



Hudson United Methodist Church

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

June/July 2026 G.I.F.T.

Great Inspiration for Thought



A message from the Pastor

New Feature “Social Principles”

The Social Principles serve as the United Methodist Church’s official summary of stated convictions on social issues of the day.

First adopted by the 1972 General Conference, the Social Principles document stands in the Wesleyan tradition of forthright moral witness and ethical action.

Taking its inspiration and grounding from both the Evangelical United Brethren’s Moral Standards and the Methodist Episcopal Church’s social creed, the Social Principles reflect the church’s concern for both personal and social holiness in communities across the world.

The Social Principles document contains six main sections: (1) the preface, (2) the preamble, (3) the community of creation, (4) the social community, (5) the economic community and (6) the political community. The history of Methodism and its predecessor bodies' commitment to social principles can be found in the preface; the theological convictions of the church are found in the preamble.

Going forward specific Social Principles will be shared to deepen our understanding of United Methodism. You can learn more by visiting [UMC.org](https://www.UMC.org)

Baptism at Hudson UMC

In the [Sacrament of Holy Baptism](#), "we are initiated into Christ's holy church, ... incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit," the Introduction to the Baptismal Covenant says. "All this is God's gift, offered to us without price."

If you want to learn more about this sacrament, contact Rev. Bruce or the office. If you or a member of your family desire to be baptized, the next opportunity will be on June 21, Father's Day at the 9:30am worship service.

If this opportunity is not a convenient time to receive the sacrament, watch for future dates.

Making Room for God

As we continue to live into our "Making Room for God" sermon series, we've been hearing some wonderful stories from people who took the challenge to "declutter." Many have taken practical steps to clear space—and in doing so, discovered something deeper about what it means to make room for God in their lives.



If you took on the challenge, we'd love to hear from you. What did you learn in the process? Was there an insight, a moment of reflection, or even a surprising sense of freedom that came from letting go? Drop a note or [email the church office](#) and share your experience. Your story might encourage someone else who is still in the middle of their own “decluttering” journey.

And here's a reminder as we move into summer: *let's not take a vacation from “Making Room for God.”*

If you're still in the process of decluttering—or just getting started—you might also consider turning those extra items into something meaningful. Selling items on platforms like eBay, Facebook Marketplace, or Poshmark can be a great way to give things a second life.

Even more, you can choose to donate the proceeds to Hudson United Methodist Church. When giving through [Realm](#), simply designate your gift under “decluttering,” and funds collected will be sent to Habitat for Humanity, helping support meaningful work in our wider community. So far, we've already raised \$100 through our decluttering efforts. What a meaningful start to this shared practice of generosity!

Every small act of letting go can become an act of generosity—and a way of making more room for God.



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: PAPER TOWELS !!!**

Canned Salmon, Canned Refried Beans. Donations may be dropped off at the church in the gathering area. Upcoming distributions: **Saturday, June 27. THANK YOU!** Nancy Kralik nskralik@gmail.com 330-212-7581



Feed My Sheep

Gently Used Seasonal Clothing for Men & Women, Blankets, Small Household Items

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. A clothing room with household items is open on Fridays.

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, near the hand bell cabinet. Contact: Nancy Kralik 330 212-7581 nskralik@gmail.com



Mountain of Food

OPEN M's monthly "Mountain of Food" takes place on **Friday June 19th 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: June 19, July 17, August 21.

From Elizabeth Goodin, Director of Family Ministries

contact: familyministries@hudsonumc.com



The Dipper and the Bucket

Are you a bucket filler or a bucket dipper? The Dipper and the Bucket is a simple but powerful idea first introduced in the 1960s by psychologist Donald O. Clifton and later re-interpreted for children by author Carol McCloud in her book ***Have You Filled a Bucket Today?*** It helps us understand how our words and actions affect others.

It goes like this: Each of us carries an invisible bucket. It represents the good feelings we have about ourselves. When our bucket is full, we love the world and freely share that love with everyone around us. We're happy. When our bucket is empty, however, we feel discouraged, and we lack energy. We feel sad.

We also carry invisible dippers, which we can use to either fill or "dip into" other people's buckets. When we treat others with kindness, compliment them, and make them feel special, we are filling their buckets, and at the same time we fill our own. But when we hurt someone with thoughtless acts, or harsh words, we dip from their bucket. At those times, our own buckets also empty a little, and we are diminished.

God created us to be bucket fillers. Isn't that what Jesus meant when he said to treat others as we would want to be treated, to love God with all that we are, and to love our neighbors as ourselves?

The Messy Church Ministry Team felt that the theme of bucket filling was a natural fit for a fun and engaging Messy Church session to be held on **Sunday, June 7th from 4-6p**, centered around the Golden Rule and the Great Commandment. It's an accessible but significant message for our target audience: anyone in our wider community who may possibly be exploring church for the first time. We trust that God is already at work, even now, drawing those families toward us and also shaping Hudson UMC into the community they encounter who will help them discover Why here? Why now? We never know who may be reached, but we are definitely ready. PLEASE JOIN US.

God Bless,

Elizabeth

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for our next Messy Church!

Join us for our first **Sunday evening** Messy Church!

OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY.

Sunday, June 7, 2026

4:00 to 6:00pm

Invite a friend. Spread the word.



Collecting Items:

We're collecting plastic grocery bags for a mission project and lightweight boxed meals for a worship activity. (Food will be donated to the Hudson Food Pantry after June 7.)

Look for the Messy Church collection bin in the HUMC entryway. THANK YOU.



[Learn More About Our Next Messy Church!](#)

[RSVP to Let Us Know You're Coming!](#)



Intergenerational Summer Sunday School

The Chosen, Season Five

Led by Chris Bolinger

Sundays, June 7 - August 9

(no class on July 5th)

10:50 – 11:50am

Room 112/114

Participants are invited to tune in to weekly episodes of *The Chosen* at home. Class sessions will include video clips, followed by a time for discussion.

The Chosen is the multi-season TV series chronicling the life of Jesus. Season Five centers on the events of Holy Week—the final days of Jesus’ life leading up to his crucifixion.

Check out [descriptions of the Disciples](#) in *The Chosen* as well as [Other Characters](#) in Season 5.

[Seasons 1-4 Recap Here](#)

[See the Weekly Schedule](#)

Children’s Sermon returns Summer Sundays beginning June 7, and Elizabeth is recruiting Summer *Children’s Sermon* Adult Assistants.



During the sermon portion of the worship service, Elizabeth, along with an adult volunteer, will take 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 below and add your name to one or more upcoming Sunday's slots.

[Children's Sermon Helper Sign-Up](#)

A Summer of Prayer

Labyrinth Walks Continue Throughout the Summer.

Multiple days and times offered



Lunch and Labyrinth Walk

Tuesday, June 16 at 12:00 noon

Meet at Cowboy Food & Drink (8586 E Washington St, Chagrin Falls) before proceeding to the labyrinth (16349 Chillicothe Road, Bainbridge).

Dinner and Labyrinth Walk

Tuesday, July 14 at 6:00p

Meet at Crumb & Spigot Tavern (16783 Chillicothe Rd, Chagrin Falls) before proceeding to the labyrinth (16349 Chillicothe Road, Bainbridge).

Breakfast and Labyrinth Walk

Saturday, August 15 at 9:00a

Meet at Panera Bread (8480 E Washington St, Auburn Corners) before proceeding to the labyrinth (16349 Chillicothe Road, Bainbridge).

A **Labyrinth** is a single life-size circular path which always leads to the center and follows the same path out.

An outdoor labyrinth is located on grounds owned by Federated Church (16349 Chillicothe Road, Bainbridge) and is open to the public.



Federated member, Kate Parr identifies labyrinth walking as an ancient form of prayer or meditation. “Walking the labyrinth can be a powerful experience. It helps us to go within to receive and to come back out into the world renewed.”

Psychotherapist Kathy Maxwell shares, “How you use a labyrinth can be adapted to your needs and what is happening in your life. Some use it as a grounding tool to reduce stress, while others use it as a way to connect to the rhythm of life and nature.”

All Are Welcome. Sign up below.

[Sign Up for the Labyrinth Walk](#)

[Read the Labyrinth Article](#)

Summer Prayer Class

Led by Bob Kinsey and Paul Brown

The Way of Prayer

An 11-Week Small-Group Journey into Prayer

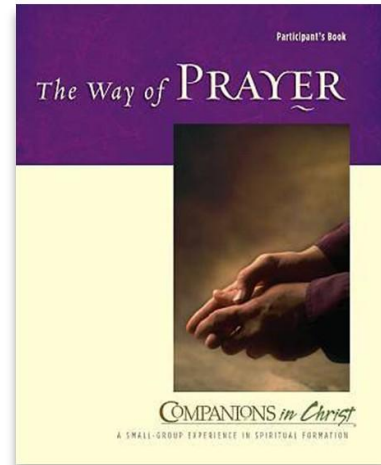
Daily exercises and weekly check-up meetings

Thursdays, June 18 – August 27

6:00 – 8:00p

The Way of Prayer is an 11-week small-group study that explores the nature, practice, and transforming power of prayer. This study invites you to honor the ways you were taught to pray, while gently expanding your understanding to include new and life-giving practices.

Participants will utilize the *Companions in Christ* resource, *The Way of Prayer Participant's Book*. **Books and an accompanying journal are available to order through Hudson UMC for \$15.00.** CLICK BELOW to register for the class and to place an order for the book. There will also be a sign-up sheet in HUMC's main hallway. Books may be paid for in person or through Realm on HUMC's website. (Select Education fund and Prayer Class in the Memo field.)



[Register for Class](#)

[Link to Realm](#)

Prayer Partners

For Ages 3 through 103!



Bearing each other's burdens, celebrating each other's wins, and growing in faith and friendship.

We are forming a network of pairs who will pray for each other throughout the year. Being a prayer partner offers a meaningful way to support someone through consistent encouragement, care, and connection with God. It deepens your own faith while building a relationship rooted in trust, compassion, and shared

hope.

“Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven. For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst.” Matthew 18:19-20

CLICK BELOW for more information and to let us know that you'd like to participate. You're welcome to sign up with a partner, or we'll gladly pair you with someone!

[SIGN UP to be a Prayer Partner](#)

[Read more about Prayer Partners Here](#)



Serving
Others

Join Our Prayer Ministry Team!

Do you feel called to lift others up in prayer? Hudson UMC is looking for compassionate, faith-filled volunteers to join our **Prayer Ministry Team!**



As a team member, you will:

- Reach out to 1-2 church members weekly asking for their prayer requests
- **Pray throughout the week** over their needs and concerns.
- Be a source of hope, support, and spiritual connection.
- Strengthen our church community through the power of prayer.

No experience needed—just a willing heart and a desire to serve! Training and guidance will be provided.

Interested? Reach out to Elizabeth or [CLICK BELOW](#) to sign up.

[Register for Prayer Ministry Team](#)

United Women in Faith

Hudson United Women in Faith board meeting is scheduled for **Monday, August 3, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. at the church. Bring your own brown bag dinner to enjoy.**

Mary Martha Circle will be taking a summer break. Meetings will resume in September.

Mary Martha meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Questions/Information contact Cheryl Maimona at ctm2949@roadrunner.com

Priscilla Circle will be taking a summer break. Meetings will resume in September.

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 had their book selection for the 2026/2027 season on Thursday, May 28. Details of the book selections will be sent in an email. Meetings will resume in September.

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

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:

Attention All Ladies

The Hudson unit of the United Women in Faith (UWF) will be hosting the Northern Waters District Fall Gathering on Saturday, September 12, 2026 at HUMC. We will offer a Continental Breakfast in the Christian Activity Center (CAC) at 8:30 am and the program will begin at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary and will conclude by Noon.

Registration is \$10 and the deadline to register is September 5, 2026.

We are all women united in our desire to make a difference. Through the United Women in Faith, you will find many ways to get involved and make a positive impact. If you are curious about what is involved at the Gatherings of UWF, this would be a great

opportunity to join us at the Fall Gathering. We will have devotions, maybe a short business section and program, along with the Continental Breakfast.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Cheryl Gamble: cgamble1114@yahoo.com or Marcia Rais: mltorch@hotmail.com

Our Leadership Board



Meet our Leadership Board! From left to right: Wally Helmer, Paula Shaw, Tom King, Kevin Mohr, David Heater, Linda Schmeichel, Pat Rego, Cheryl Maimona, David Aebi (not pictured)

Leadership Board News

Rev. Bruce opened the meeting by welcoming Paula Shaw as the official ninth member of the Leadership Board, where she will serve a one-year term. The board discussed the upcoming Church Chat on May 17, which will highlight HUMC's Mission Statement, Six Keys of Discipleship, Core Values, ministry updates, and goals for the future, along with reflections from the first Messy Church event. Trustee updates included engineering reviews and estimates for parking lot grading, paving, sealing, and striping projects, upcoming snow removal bids, insurance renewal quotes, building security improvements, and approval of a new AED purchase following a Hudson Fire

Department inspection. Finance reported year-to-date giving of \$266,990.02 as of April 30, approximately \$135,000 above budget due to early annual giving and one-time government COVID funds, while expenses totaled \$146,653.12, approximately \$4,000 below budget. Rev. Bruce shared that the HUMC Nursery continues its search for a director, and the board also discussed a request from a local food truck to use the church parking lot monthly, pending insurance liability review. The meeting concluded with prayer. Attendees included Rev. Bruce Hartley, Cheryl Maimona, Pat Rego, Dave Aebi, Dave Heater, Tom King, Paula Shaw, Linda Schmeichel, and Wally Helmer via Zoom.

Habitat for Humanity



For the last two years the Hudson Coalition of Churches working with Habitat for Humanity of Summit County have been building houses at the Silver Maple Ridge project in North Akron. This year the coalition will be building the 16th and final house in that development.

The build schedule is from April through August and our HUMC assigned volunteer dates are:

• Saturdays; August 15th, September 12th

• Thursday September 3rd

If you are 18 and older and would like to volunteer from 9:00am to 3:30pm on any of the dates, please contact John Kralik at jpkralik@gmail.com.

No construction skills are required, only a willingness to learn and help!

Have you considered including Hudson UMC in your will or estate plan?

Have you ever thought about the kind of legacy you'd like to leave? One simple way to make a lasting impact is by including Hudson UMC in your will or estate plans. Your gift can help support the ministries, mission, and community we love—well into the future. If you're curious or want to learn more, we'd be glad to talk with you.

Helping Us Keep Worship Safe

In our ongoing commitment to care for the safety of our congregation and building, the main doors will be locked once worship begins for the foreseeable future. We kindly ask that worshipers plan to arrive before the start of the service. For late arrivals, Ushers will be available to open the doors by the Sanctuary. We are grateful for your understanding and for the ways you help us create a safe and welcoming space for all who gather in worship.