



Huntington  
United Methodist Church

# Humline

January 2023

New Year, New Beginning



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## New Year, New Beginning!

by Pastor Jacob Eun

I hope you discovered a true meaning of Christmas by embracing the gift of Christmas, Jesus, into your hearts and sharing his love with others. And here we are! Happy New Year! We look back the year of 2022, count our blessings, name them one by one, and give thanks to God for another new year.

And as we look forward to the year ahead of us, we reflect on God's promises of newness and possibilities. I see growth and increase. I see healing and transformation. I am excited even just to think about what God has in store for you and me and for our church.

I believe January is a good month to start thinking about our relationship with God. God called us to be in the covenant people of God. How did you do last year? Did you grow in your relationship with God? Or do you feel like you haven't been spiritually complacent and stagnant? What things have you allowed to take God's place in your heart and in your life?

This is the perfect time to assess our relationship with God. We need to reorient and realign ourselves with God by decluttering our soul. Our minds are preoccupied with ten or twenty different things that are going around us. So here is our new worship series for January: Tidying up our soul, schedule, finance, community, and purpose. I pray that you would join us for worship and start the year with God.



## January Worship Series

### Tidying Up! The Art of Sparking Joy

Does your life feel complex and cluttered? It's time to "Marie Kondo" your schedule and regain control over your inner world. In this January worship series, we will learn to stop living at a frenetic pace and start the new year anchored in the priorities that matter most. Discover the life-changing power of simplicity in your schedule, work, finances, relationships, and soul. Join us at HUMC to begin 2023 sparking joy!

- 1.1 Soul Declutter**  
Mark 1:32-38
- 1.8 Tidying Up Your Schedule**  
Luke 10:38-42
- 1.15 Tidying Up Your Finances**  
Matthew 6:24  
1 Timothy 6:10
- 1.22 Tidying Up Your Relationship**  
Colossians 3:12-17
- 1.29 Tidying Up Your Purpose**  
Philippians 4:4

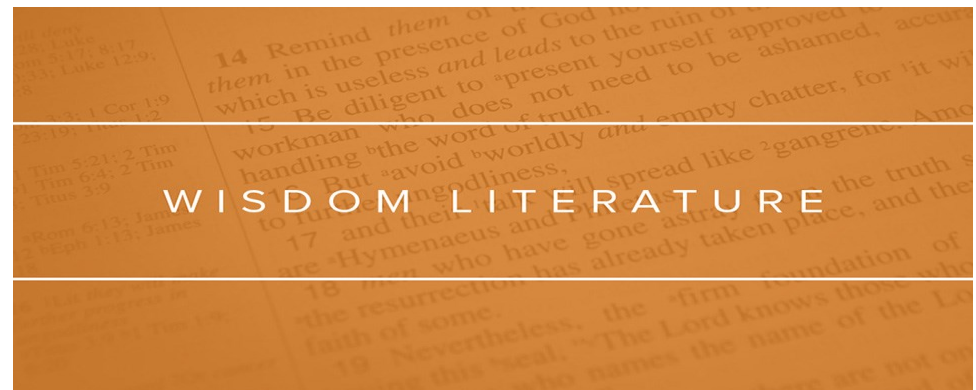


## Monday Bible Study

- 1.2 Winter Break**
- 1.9 New Testament Letters: Historical Context**
- 1.16 Philemon** God's family
- 1.23 1 Corinthians**  
What are some problems raised in the church of Corinth?
- 1.30 Titus**

### Wisdom Literature: Key to Understanding Life

- 2.6 Proverbs**  
Skim through the book and ask whether we should consider these proverbs as promises and thus, put our trust in them.
- 2.13 Ecclesiastes**  
There are two voices in this book: teacher and author. What are their messages to us on good life?
- 2.20 Job**  
Ask these three questions: Is God just? Does God run the universe on the strict principle of justice? How is Job's suffering then to be explained?



## Mini Orchestra

We are looking to put together a mini orchestra. If you play an instrument, let us know. If you are in school and need community service hours this might be a good opportunity.



**Do you play an instrument?  
Volunteers Needed for Our Mini Orchestra  
(duo, trio, or quartet)**

## Children's Ministry Minister

Huntington United Methodist Church is looking for a Sunday School pastor who has a heart for children's ministry and has a vision to build them up in faith.

### Position Information

Job Title	Sunday School Pastor
Compensation	\$800 - \$1,000 a month

### Application Requirements:

Resume & Personal statement or biography

If you are interested in this position or have any questions, please contact Pastor Jacob at [hanbin.eun@gmail.com](mailto:hanbin.eun@gmail.com).

## Capelinha: Marvelous Light

by Karen Ernst da Silva

February 2022

*The light is among you for a little while longer.  
Walk while you have the light, lest the darkness overtake you.  
John 12:35-36*

We are usually in Florida during the winter months, enjoying sunshine and warmth. But last year we were still at home in Connecticut, with cold days and snow. I walked daily and was grateful for building fires, sharing our three meals each day, and being busy with projects—my husband remodeling the little house on our property and for me, painting.

I knew that I must be patient about heading south. Importantly I must be present to each day. Instead of longing for palmettos, green landscape, and warm temperatures my art, reading, scripture, and song helped me live here and now.

“An appreciation of beauty in art and nature can restore our souls. It can lead us to goodness and truth. It can help make us more fully human.”

(Jeff Minick, Epoch News 01/01/22)

On my walks I looked at the land and the sky. The light is dramatic and quiet, blue and beautiful in the winter months. The earth seems to be at rest. The days are longer and the sun shines at a slant, drawing long dramatic shadows across the snow, rocks, piles of earth. I can see through the woods, trunks and limbs of taupe and tans, dark browns and black. There is the contrast of the rusty golden tones of fallen leaves piled against the white snow. These are the colors of here in winter.

Beautiful, clear, still, home, silent, routine. Painting is like prayer to me. I am silent, focused, deep in thought, calm, and thankful. This little painting of our winter garden—blue skies and shadows streaking across the white snow—is praise!

Praise for “the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth, over and around us lies.” ( Song by F. S. Pierpont)

Alleluia! Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Yes, beauty in art and nature can restore our souls and move us by the marvelous light. ...who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

1 Peter 2:9





Marvelous Light  
painting by Karen Ernst da Silva

### Snippets of Our Church







## Mark Your Calendar

### Weekly Meetings/Events

Mon	Adult Bible Study	7:00pm HUMC
Wed	Bell Choir	7:15pm HUMC
Thu	Choir	7:00pm HUMC

### Mark Your Calendar!

1.7	Sat	Pastor's College (pastors)	9am	HUMC
1.11-13		Bishop's Convocation (pastors)		
1.16	Mon	Martin Luther King Jr. Day		
1.27	Sun	Valley Parish Council Meeting	7pm	Naugatuck UMC



## Happy Birthday (January)

11 Amy Miller	13 Steven Peiffer	14 Timothy Tyler
15 Sandra Smart	26 Donna Graham	29 Adeline Poach



## Happy Anniversary (January)

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## Announcements

### Welcome

1. If you need to schedule a time with Pastor Jacob, you can reach to him at 203-615-3214 or [leadpastor@huntingtonumc.com](mailto:leadpastor@huntingtonumc.com)
2. Join us for worship on Sunday at 8:30am (in-person) or 10:00am (in-person, Zoom, and Youtube). Meeting ID for Zoom is 867 9342 7439 and Youtube, search Huntington United Methodist Church.

### Announcements

1. Thanks to everyone who made December a memorable month: Carols and Coco, Reverse Advent Calendar, Operation Christmas, Christmas Cantata, Christmas Candlelight, and so on.
2. We are looking for a new children's ministry minister. More details about the job, please contact Pastor Jacob at [leadpastor@huntingtonumc.org](mailto:leadpastor@huntingtonumc.org) or at 203-615-3214.
3. The HUMC Ushers are making a come-back! We are looking for regular church goers but if you aren't able to make your assigned date, we always have others on the team ready to fill in. Please let Brian Kweder ([kweder@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kweder@sbcglobal.net), 860-803-0760) know if you would like to be an usher.
4. Need a Ride? Please call Darlene Reilly-Lengyel (203-260-3067). Our team will be happy to help provide you with a ride to and from church.
5. Meal Train is here to help. Please contact Pastor Jacob or Membership and Evangelism co-chairs Amanda Wetmore ([akovacs38@gmail.com](mailto:akovacs38@gmail.com)) or Kate Kieley ([katekieley@hotmail.com](mailto:katekieley@hotmail.com)) for more information.
6. Spooner House Meals. We have just posted our new 2023 sign-up sheet. Please follow the link below to sign up for a date in 2023: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D49ACAC22A3F4C34-2023>

### Support Our Ministries

1. Be sure to use Amazon Smile so that our church gets a portion of the profit. Same prices, same Amazon Prime and shipping. Only difference is that in the corner it says "Amazon Smile" and "you have designated HUMC to receive donations."

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