11 Video](#)



Amazing Graces, Room 110 and

Men's Sunday School Class, Room 109

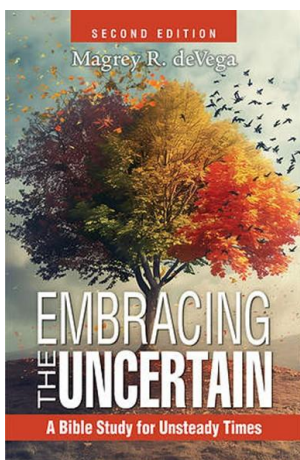
Led by Kristen Bradshaw, Bob Kinsey, Rick Painting

Bible Stories for Grown-Ups

Sundays, November 2 – December 7

A look at three familiar Bible stories read as children, revealing new details and interpretations for an older audience. Pastor Josh Scott reimagines these stories and opens new visions for understanding them in our current cultural environment.

[Preview BIBLE STORIES FOR GROWNUPS](#)



Family Ties, Room 116/118

Led by Sharon and Pat Rego

Embracing the Uncertain

Sundays, November 2 – December 7

Magrey deVega invites readers to engage and wrestle with life's uncertainties, not ignore them. The six sessions focus on six post-transfiguration, pre-Passion stories in the Gospels. Each of these stories is a signpost in the Gospel narrative, pointing down at a world filled with uncertainty but pointing us forward to a cross that can show us how to follow Jesus with courage, hope, and obedience.

[Preview EMBRACING THE UNCERTAIN](#)

Poinsettia Orders



Celebrate the Christmas season by purchasing a Poinsettia to place in the Sanctuary in honor of the birth of Christ. Each 7 ½ inch double stemmed potted plant will cost \$18.00 and you may choose either red or white. To dedicate your Poinsettia in memory/honor of someone please fill out [this form](#) and place it along with your check in the offering plate or drop it off in the church office. Your name, as well as those honored and remembered, will be featured in the bulletin. **DEADLINE IS December 7 to ensure supply.**

United Women in Faith

FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

Hudson United Women in Faith board meeting is scheduled for **Monday, November 3, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the church.**

Mary Martha Circle will be volunteering at **Heart 4 the City** on **Thursday, November 6, 2025. Drive separately with arrival at 8:30 a.m.**

Location: 954 Eastland Ave., Akron.

Mary Martha usually meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month.

Questions/Information contact Cheryl Maimona at ctm2949@roadrunner.com

Priscilla Circle will be preparing the Thanksgiving Dinner turkey dressing on **Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the church. *Dressing donation items can be dropped off in the box labeled "Turkey Dressing" before November 12. The box is located in the kitchen.***

Priscilla Circle will also assist with hosting the **Annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the church.**

We encourage all of our members to attend the Thanksgiving Dinner on November 19. Our next Circle meeting will be in December.

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

Questions/Information contact Ann Ingling at anningling@gmail.com, Marty Hannah marty2uin@windstream.net

Books for Breakfast will meet on **Thursday, November 20, 2025 at the home of Kim Wells.** The book for discussion is *Be Ready When the Luck Happens: A Memoir* by Ina Garten.

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

Questions/Information contact Michelle Novosel at 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.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER

The United Women in Faith will be hosting their annual **Thanksgiving Dinner on Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 6:00 pm in the CAC (Christian Activity Center).**

We extend an invitation to all church families and friends to share our blessings with one another as we enjoy a delicious Thanksgiving meal. **Turkey, ham, dressing, cranberries and rolls will be provided** and each family is asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. This will be a special time to be thankful and enjoy fellowship with one another. Please be sure to rsvp on the sign-up board in the Gathering Area. There will be a Free Will offering with proceeds going to MedWish. Questions: Contact: Cheryl Gamble ~ cgamble1114@yahoo.com or Carol Spinelli ~ kspinelli55@yahoo.com

MISSIONS

United Women in Faith – Mission Pin Presentation

On April 27, during the United Women in Faith Worship service, we recognized an individual to receive our UWF Mission Pin. The recipient was not in attendance that morning. Due to travel and delay in receiving the gold lapel pin, we just recently were able to present the mission pin to Isabel Lee. Isabel was chosen for her invaluable leadership with the HUMC Youth's Christian Education Walk throughout the years. Here are just a few ways that Isabel has served HUMC and the youth: she has served on the HUMC Christian Education Committee, she has been an advocate and participant in Vacation Bible School, and for many years, coordinated the children's participation in Search for the Christ Child. Isabel is deserving of this recognition as she has served HUMC youth with lots of energy and dedication from her heart. Be sure to congratulate Isabel when you see her at church.



SAVE THE DATE

CHRISTIAN UNITY PRAYER SERVICE (CUPS)

The Christian Unity Prayer Service will be held on Thursday, January 22, 2026 @ 10:00 am at Laurel Lake Retirement Center. The theme is "There is one today and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling" Ephesians 4:4. There will be a luncheon provided by Laurel Lake following the Worship service. Tickets will be required for the luncheon. Tickets are \$20 and will be sold in December and early January. Watch the bulletins for more details. No ticket is required for the Worship service. Questions: contact: Cheryl Gamble – cgamble1114@yahoo.com or Cheryl Maimona – ctm2949@roadrunner.com