



## HUDSON FIRST UMC

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Open doors.



Greetings in Christ! It is the beginning of June which

## Church Newsletter, October 2022

*From the  
Pastor's  
Desk*



Greetings in Christ!

Happy October! I'm sure you have noticed that the leaves are starting to change color and there is a chill in the air. The smell of burning leaves and wood smoke will soon permeate our neighborhoods. No other time of the year do I think more about the changes of season than Autumn. It reminds me of Ecclesiastes chapter three. It begins, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven." Of course, now I'm going to have the song "Turn! Turn! Turn!" in my head the rest of the day, but that's ok.

And so the scripture goes on with a list. I'll name a few. "A time to be born, a time to die. A time for love, a time for hate. A time to scatter stones, a time to gather stones together. A time to kill, a time to heal. A time for war, a time for peace." While reading this scripture and these dual statements, I can't help but ask, is there really a time for hate, killing, and war? I think of something I've said to our kid more than once. It's never ok to hit someone! If I mean that on such a seemingly small level, I have to also believe that it's not ok for those larger versions of hitting.

But then, I think of what Jesus said more than once. In John 16, he said, "In this world we will have trouble..." and also Luke 17, "Things that cause people to stumble are sure to come...". So what we can take from this is, it's never ok to kill or hate. But in this world, at least right now, hate will happen, war will happen. But we can take heart, Jesus said, I have overcome the world! And like the scripture, (and the song) says, there is a time for peace, and it will come again. Maybe someday, we will all learn to get along in this crazy world.

Right now, you may be experiencing some sort of trouble. You may be in pain, whether physically, emotionally, or even spiritually. You may be experiencing a hard time financially. Or maybe there is a bad situation where it feels like it will never end. It will. Peace in your life will come again. In the meantime, I pray you will open the Bible and seek the comforting words of Jesus when he said, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." So I encourage you to keep seeking, and you will find what Jesus truly means when he says, "Come to me all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Peace and blessings always!

Pastor Brian



## **BACKPACK BUDDIES**

Come and help pack food bags for Hudson area children! Tuesday mornings at 9:30 beginning October 4.

### **COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

The United Hudson Churches will be holding practice for the United Kids community Christmas program every Sunday from 6:00-7:30 at Hudson Wesleyan Church. Please inform any kids/teens (grades 1-high school) that you know who may be interested. We will also include younger kids, but they won't begin practice until later on in the process. We are hoping to hold the program on December 18th.

### **CHRISTMAS CANTATA**

Cantata rehearsals will be on Sundays at the Congregational Church. Orchestra practice is from 3-5 and the choir from 5-6:30.

The performances will be at Sacred Heart Catholic church on December 2 and 3 at 7:30 and December 4 at 3:00.

### **CHOIR**

Come sing with us! Everyone is welcome to join choir. We practice at 8:30am on Sunday mornings.

### **PRAYER CHAIN**

If you would ever like to notify the prayer chain of a need, please call Linda Hartley at (517) 270-2121 or email her at [lkhartley68@gmail.com](mailto:lkhartley68@gmail.com) and she will pass on the information.



### **DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING AWARENESS**

The United Methodist Committee on Deaf and Hard of Hearing Ministries has awarded our church a grant! We will be using the funds to host a dinner that will be open to the community. Sarah Dierkens who is Deaf and works as a Deaf Advocate will be coming with some of her associates to speak with us about how we can better serve not only the profoundly D/deaf members of the community, but also those who experience hearing loss due to health issues or aging. Sarah has a great gift for making things fun and understandable. Invite a friend! The event will be Oct 12 at 6:00pm.

## **SPECIAL UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH MEETING**

Hudson United Women in Faith is having a special speaker on October 3 at 6:30pm at Hudson United Methodist church in the fellowship hall. Sue Lewis, Director of Hillsdale, Lenawee and Jackson Counties Catholic Charities will be speaking about the impact of trauma on youth in Hillsdale and Lenawee Counties and how their services help youth cope. The need is especially pressing in Hillsdale and western Lenawee counties. All interested women are invited to attend.

### **2023 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN**

This fall we are having a Stewardship Campaign to help us set our budget for 2023. You should soon receive a letter with information about the church's expenses. Enclosed will be a Faith Promise Card that may be sent to the church or brought personally on October 23, 2022. We now have many ways to give, for example: direct deposit, Paypal (online), Required Minimum Distribution, and regular giving through envelopes. Thank you for prayerfully considering your pledge for 2023. Dave Rickard, Finance Chairman

Halloween is one of the best opportunities of the year to get outside of the church walls and meet our neighbors! Please join us for downtown trick or treat Saturday, Oct 29 from 10-12 AND come set up a table for community trick or treat that evening from 5:30-7:30. It is a long day, but also great fun and a service to young families in town. If you can't make it but would like to donate treats, you can leave them in the church office or drop them off at the parsonage.

### **A SPECIAL SERVICE IN NOVEMBER!**

The Hillsdale Town and Country Chorus will be bringing the Sunday morning message November 13, 2022.



### **Need to get in touch?**

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You can also find the church calendar, old newsletters, recorded sermons and more at our website:

[www.FirstUMCHudson.com](http://www.FirstUMCHudson.com)

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR—**  
**UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE AT FUMC**  
**& IN THE COMMUNITY**

- Oct. 3, 6:30pm—Sue Lewis at UWF
- Oct 7, 7:00pm—Hudson HS Homecoming
- Oct 9, 2:00pm—John Flynn in concert
- Oct 12, 6:00pm—Deaf & HOH Awareness Dinner
- Oct 14—23—Gage Sterling in Peter and the  
Starcatcher at The Crosswell
- Oct 16, 10:30am—UWF Sunday
- Oct 20, 6:00pm—Blessing of the pets
- Oct 21, 10:00am—Kiwaniis Jail n' Bail
- Oct 29—Hudson Community Trick/Trunk or Treat
- Oct 30—Outdoor Worship at Landenberger Farm
- Nov 6—All Saint's Day Sunday
- Nov 10-25—Scarecrow Contest
- Nov 13—Hillsdale Town and Country Chorus leads the service
- Nov 17—PPR meeting with Rev. Rourke
- Nov 20—Thanksgiving Potluck
- Nov 27—First Sunday of Advent
- Dec 3—Annual Charge Conference
- Dec 3—Hudson Community Christmas Cantata
- Dec 10—UWF Cookie Sale
- Dec 17—HFUMC Christmas Caroling
- Dec 18—Hudson Community Children's Christmas Program
- Jan 1-Mar 30—Snowman Contest



# October 2022

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