



HUDSON FIRST UMC

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for the Transformation of the world.

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Open doors.



Greetings in Christ! It is the beginning of June which

Church Newsletter, February 2023

*From the
Pastor's
Desk*



Happy February!

I am pleased to tell you that this is the month we are starting our Gratitude Project. If you haven't heard of our Gratitude Project, that's ok! It's a project we've been stewing on but haven't really mentioned before. We are into a new year, and are thinking of new ways to reach out to the Hudson area public. One of our members suggested we find a way to show our gratitude to individuals and groups in our community. So, we are jumping right in and figuring out what this project consists of as we go.

When we think of gratitude, our minds may automatically go to thankfulness. We can stop and be thankful for so many things. We can be thankful for our health, thankful someone is in our lives, thankful for the food we have and the homes we live in.

Gratitude is something different than that. Something deeper. It is something we give. Thankfulness is more of a fleeting emotion, while gratitude is a deeper sentiment. Something that can grow over time.

Think of it as how someone gains a friend. Very often, a deep friendship grows out of the sum total of little offerings. A handwritten note on their birthday. A thoughtful gift given. A phone call to check on them when they know they are down. Helping with a task that is inconvenient. These things add up and a loving friendship is formed.

Our community is in need of a loving friendship, so to speak. And our church can grow that friendship out of the little offerings we give to the people of our community. So keep your ears open about our Gratitude Project and let's find ways to give our gratitude.

As Paul said to the Corinthians, "You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God."

Peace and Blessings always!

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.

Dear Church Family,
Belated thanks for your generous Christmas gift! It is an honor to serve, and I am so grateful for your presence in our church and also for the present:).

With love, Linda Krasny

UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH

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

THE NURTURE COMMITTEE

The Nurture Committee will be meeting after church. Anyone who would like to take part is welcome. There are other committees that work to develop the ways we can reach out to and serve our community. The nurture committee works to develop ways we can serve each other as brothers and sisters in Christ.

CHURCH VISIONING

Due to the weather, our meeting with Gary Step was postponed to Feb. 15. If you have questions or would like to talk to Pastor Brian about where our church is moving in the future, please do! Everyone is encouraged to take part in this discussion.

Need to get in touch?

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Facebook: facebook.com/HudsonFirstUnitedMethodistChurch

Church/Parsonage phone: 517-448-5891

Pastor Brian's phone: 517-215-8637

Church Address: 420 W. Main St., Hudson, MI 49247

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

www.FirstUMCHudson.com



HERITAGE DISTRICT LAY SERVANT CLASSES

SPRING 2023

Lay Servant Ministry classes provide laity with opportunities for personal growth: learning more about the United Methodist Church, and ways to provide leadership in the church.

Classes are free to Heritage District for 2023; there is a \$25.00 non-refundable fee for other district registrations. Registrations are due to the registrar by the due dates. There is a \$10.00 late fee for registrations received after the due date. Checks should be made payable to: Heritage District and mailed to the registrar. Payment on-line is not available at this time.

Registration can either be done through the online form at <https://forms.gle/d1sDBtwYg1abXjGU7> or this registration form (and any fees for those outside of the district) can be mailed to the registrar at:

Anne Marie Hanna
P. O. Box 787
Manchester, MI 48158

Questions about lay servant ministries or how to become a certified lay servant, speaker, or minister: contact a district Co-Director of Lay Servant Ministries, Anne Marie Hanna, (734-646-9046, amhteaches@comcast.net) or Colleen Croxall (313-520-1264, ccroxall@emich.edu).

Additional copies of this flyer may be made to share with others!

IN-PERSON

COVID-19 Protocols for In-Person Classes Determined by the Host Church: Information will be given to registrants by class facilitators prior to the first session. If necessary, the class may be cancelled or may become an on-line (zoom) class.

- Introduction to Lay Ministry (Basic)**
Class Sessions: Wednesdays, March 8 (12:00 – 4:00pm), March 15 & 22 (12:00pm – 3:00pm)
Location: Albion: First UMC, 600 East Michigan Avenue, Albion, MI 49224 | *Note:* Bring your own lunch
Registration Deadline: February 22 | *Class Facilitators:* Erin Fitzgerald & TBD
This class guides participants in discovering and developing their gifts of caring, leading, and communicating; putting their faith into action and representing Jesus Christ in their daily lives to love and serve God and neighbor. This class is required for those desiring to become a Certified Lay Servant.
- Called to Preach**
Class Sessions: Saturdays: March 4, 11, 18, 25; 9:30am – 12:00pm
Location: Ypsilanti: First UMC, 209 Washtenaw Avenue, Ypsilanti, MI 48197
Registration Deadline: February 18 | *Class Facilitators:* Don Ferris-McCann & Gerry Conti
This class guides participants in affirming their call to preach, assessing sermon resources, preparing a sermon, and presenting it. This class is required for those desiring to become Certified Lay Speakers.
- God's Mission... Our Journey**
Class Sessions: Saturdays: March 4 & 11; 9:00am – 2:30pm
Location: New Hudson UMC, 56730 Grand River Avenue, New Hudson, MI 48165 | *Note:* Lunch provided
Registration Deadline: February 18 | *Class Facilitators:* John Pajak & Karen Monte
This class guides participants in a better understanding of the biblical foundation for mission, why God calls them to engage in mission, how to live out their faith in mission, the relationship between gospel and culture, and the mission journey is lived out every day in all aspects of life.

BY ZOOM

- Accountable Discipleship**
Class Sessions: Saturdays: March 11 & 25; 9:00am – 3:00pm
Registration Deadline: February 25
Class Facilitators: Chris Butson & Colleen Croxall
Participants in this class are provided with practical guidelines needed for walking with Christ in the world today based on the Bible and Wesleyan spirituality, accountable discipleship, concept of grace.
- Campus Ministry: Empowering Congregations to Support Students at College**
Class Sessions: Saturdays: February 11 & March 11; 9:00am – 2:30pm
Registration Deadline: January 28
Class Facilitators: Rachel Dunlap & Lora Crombez
Participants will explore the different kinds of higher education, the needs of students, how to support a student ministry, and make a plan for their local church to support students in higher education.
- Leading Public Prayer**
Class Sessions: Wednesdays: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 6:30pm – 8:30pm
Registration Deadline: February 15
Class Facilitators: Mary Butler-Loring & Jill Sestok
Participants will experience the elements of prayer, expansive language for God and people, and that word usage matters. This class is required for those desiring to become a Certified Lay Speaker.
- Tell Stories (Dancing with Words)**
Class Sessions: Mondays: February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27; 6:30pm – 8:30pm
Registration Deadline: February 13
Class Facilitators: Reed Swanson & Steve Carey
Participants in this class will learn what makes a good story, discover storytelling styles, learn the techniques of effective storytelling, and practice creating stories from their experiences.

Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Church: _____

Mark the circle above next to the class(es) you're registering for and return this whole page along with class fee (if applicable) to the address on the front. Don't forget to mark class dates on your calendar! We're glad you're attending a lay servant class. Thank you!

February 2023

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