THE JOY OF GENEROSITY

OCTOBER 18, 2026

Weekly NEWS

Hudson First United Methodist Church

Love God, Love Others, Love All to Jesus

WORSHIP OUR HOLY GOD!

Join Us Weekly | Sunday Mornings at 10am

In-person (nursery available) or livestream by going to our website at www.HudsonFirstUMC.org

We light the candles on the altar to represent the presence of Christ in our worship

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship "Give Your Best to the Master"	*Choir/Congregation*
Welcome	*Pastor Matt Wallis*
Centering Music	*Pat Deighton/Nancy Cox*
**Opening Song: "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings" (v.1-3)*	*Congregation*
**Affirm our faith with the Apostle's Creed*	*Pastor Matt Wallis*
**Glory Be to the Father*	
Presentation of New Members	*Pastor Matt Wallis*
Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer	*Pastor Matt Wallis*
Anthem: "Look at the World" (John Rutter)	*Choir*
Worshipping God through Giving	
**Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*	*Congregation*
**Song: "I Need Thee Every Hour" (UMH #397 v.1,2,4)*	*Congregation*
Scripture Reading: Philippians 4:14-20	*Kerry Schraeder*
Message: "The Ripple Effect of Generosity"	*Pastor Matt Wallis*
**Song: "Joy to the World" (UMH#246 v.1,3)*	*Congregation*
Blessing	*Pastor Matt Wallis*
Closing Music	*Pat Deighton/Nancy Cox*

**please stand as you are able*

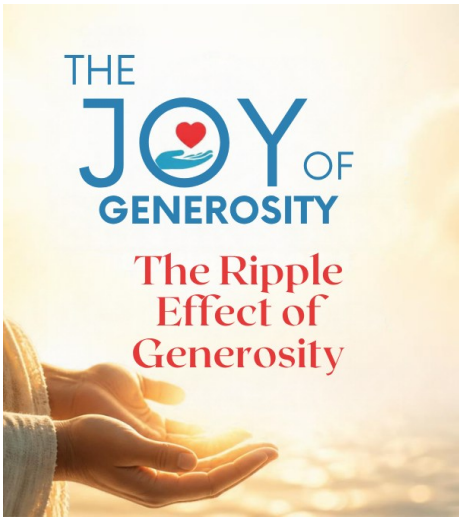
UMH is the red book in front of you

As the candles are extinguished, we take the light of Christ into the world.

HEARING DEVICES AVAILABLE IN THE SOUND BOOTH

*****New Instructions to Connect*****

(located in the back of the Worship Center)







THIS WEEK'S SERMON:

"Joy of Generosity: The Ripple Effect of Generosity"

Philippians 4:14-20

Pastor Matt Wallis

The Anthem:

Look At the World

(John Rutter)

Look at the world, everything all around us. Look at the world, and marvel every day.
Look at the world, so many joys and wonders, so many miracles along our way.

Refrain:

Praise to thee O Lord, for all creation. Give us thankful hearts that we may see. All the gifts we share and every blessing, all things come of thee.

Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flowers. Look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain.
Look at the hills. Look at the trees and mountains valley and flowing river, field and plain. **(Refrain)**

Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer bringing the harvest before the winter's cold. Everything grows. Everything has a season 'til it is gathered to the fathers fold. **(Refrain)**

Every good gift, all that we need and cherish
Comes from the Lord in token of his love.
We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty
His is the earth and his the heavens above. **(Refrain)**



Today: Sunday, October 18th

8:30am Living Love Sunday School—CR5
10:00am Worship-WC
11:30am Church Conference & Potluck

Monday, October 19th

11:30am Food Pantry Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 20th

8:30am Stitches—CR1
10:00am Brass Rehearsal-Choir Room
1:00pm Tuesday Al-Anon—CR10
3:30pm Bible Study-Fran Scerbo—CR1
7:00pm Walkie Talkie Group (Veteran's Park)
7:00pm Scouts Meeting –FH

Wednesday, October 21st

9:00am Food Pantry Distribution
6:30pm It's a Wonderful Life Bible Study—CR 5
7:00pm Anclote Symphonic Winds—Choir Room

Thursday, October 22nd

5:00pm Trustees Meeting—CR 10
6:30pm Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room

Friday, October 23rd— OFFICE CLOSED

10:00am A Bead and Prayer Bible Study—CR5

Saturday, October 24th

10:00am Heart to Heart Women's Group

CR1-CR10 Classroom
FC - Fellowship Center
WC - Worship Center

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday: 8:00am –4:30pm
Friday: Office Closed

THRIFT STORE HOURS

Tuesday—Saturday
9:00am to 3:00pm
Donation Drop-Off (Tuesday –Friday)
10:00am to 2:00pm



Happy Birthday!

10/15 Lois Donaghly
10/18 Mindy Pacini
10/19 Joan Lilly
10/23 Jerry Abenante
10/23 David Corum
10/23 Tanya Holbrook
10/24 Laura Arnold
10/24 Barbara Keener

Not listed? Contact the office to update.



Hudson First
United Methodist Church

Mission Statement

Love God, Love Others, Love All to Jesus

VISION STATEMENT: *We strive to be a loving, and open family experiencing and sharing God's love for all people by generously serving Hudson and beyond.*

NEW SMALL GROUP STUDY STARTING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2026

Led by Nancy Neumar

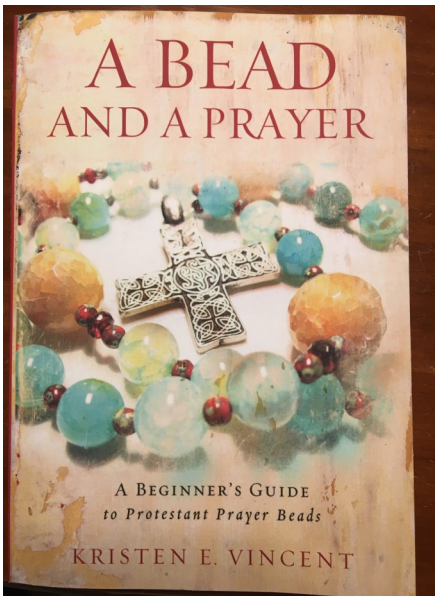
Provides a 4-week Bible study on Prayer that introduces Protestants to prayer beads as a tool for connecting with God.

Where: Hudson First UMC, Classroom: CR 5

When: Friday morning 10:00 am – 11:30 am, *Friday October 23 thru November 13th.*

Sign-up sheet can be found in church lobby on Sundays, or you can call the church office during the week to register.

Questions??? Please call Nancy Neumar at 727-992-0957



thank you

Pastor Appreciation Month

Join Staff Parish Relations in showing appreciation to our pastor!

We are grateful for our pastor's faithful leadership, heartfelt prayers, and dedicated service to our church family and community. October is Pastor Appreciation Month which gives us an opportunity to express our love and appreciation for the encouragement, wisdom, and continued care shared throughout the year.

Please share your appreciation through a card, note of encouragement, or other expression of gratitude. Let us be unified and celebrate the blessing of Pastor Matt's faithful pastoral leadership.

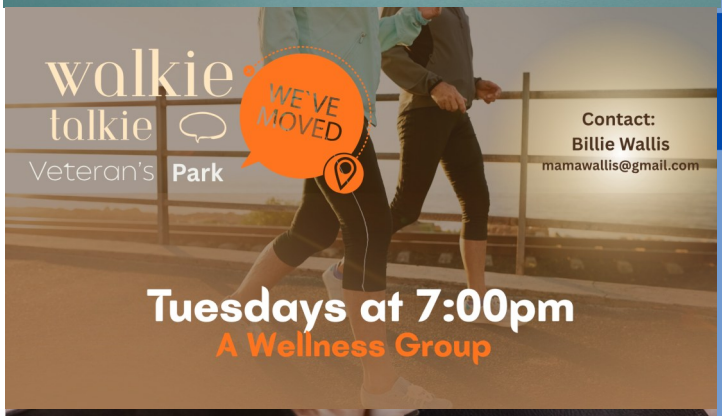
"We appreciate you, Pastor, and thank God for your service!"

Connections

Spiritual Growth Groups







Explore the Bible



An engaging and enriching adventure in God's Word

Tuesdays, 3:30pm

For more info: Contact Fran Scerbo or the office at 727-868-6178



Every 3rd Saturday
10am

HEART TO HEART
WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Our Mission:

Heart to Heart assists women and children in our community and globally by providing financial support and needed help.

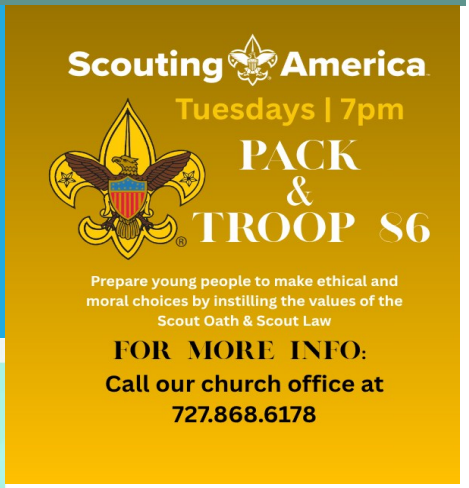




Support Groups











Praises | Answered Prayers
Safe travels, God's creation, Successful surgery and procedures, God's mercy, Answered prayers, Cured from cancer, Retirement, accepted to transplant list

Prayer Concerns
Mason Steele; Rebecca Barrack and family; Kenneth and Linda Erb; Madelon Martin; Chris Uher; June Alexander; Theresa Siconolf; Tristan; Children and grandchildren; those with addictions; James Schlieger Loraine Cors; financial situation; Family difficulties; those dealing with stress; Jerry Witte Joanne Kelly; Carl and Mindy Pacini; Margaret Bing; Dave and Jan Renwick; Connie Strongbear; Chet and Carol; Joan Lilly; Lois Mattix; Karen Kundi; Elizabeth Wittish Kay Friend; Michelle; our long term facility members (Norma Boffa, Carol Mishler); Melody Schwindt; Lynn; Laura Arnold; Laura; Ben; Gary and Lois; Ron Doan; Chris Kreiler Irene McLean; Victor; Larry and Steve Sifford; Ryan Kane; Alexa Oliver; encouragement for students; Rachael; Jared; Dan; Wendy Gernand; Janet Bachyrycz

The UMC & Leaders; Our Church Family and Staff; Ldrs. & Ministries
Pastor Matt and Billie Wallis; Pastor Ken & Dawn Vanderlaan; Pastor Yania Ciero and husband Armando- our sister church in Cuba, Julio Reyes Methodist Church; Those who protect us & defend our country; Our Leaders, Country & Government; Those who mourn; Homebound; Caregivers; those with chronic illnesses; victims of fires; natural disasters; random crimes and shootings; persecuted Christians; World Peace; Japanese Mission; Middle East Wars; those who don't know Christ; volunteers are needed.

Active Military: Major James Cashwell; Jennifer Cashwell; Taylor Downing; Emerald Fernden; Derek Gauldin; Master Sgt. Ryan Hughes; Stephanie Hughes; Mark Orio; Pvt. Brian Power; Lt. Col. Michele Suggs; Bryce Ward; Airman Christian Foote; Sgt. Victor Bacerra; Alex Wallenberg; PO3 Julian Allen, US Navy; Navy 3rd Class Seaman Mason Briggs; Colby Drescher; Bradley Puncochar, Heather Coyn, Cameron Washington

PLEASE NOTE: ***In an effort to keep our list up to date, names with no updates are deleted monthly. As prayers for your loved ones are needed, please feel free to complete prayer requests slips on Sunday morning and place in the offering boxes or email the office at adminassist@hudsonfirstumc.org.***



SUNDOWNING AND ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Helping Our Loved Ones Through the Shorter Days

As autumn arrives and daylight becomes shorter, families caring for someone with Alzheimer's disease may notice changes in their loved one's behavior. The end of daylight-saving time can make these changes more noticeable. One common challenge is called sundowning.

What Is Sundowning? Sundowning refers to increased confusion, anxiety, restlessness, irritability, or agitation that often occurs during the late afternoon and evening. A person may pace, repeatedly ask questions, become fearful, or have difficulty settling down for the night. These behaviors are not intentional. Changes in the brain caused by Alzheimer's disease can affect the body's internal clock, sleep patterns, and ability to interpret changes in the environment.

How Do Shorter Days and the Time Change Affect Sundowning?

When the clocks fall back and darkness arrives earlier, a person living with Alzheimer's may have difficulty adjusting. Dim lighting and shadows can cause confusion or fear, while fatigue from a full day may make symptoms worse. Changes in familiar routines can also increase anxiety. Not everyone experiences sundowning, but the shorter days can present additional challenges for those who do.

How Can Caregivers Help?

Keep a regular routine. Maintain consistent times for waking, meals, activities, and bedtime. Turn on lights early. Brighten rooms before dusk to reduce shadows and help your loved one feel more secure. Enjoy daylight. When possible, spend time outdoors during the day to support healthy sleep patterns. Plan calming activities. Try listening to familiar music, looking through family photographs, folding towels, or enjoying a favorite activity in the late afternoon. Reduce noise and stimulation. Turn down the television, limit busy surroundings, and create a peaceful atmosphere as evening approaches. Offer reassurance. Speak gently, use simple words, and avoid arguing or correcting. A calm voice and a comforting presence can make a difference. Watch for triggers. Hunger, thirst, pain, fatigue, or the need to use the bathroom may contribute to restlessness.

A Message of Hope for Caregivers

Caring for someone with Alzheimer's can be exhausting, especially when evenings become difficult. Remember that you do not have to handle every challenge alone. Ask family members, friends, your church family, and support groups for help. Small changes, patience, and a loving presence can bring comfort and reassurance to someone who may be feeling confused or frightened.

As we enter the season of shorter days, may we remember that even when the daylight fades, the warmth of our love, the comfort of our presence, and God's light can continue to shine.

Matthew 11:28 – Jesus invites the weary and burdened to find rest in Him.