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Greetings in Christ! It is the beginning of June which

Church Newsletter, January 2023

*From the
Pastor's
Desk*



Happy New Year everyone! I pray your year was full of blessings and may the Lord continue to bless you all through the coming year and beyond! While pondering what to write for this month's newsletter, I kept thinking of the scripture in Matthew chapter 13. "Therefore," Jesus said to them, "every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is

like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom treasures new and old."

I thought of it because I believe it is important to look back sometimes, and reflect. We tend to do this at New Year. We think about the significant moments during the old, past year. Many were good, some were not. But that's how we learn. We take those moments, and hopefully not beat ourselves up, and grow from them.

Looking back on this past year, I can't help but feel so proud of our church for all the good it has done. Yes, we made some mistake. I know I did. But there were so many efforts to serve our community and God's Kingdom, I'm just blown away by everything all of you have done. And I mean all of you. We are the body of Christ. We are in this together. And we couldn't do it without each other.

Beyond our regular efforts to serve, there is one recent example I want to quickly mention. A family reached out to me just before Christmas. It was pretty last minute, but the dad had such a hard time asking for help. When he finally did, I let our church know and in less than a day, we had \$300 raised and several gifts collected. Amazing! Thank you everyone who gave their time and resources that day! I can't describe the emotion and gratitude as well as relief on their faces.

So now the New Year has come. It's time to continue to bring out the old, the ways we serve so well...

AND bring out the new. What is the new? That's what we need to figure out! As you all know, our church is in a bit of a financial crisis. I'd like to think of it as an opportunity. We get to pull out something new from the storehouse. The storehouse, in this case, is God. We need to go to God, and ask, "What new thing would You have us do, Lord? How can we grow? How can we help bring Joy and Love to our community in a new and unique way?"

We have some building to do! There may be some labor, but hopefully we can make it a labor of love. Happy New Year and God bless you all!

—Pastor Brian

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 and she will pass on the information.

CHURCH MEETINGS

The church ad council will meet on January 3 at 6:00pm.
Meeting with Gary Step, January 5 from 10AM-noon

UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH

UWF will not meet in January and February, but will resume in March with assembly of care packages for college students and military members.

THANK YOU

I want to send a thank you to all of our church family for your generosity this Christmas. The gifts were so thoughtful and the showering of affection through many cards was just amazing. Thank you Thank you...again Thank you! I feel so blessed to be serving such a loving church family. God bless you all! I can't wait for my new robe!

With Love,
Pastor Brian

CHURCH VISIONING

We are continuing to work with Gary Step from the United Methodist Foundation to define our church's vision for the future. Check your email or speak with Pastor Brian for resources to help us in this. We will be meeting with Gary on January 5 at 10am and everyone is encouraged to join us.

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

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Choir Practice at 8:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Worship at 10:30am 1	2	Line Dancing 11:30 Yoga 1:15 pm Ad Council 6 pm AA at 7:30pm 3	4	Journey to Lose at 9:30 am Church visioning 10am-12 5	AA at 7:30pm 6	7
Choir Practice at 8:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Worship at 10:30am 8	9	Line Dancing 11:30 Yoga 1:15 pm AA at 7:30pm 10	11	Journey to Lose at 9:30 am 12	AA at 7:30pm 13	Christmas Cantata 7:30pm 14
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