



# Hudson United Methodist Church

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## November 2026 G.I.F.T.

### Great Inspiration for Thought

Read online and access links: <https://conta.cc/4zj5L0o>



### A Message from the Pastor

#### Rooted: Courage to Trust

*"Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit." — Jeremiah 17:7-8 (NIV)*

Looking back across the generations of Hudson UMC, we see certain qualities woven deeply into our story. This is a church that **trusts deeply**, leaning into God's faithfulness through cultural change, economic uncertainty, and denominational transitions. It is a church that **grows steadily**, nurturing disciples across every age and stage of life.

**Like the tree Jeremiah imagines, Hudson UMC helps people deepen their roots so they can flourish even when conditions are less than ideal.** It is a church that **thrives consistently**, not because every season has been easy, but because its roots have always reached toward God's sustaining grace. It is a church that **bears fruit abundantly**, blessing neighbors, forming children in faith, supporting mission partners, and offering worship that lifts hearts week after week. And it is a church that **remains hopeful**, even when the world feels unsettled.

This fall, we pause to give thanks for the grace that has sustained Hudson UMC across six decades. We remember the saints who planted seeds, the leaders who tended the soil, the families who grew in faith, and the ministries that bore fruit in our community. At the same time, we look ahead with open hearts to the ministry God is calling us to embrace together.

Our stewardship emphasis is an **invitation, not a demand**. It is an opportunity to reflect on what we have received, respond with gratitude, and say with confidence:

"Yes, we are ready to trust. Yes, we are ready to bear fruit. Yes, we will remain hopeful, even in uncertain economic times."

Because trust creates stability.

**Trust is planting your life where God's grace can reach your roots.**

Jeremiah reminds us, "**Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord.**" Trust is a decision. Trust is a posture. Trust is choosing where to put your roots.

As you pray and discern what faithful stewardship looks like for your household this year, remember Jeremiah's promise: *those who trust in the Lord are like trees planted by water, steady, fruitful, and alive in every season.*

Included in this newsletter you will find a [pledge card](#). If you have questions about our stewardship campaign or making your commitment for 2027, please email [finance@hudsonumc.com](mailto:finance@hudsonumc.com).

Living in Hope,

Bruce

[Click to Open Pledge Card](#)

*Janet and I extend our heartfelt thanks for the many ways you have shown your love, encouragement, and support throughout the year, and especially during Pastor Appreciation Sunday. Serving among you is both an honor and a privilege, and we are grateful for the blessing of being part of this faith community.*



### **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, November 21. THANK YOU! Nancy Kralik [nskralik@gmail.com](mailto:nskralik@gmail.com) 330-212-7581



### **North Hill Outreach**

#### **Gently Used Seasonal Clothing for Men & Women, Men's 3 in 1, Body Wash**

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](mailto:nskralik@gmail.com)



### **Mountain of Food**

**OPEN M's** monthly "Mountain of Food" takes place on **Friday October 16th 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](mailto:flashknit@gmail.com). Future distribution dates: November 20.



## Acme Community Cash Back

The Mission Ministry Team is collecting Acme receipts for the Acme Community Cash Back program. Just save your receipts and put them in the green bin by the pastor's office, or if you prefer, email the cash back total on the bottom to [s1bernert@aol.com](mailto:s1bernert@aol.com). Thank you for supporting this mission!

## Announcing... November Adult Sunday School Series

*ZOOM option is always available. Please contact [Elizabeth Goodin](#).*

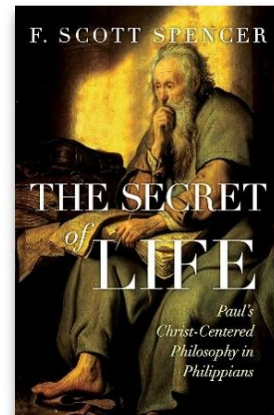
### Men's Sunday School Class and Amazing Graces

10:50 – 11:50am, Room 109 and Prayer Room

Study: *The Secret of Life*

Beginning November 1

In *The Secret of Life*, author F. Scott Spencer explores Paul's philosophy as seen in Philippians. Written from prison, where he faced a possible death sentence, Paul's letter to the congregation at Philippi unpacks his Christ-centered philosophy of life in deeply personal and passionate terms. He understands Christ more deeply as the dynamic force binding together all creation in God's transcendent love.



[Preview The Secret of Life](#)

To preview *AMPLIFY MEDIA* studies, use access code KGCLFW

## Family Ties

10:50 – 11:50am, Room 116/118

*Watch email for upcoming study beginning November 8*

## ***Faith Lab*** Intergenerational Class

10:50 – 11:50am, Room 112/114



A **Faith Lab** is a space where people explore questions of belief, doubt, and meaning together and where ideas are tested through Scripture, experience, and conversation.

*Faith Lab* is the name for our new confirmation class, but it is also an ideal environment for *anyone* searching for clarity and understanding around core questions of our faith: **Who is God? Who is Jesus? What does the Bible say? What is the church? What does faith look like as a way of life?**

**All Adults are invited to join** our 2026-27 confirmation students in this innovative class experience that welcomes curiosity and thrives on shared exploration.

**November topic: *Who is God?***

## Come Be Part of the Christmas Story: An intergenerational opportunity



Have you ever seen the Christmas story told through shadows?

A **Shadow Nativity** is a beautiful, simple way to bring the story of Jesus' birth to life. With a light source behind a screen and background music accompaniment, volunteers use their silhouettes to portray the familiar characters of the nativity—Mary, Joseph, angels, shepherds, and others—as the

Christmas story is narrated. The result is a moving visual presentation that invites viewers to experience the wonder of that first Christmas in a new way.

**Elizabeth is looking for volunteers of all ages**, children through adults, to help bring this special presentation to life at our 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service. Whether you'd enjoy portraying a character behind the screen, helping with costumes and props, directing, or assisting with setup and other details, there's a place for you. No experience is necessary—just a willing spirit and a desire to share the story of Jesus' birth.

**Interested in participating?** CLICK BELOW to sign up. Preparation schedule will be determined by role. Let's work together to share the wonder of Christmas with our church family and community!

[Shadow Nativity Sign-Up](#)

## MARK YOUR CALENDERS:

Hudson UMC is getting Messy again this Advent!



Sunday evening, December 13

4:00-6:00pm, C.A.C. (Christian Activities Center)

### A Messy Manger: A Messy Church Christmas Celebration

What might the animals have witnessed on the night Jesus was born? At **A Messy Manger**, we'll explore the story of Jesus' birth through the eyes of the animals who may have been nearby that first Christmas. We'll imagine what the animals might have seen and experienced as they welcomed the newborn Jesus. Through creative activities, storytelling, music, and an intergenerational Celebration, we'll rediscover the wonder of the Nativity and reflect on the extraordinary gift of God coming into our world in an ordinary, unexpected place. Join us for an afternoon of creativity, connection, and Christmas joy. **All ages are welcome!**  
**Open to the Community.**

PASS ALONG A BROCHURE TO A FRIEND!

Click the brochure image or [click here to open](#).

## Sharing a resource for families...



### Growing in Character and Faith

What does it look like to live out our faith in everyday life? As followers of Jesus, we are called not only to believe, but to let our faith shape how we treat others, make decisions, and care for those around us.

**CHARACTER COUNTS!** offers a helpful framework for exploring these everyday choices through six pillars of character: **Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship**. Through stories, discussion questions, activities, and reflection, CHARACTER COUNTS! resources help children, youth, and adults consider what it means to love God and our neighbors and put their faith into action.

CLICK BELOW to download a guide for families and to check out other free resources, including an article entitled, "Teaching Kids to Apologize" that serves as a great follow-up to our October 11 Children's Sermon lesson on forgiveness and grace, based on the children's book *Tumford the Terrible*.

[A Family's Guide to Teaching Good Character](#)

[Free Online Resources](#)

## 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 continuing to form 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 Prayer Partner Guidelines](#)



Serving  
Others

# United Women in Faith

## FELLOWSHIP EVENTS:

**Hudson United Women in Faith** board meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 3, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the church.**

**Mary Martha Circle** will be volunteering at **MedWish from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 12, 2026. Carpool from the HUMC parking lot at 8:30 a.m.** Lunch afterwards at a Chinese restaurant.

Mary Martha meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Questions/Information contact Cheryl Maimona at [ctm2949@roadrunner.com](mailto:ctm2949@roadrunner.com)

**Priscilla Circle** will be preparing the Thanksgiving Dinner turkey dressing on **Wednesday, November 11, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at the church. Dressing donation items can be dropped off in the labeled "Turkey Dressing" before November 11. The box is located in the kitchen.**

Priscilla Circle will also assist with hosting the **Annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Wednesday, November 18, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the church.**

Priscilla Circle meets on the 3rd 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, November 19, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Marty Hannah.** The book for discussion is *The Mountains We Call Home* by Kim Michele Richardson.

Books for Breakfast meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. Questions/Information contact Marty Hannah at [marty2uin@windstream.net](mailto:marty2uin@windstream.net), Linda Brown at [flashknit@gmail.com](mailto:flashknit@gmail.com).

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

## Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

The United Women in Faith will be hosting their annual **Thanksgiving Dinner on Wednesday, November 18, 2026 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. **Dressing, mashed potatoes, 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 in early November.** There will be a Free Will Offering and the proceeds will be in support of North Hill Outreach.

Questions contact: Cheryl Gamble - [cgamble1114@yahoo.com](mailto:cgamble1114@yahoo.com) or Marcia Rais - [mltorch@hotmail.com](mailto:mltorch@hotmail.com)

## Christian Unity Prayer Service

**The Christian Unity Prayer Service (CUPS) will be held on Thursday, January 21, 2027 at Hudson United Methodist Church.** This year the service is written by clergy and laypeople in Ireland. The theme is "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Luke 12:32.

The service begins at 10:00 am and is open to all to attend. Following the service, there will be a luncheon in the Christian Activity Center (CAC). Guest speakers at the luncheon will be: Megan Higgins with the new Hudson Inclusive Playground and Patti Gurrerri of the Hudson Community Living. Lunch is being catered by D'Angleos. Tickets will be required for the luncheon and will be available to purchase in December. You do not need a ticket for the Service Watch the bulletins for further updates. If you have any questions about the CUPS service or the luncheon, please contact Cheryl Gamble: [cgamble1114@yahoo.com](mailto:cgamble1114@yahoo.com)

## Church World Service Blankets

Hudson UMW has been collecting donations for Church World Service blankets from Oct. 11-Oct. 25. Thank you for supporting this important mission! We will update you on our total collected next month.



With much appreciation,

Carol Spinelli and Sandy Bernert

co-missions reps for UWF

## OPEN M Christmas for the Love of Children

More than 600 children and their families will receive food, and children in the home will receive gifts, pajamas, and books through this annual program. This year Hudson UMC will collect 200 boxes of instant oatmeal. Either purchase the oatmeal and bring it to church, or you can donate money. Please mark your check "OPEN M Oatmeal." Donations are due by December 1.

## Running for Missions!

Pat Rego is running a marathon to raise money for Hudson United Methodist Church's Missions Fund! We're grateful for his commitment to helping support our church's mission work in the community and beyond.



**Want to support Pat's run? Learn more and support our mission work [HERE](#).**

## Thanks to Volunteers!

The Leadership Board is grateful for all the many volunteers in the life of HUMC. At this time we spotlight several helping with our building and grounds: Bob Johnson and John Kralik have installed new electrical connections and ice melt wires along the west side of the Sunday School wing; Lee Roenigk and our Caretaker Gary Beckley rehung sets of sagging exterior double doors; and Chris Basil planted new shrubs and tree, filled and seeded lawn areas, and trimmed trees along Stow Road. Thanks to these men and all others contributing their hands and hearts!

Tom King, Leadership Board

## AED Training: Learn a Lifesaving Skill

Would you know what to do in a medical emergency? Join Bill Taylor on **Sunday, November 8, at 10:50 a.m. for AED (Automated External Defibrillator) training** following worship during the Sunday School hour.

The session will last approximately one hour and will help you become more familiar with this lifesaving equipment.

Please sign up so we know how many people to expect! If you are unable to attend on November 8, additional training opportunities will be offered at a later date.

[Sign-Up for AED Training](#)

## The Hanging of the Greens

The holiday season is nearly upon us, and we would love for you to join us for our Hanging of the Greens! This special evening is a wonderful opportunity for our congregation to come together to decorate the sanctuary and get into the Christmas spirit.

**Date:** Wednesday, December 2

**Time:** 5:30 PM

**Location:** Hudson United Methodist Church

**Food:** Pizza and salad will be provided for our helpers

Whether you enjoy hanging ornaments, arranging greenery, or simply soaking in the festive atmosphere, there's a place for everyone to contribute. It's a joyful time to connect, celebrate, and help make our church shine for the season!

[Sign Up for The Hanging of the Greens](#)