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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

“Go into the world and share the light of Jesus Christ with
Worship
Study
Service
Spiritual Growth”

*Adopted by Church Council
Oct. 2009*



From the Associate Pastor:

September 2011



LOOKING AHEAD

- Sept. 4 - Communion
- Sept. 5 – Labor Day, office closed
- Sept. 6 – 1st Tuesday at Laurel Lake
- Sept. 7 – Preschool resumes
- Sept. 7 – All choirs resume rehearsal
- Sept. 9 – Feed My Sheep
- Sept. 11 – Faith, Friends, & Family Day
- Sept. 19 – OPEN M

Sunday Worship
9:00 & 11:10 a.m.

Sunday School
10:00 a.m.

Dear Friends,

A part of our HUMC vision is to be a place where people connect meaningfully. The purpose of this and future columns is to inform and promote ways that we can fulfill this part of our vision statement. The four primary ways we come together as a community of faith are for worship, study, spiritual growth and service. In any opportunity the church offers in any of these four areas there must be meaningful connections for people, or we have failed in one of our primary reasons for existing. God calls the Church to love and to care for one another both within the congregation and in reaching out to the community and the world.

How do we care for one another at HUMC? We pray for one another. We extend hospitality to one another and to all who join us in our activities and ministries together. As our membership vows assert we promise to support the ministry of our church with our prayers, our regular attendance at worship and activities, our service, our talent, our financial resources and our witness to others about God’s love and activity in our personal and corporate life.

This column is some initial thinking on my part about Congregational Care. I welcome your comments and suggestions about my thoughts and for future columns.

Yours in Christ,

OUR CHURCH

FAITH, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS CELEBRATION Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011

Following the 9:00 a.m. worship service we are having a day of remembrance and a community celebration. There will be food, music, inflatables for the kids, games and contests. Please invite at least one family to come with you that Sunday. See Sarah Hennessey or David Ross for details.



CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING

Get certified! Church Policy states that all persons--adults, scouts, teens, etc.--who lead or work with youth or children must be child protection trained. This applies to church groups and any other groups using our building. The training is good for three years. The next training date is: **Tuesday, September 21 at 6:50 p.m.**

RSVP to the church office, 330-650-2650 x20. In the future we would like to be able to offer this training online via the HUMC website. If web-based testing is something that you are knowledgeable about, please contact the Interim Coordinator of Child Protection Training, Debbie King at 330-342-9127.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Our Stephen Ministers need your help with referrals. If you need a friend because you are going through a difficult time, let your pastors know. After speaking with you the pastors will match a Stephen Minister who will contact you for a convenient time and place to meet. If you know someone who would benefit from this ministry, or have questions about it, please bring it to Pastor Paul Beal's attention.



HUMC MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

Chancel Choir and the Praise invite anyone and everyone who wants to sing in the choir or praise team to join in the fun. We also want to encourage you to come play your instrument for the church. The praise team is also looking for people to play guitar and drums. Please see Leigh Conti if you're interested in joining the choir and David Ross if you're interested in joining the praise team. Chancel choir meets on Thursday nights from 7 pm to 8:30 pm and Praise team meets right afterwards until about 9:30 pm.

CAN YOU RING A BELL?

Join the **WESLEY BELL CHOIR** for rehearsals 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. every Thursday in the sanctuary. Director Kay Peterson can answer your questions: 330 653-9216.



The **YOUTH BELL CHOIR** will be starting again this September. Rehearsals will be 4:00 p.m. every Sunday for 6th thru 12th grade students. An informational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 11 following the Faith, Family & Friends celebration or contact Dani Dietzel or Colleen Schloss.

JESUS STUDY

The Jesus Study that was meeting Wednesday morning's is moving to Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the church parlor. It is open to men and women who wish to study the *Parables of Jesus* by Matt Williams. For details contact Rosemary Marshall 330 650-2030.



Cynthia Field and Tina Baker are co-teaching **DISCIPLE 3 - "Remember Who You Are."** Please join them in this 32 week deeper study of the Old Testament Prophets and the Letters of Paul. There will be an orientation held on Tuesday, the 6th of Sept. from 9:15 am-10:15 am (childcare available) and the class will be held every Tuesday beginning on Sept. 13th from 9:15 am-11:30 am (childcare available). The only pre-requisite is that you have completed Disciple 1. So, whether new to this study or refreshing your knowledge, take this journey by either contacting Cynthia (330-808-1412) or Tina (330-718-0518) or fill out the sign-up sheet by the CAC.

MORNING GLORIES

The Morning Glories, continue to meet on Wednesday mornings but have a new time. The ladies begin the fall season at 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. studying *Jesus' Parables About Making Choices* by James W. Moore at Amy Lunn's house. If you have questions contact Melinda Nascone at 330-671-8727.



CAR WASH TOKENS FOR SALE

Leigh Conti has car wash tokens for sale for \$15.00 each. They include under carriage, tires, wheels and polymer wax. All profits are going to reimburse the fund that paid for the sanctuary piano.

MUSE



Care to receive the Muse Newsletter via e-mail? Contact the church office at humc@windstream.net to be added to the list.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES BOOKLETS

Stacked outside the sanctuary doors in the Narthex and on the table by the Stow entrance door are white booklets of the 2011/2012 year here at Hudson United Methodist Church. Be sure to pick one up for yourself as well as for a friend!

MEMBERS DIRECTORY

An updated directory of fellow members addresses and names is available by the Stow entrance and outside the sanctuary .



HUMW – NURTURE MEALS

The HUMW Nurture Committee coordinates meals to serve as a blessing to our church congregation throughout the year. Meals are provided for new babies, family medical conditions, family deaths, or other special needs. If you could use a meal or you know of someone in our church family who could use a meal, please contact one of the following Nurture Coordinators: Melanie Balash (330 655-2843), Sara Campbell (330 541-2225), or Tracy Zappone (330 342-5757).

NURTURE COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

Please help the Nurture Committee by becoming a volunteer in one of the following ways:

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Which area do you feel called to serve:

Cook & Deliver Meals _____ Help w/household jobs _____

Deliver meals only _____ Drive to appointments _____

Please place either volunteer form (above or below) in the church office or collection plate on Sunday.

Heart Felt Care for Little Ones

Are you a newer member looking for a volunteer niche in our church life? Are you an empty nester yearning to hold a baby once again? In any case whatsoever, the church is in need of more volunteers to staff the crib room and two's room during worship time. Starting with the fall church calendar on August 28th three time slots are available each Sunday to assist in this important ministry: 9:00 and 11:10 worship, and during the Sunday School hour around 10:15. The options are numerous. You could be on the substitute list, or select a standing time for example the first and third Sundays of each month at 9:00. Teens and older are encourage to participate. Please consider this opportunity and return the slip below to the Church Office, Attn: SPRC Committee.

Attn: SPRC Committee I am interested in assisting in the
____ Crib Room ____ 2's room

Name _____

Phone _____

Email Address _____

I prefer: _____ 9:00 a.m. worship time

_____ during Sunday School

_____ 11:10 a.m. worship time

_____ I would like to be included on the Substitute list only.

_____ I would prefer a regular slot on a monthly basis:

OUR MEMBERS

We received this note:

Dear Hudson United Methodist Family, Thank you for making Mason's Baptism day so special! We couldn't imagine any other place to help raise him in faith.

You've welcomed him with open arms. Thank you for the beautiful basket full of goodies on this special day in his/our live. Sincerely, Allan & Jamie Hoon.

OUR COMMUNITY

OPEN M

www.openm-ministry.org

Seven or eight volunteers are needed to serve a meal at OPEN M on Monday, Sept. 19 and Oct. 17 for about 175 people. Donations needed are **Sloppy Joe barbecued beef** (This can be made ahead and stored in the freezer at Church), hamburger buns, potato chips, cookies, fruit (bananas, oranges and grapes). Contact Elisha Burr at 330-963-3727 or elisha1566@windstream.net if you can help.

FEED MY SHEEP

Friday, Sept. 9

Feed My Sheep is a hot lunch program hosted by Redeemer United Methodist Church, 265 East Cuyahoga Falls Ave. in the North Hills area of Akron. Please join us as we distribute clothing and toiletries from 11:30 to 1 pm.

There is great demand for **hotel/travel size toiletries, regular sized bar soap, shampoo, deodorant** and gently used **men's and women's seasonal clothing** (pants, shirts, jackets & athletic shoes.) Also needed are **new socks, briefs & t-shirts** for men and women. We will also use coupons for these select items, which can be left in the church office.

Donation bins are located in the closet where name tags are stored, in the narthex area. Questions: contact Nancy Kralik, 655-5361 -**THANK YOU!**



BIKE RIDE FOR CAMPHOR MISSION

Many thanks to all who supported our bike ride for the Camphor Mission in Liberia. Donned with Liberian flags, Paul & Linda Brown, Marty & Steve Hannah, and Tom & Debbie King enjoyed good weather, warm fellowship and not a single flat tire. We made friends along the way and travelled 297 miles in one week. The word from Nancy Kralik, Chair of the Mission Committee is that your support yielded nearly \$1,000. Thank you once again for supporting this important outreach ministry.

OUR PRESCHOOL

Hudson United Methodist Church Preschool has a new web site. To check it out visit www.hudsonumns.com. Preschool classes resume Wednesday, September 7 and 8 so be watchful in the parking areas.

Focus on Youth!



SEPTEMBER
2011



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All are welcome to contact Sarah Hennessey at any time during the day via her cell phone. If you have to leave a message she will return your call as soon as possible. Best times and hours to reach her are:
Monday 10:00 – 5:00
Tuesday 11:00 – 5:00
Wednesday 11:00 – 3:30
Thursday 11:00 – 5:00
Sunday 9:00 – 12:30 and
4:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Junior High and Senior High Youth Group 2011-2012

After a (hopefully!) restful and relaxing summer, the Youth Leaders and I are gearing up for another year of awesome Youth Group Gatherings on Sunday evenings! Sunday, August 28th will be our first official Youth Group of the 2011-2012 year!

What is Youth Group? If you are a 7th grader, or have not been to a Youth Group before, it's okay to ask, "What is Youth Group?" Youth Group is a time set-aside especially for Junior High and Senior High to re-charge and re-fuel before the week begins.

Youth Group is a place where you are wanted, where your friends are waiting for you to walk in the door! Youth Group is a safe place where students can talk about faith; to open up about doubts, questions or things that just do not make sense in our world. Youth Group is also a place where we can share where we have seen God at work or how our faith in Christ is growing. Every youth is welcome, no matter what their background or what where they are coming from.

Youth Group is all about just being together, and we want YOU! Our Youth Leaders for 2011-2012 are: Bill Centrello, Terri Johnson, Katie Kelly, Joel Davidson, Rick Schmeichel, Sarah Hennessey, Vic Emerick and Steven Rillero!

JUNIOR HIGH & SENIOR HIGH MINISTRIES SCHEDULE



- August 28th – Kick Off Picnic at Colony Park Pavilion for R.A.D. – Jr. High & Sr. High students! After the "lazy-hazy" days of summer, it is time to get back into action! Reconnect with old friends, meet new friends and celebrate the start of another year together. No need to bring anything but your fabulous-self.
- August 31st – **First Breakfast Club of the school year!** Meet up with other Sr. High students before school every Wednesday morning from 8 – 9 a.m. Coffee, breakfast pastries and trusted friends – what could be better!? Transportation to Panera and to school is available; please contact Sarah if you need assistance with rides.
- September 4th – No Aldersgate Choir or Youth Group; Enjoy **Labor Day Weekend** with your families!
- September 11th – **Faith, Family & Friends Day at Hudson UMC!** After our 9 a.m. service, the Hudson UMC faith community is invited to the church courtyard for a day of remembrance and celebration. Faith, Family & Friends day will feature ministry booths of the active ministries within our church to showcase to the community. There will be fun (and free!) activities for children: corn-hole, ladder ball, INFLATABLES, photo booth, bubbles, side-walk chalk, face-painting and more! The Praise Team will be featured and provide live music for all to enjoy. A lunch buffet of hotdogs, hamburgers, salads and
- desserts will be served at 11 a.m. with tables under shaded tents and soft quilts on the grass to sit on. We invite you to join us as we honor and remember this day in our country's history and celebrate our faith communities together.
- September 11th – **First Aldersgate Choir rehearsal**; 5 – 6 p.m. in the choir room
- September 11th – **R.A.D. – Jr. High & Sr. High Youth Group** at Hudson UMC from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- September 18th - **David Crowder Band concert** at Willoughby Hills Friends Church. Jr. High and Sr. High Youth Group will go to see The David Crowder Band.
- September 25th – **Aldersgate Choir Rehearsal**; 5-6 p.m. in the choir room
- September 25th - **High & Sr. High Youth Group** at Hudson UMC from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- September 28th – **See You At The Pole**; Global Day of Student Prayer



College Care Packages

As some of our students transition out of high school and into college, reminders and sentiments from their loved ones at home can be comforting in the midst of so much change. Once again, College Care Packages will be put together to help start their semesters off right. If you would like a care package sent to a college student, please give their name, address and e-mail to Sarah Hennessey.

David Crowder Band Concert
September 18th at Willoughby Hills Friends Church



On Sunday, September 18th the Jr. High & Sr. High Youth Groups will be taking an outing to the Willoughby Hills Friends Church to see The David Crowder Band! This will be the band's last Cleveland concert as this is their last tour together. We will meet at Hudson UMC at 4 p.m. – carpool to Willoughby Hills and purchase tickets at the door. The doors open at 5:30 p.m. and tickets are \$30.00. For more information please visit www.whfriends.org or contact Sarah Hennessey!

See You At The Pole 2011
CONVERGE (Matt. 18:20)



CONVERGE is the theme for SYATP 2011 and is based on Matthew 18:30, “Whenever two or three of you are gathered in my name, I am there with you.” On September 28th, students all over the world will come together with other Christians around the flagpole of their school and petition before God, “Father, may Your will be done on my campus as it is in heaven”.

There will be no Breakfast Club on September 28th, instead all who wish to participate in SYATP will meet at the HHS flagpole and pray together from 8-9 a.m. For more information please visit www.syatp.com or contact Sarah Hennessey for details.

Youth Sunday 2011
October 16th

Each year our Youth spend a Sunday leading the family of faith in worship services, and once again we are inviting all our youth to participate in Youth Sunday 2011. Parts of worship that are available to be let by students are: Greeting and Announcements, Call to Worship, Opening Prayer, Ushers, Joys and Concerns of the congregation, the Message, Special Music and others! If your student has not participated in a Youth Sunday previously and would like to, please do not hesitate to let Sarah Hennessey or Len Stusek know.



2011-2012 Youth Group Year-Long Calendar

Parents, a year-long Youth Group Calendar will be e-mailed to you shortly. If you would like a hard-copy, please do not hesitate to let Sarah Hennessey know. As some dates may be subject to change, you will be notified as soon as that happens. Our goal is to keep communication lines open and effective as we partner with you.

Junior High Youth Group
Grapple

This year, the Junior High Youth Group will be beginning with a new curriculum – Grapple.

Designed specifically for junior high youth, Grapple leads our youth in finding Jesus-centered answers to some of life's issues and questions. The overall theme of this curriculum is, “Tackling Tough Questions about God, Others and Me”.

Weekly parent updates will be e-mailed with main points of the discussion as well as follow-up questions for home.

Senior High Youth Group
Who Am I?

Life leaves us with a lot of questions, often they are, “Who am I? What is life really about? Is there purpose to anything?”

The objective of this series is to have discussions with senior high students about their personal identity.

Weekly parent updates will be e-mailed with main points of the discussion as well as follow-up questions for home.

WOMEN IN MOTION

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UMW BOARD MEETING – This group usually meets the first Thursday morning of the month, but sometimes the Wednesday evening before. Karen Kelly (234 380-5228) is the president of the Board. The next board meeting will be Thursday, September 1 at 9:30 a.m.

Please let her know if you need child care.

MARY-MARTHA CIRCLE – This group usually meets the second Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. The leaders are Nancy Kralik (330 655-5361) and Karen Kelly (234 380-5228 & khkelly5@gmail.com). The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 8. Meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. to car pool to Karen Hugus's cottage on Lake Mohawk for the meeting, brunch, and a lake cruise. Please contact Karen Kelly if you are interested in going.


PRICILLA CIRCLE - This group is scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday evening of the month. The leaders are Sandy Wristen (330 656-1471) and Amy Lunn (330 653-5849) and are available for questions. The next meeting is September 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the church. Enjoy historical recipes for dinner and then "Antique Road Show." Bring your treasures for evaluation.

BOOKS FOR BREAKFAST – This group is a book discussion group that has been meeting the fourth Thursday of each month from 9:15 to noon for 15 years and is open to all women of the church. Attend as many meetings as you wish and finishing the book is *not* a requirement. We will meet September 22 at Lynne Pierce's to discuss *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot

NOVELS AT NIGHT – This group meets on the third Friday of the month (excepting Dec. 10 and Mar. 18) starting at 6:30 p.m. with supper, followed by the discussion. Call Deanna Page (330 425-8166) for information. September 9th we will meet at the Fun Buffet and then discuss *The Kitchen House* by Kathleen Grissom.


Mary-Martha Circle Meeting
September 8
9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Program: Karen Hugus' cottage on Lake Mohawk. Meeting, brunch and then a lake cruise.



Priscilla Circle Meeting
September 21
6:30 p.m.

Program: Our version of "Antique Road Show." Dinner will be prepared from historical recipes then Maggie McGrainor will share her experience with antiques. She can offer her opinion or evaluation of your treasures, so bring them to the meeting.



Church Council Meeting August 15, 2011 at 6:00 pm

In Attendance: Steve Hannah, Rev. Larry Marshall, Judy Holman, Linda Schmeichel, Doug Slife, Debbie King, Tom King, Karen Kelly, Nancy Van de Motter, Bob Van de Motter, Sarah Hennessey, Terry Miller, Amy Lunn, Bob Kinsey, Rev. Paul Beal, Jill Centrello, Carol Wilke, Amy Pendergrass

Review of July 18, 2011 Minutes: Tom King moved to accept the July 18, 2011 minutes; Nancy Van de Motter seconded: all in favor.

1. Planning Session

Council President Steve Hannah facilitated a planning session. Council members divided into three groups, discussed provided questions and returned for a council-wide discussion.

- The first set of questions revolved around the church's mission statement. They included: What is the process by which HUMC helps members share the light of Jesus Christ? Is that process clear? Does our process effectively move people towards greater levels of commitment? What are the results that we expect? Groups said:
 - Fresh Start class represents an early step in the process, which also includes Sunday School, small groups, missions such as Open M, Habitat for Humanity, and Search of the Christ Child.
 - HUMC does not have a clear or "purposeful" process to help people connect to these ministries. Perhaps we are too "hopeful" that new people will find their way alone.
 - We need to "recharge" current members and not just focus on new membership. The lack of volunteers for many of the church's events and activities is a real area of concern.
 - We need to nurture ourselves to be able to nurture each other and that begins with putting Jesus at the center of all that we do as a Christians and as a church.
- The second set of questions revolved around the Faith Journey, four area of spiritual growth. Rev. Marshall shared the four areas. Groups discussed: What is your Faith Journey? Is HUMC doing an effective job of helping people in these four areas? Groups said:
 - Sharing (witnessing) and modeling are powerful tools to inspire others. We need to do a better job of helping or encouraging individuals to share their Faith Journey and personal experience of Jesus' love; build up a culture of witnessing.
 - The Faith Journey is often a personal experience and has to be scripture-based. Get people into the Word, perhaps by telling them the strength that can come from it.
- The third set of questions revolved around HUMC events. Groups were asked: What are the major ministry events at HUMC? Are we spreading ourselves too thin? Groups said:
 - Major Events include:
 - Search for Christ Child
 - VBS
 - Attic Sale
 - ASP Auction & Trip
 - Open M
 - Habitat for Humanity
 - Feed My Sheep
 - Youth Group
 - Building/Grounds Events
 - UMW Events
 - Youth Sunday
 - Communion
 - Youth Musical
 - Joyful Noise Pageant
 - Youth Musical did not happen last year and is not necessary for future.
 - VBS, Search of Christ Child, Attic Sale and ASP Auction require dozens of volunteers and a large buy-in from the congregation. Further discussion is needed to assess which we can support and which we cannot.

Important Dates

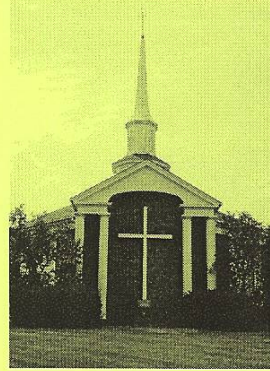
September	October	November	April
4 Communion Sunday	2 Communion Sunday	6 Communion Sunday	
11 Faith, Family and Friends Day	17 Church Council	21 Church Council	15-16 Confirmation Retreat
19 Church Council			17 Palm Sunday
			18 Church Council

FAITH, FAMILY & FRIENDS CELEBRATION

At Hudson United Methodist Church

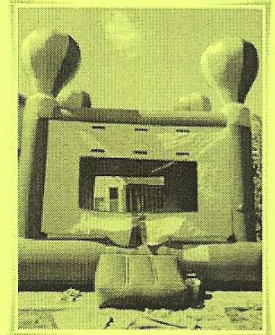


**FACE
PAINTING!**



When: Sept. 11, 2011

INFLATABLES!



**What: 9/11 Remembrance
and Celebration of
our Communities**

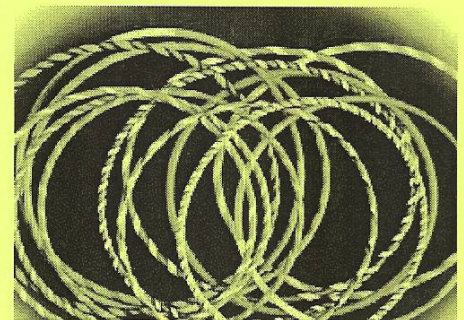
**HOT DOGS!
HAMBURGERS!**

LIVE MUSIC!

**Service starts at 9 am.
Festivities start right after
the service. Look forward
to seeing you!**

**MORE
INFLATABLES!**

**HOOLA HOOP
CONTESTS!**



*Located on the corner of Hudson-Aurora Rd. and Stow rd.