



The Congregator: Back to School (really?!) Edition Hudsonville Congregational United Church of Christ - August 2021



The HUCS Annual Craft Show will be September 11, 2021 from 9am-3pm and we need your help! There are many opportunities to help out which include:

**CRAFT
SHOW**

- Hanging flyers around town 1-2 weeks before the show
- Table set-up on 9/10
- Vendor direction starting at 7am on 9/11
- Helper shifts during the show AM/PM
- Clean up starting at 3pm on 9/11



We are also looking for fresh faces on the committee and all are welcome! We have a meeting scheduled for **August 19 at 5:30pm**. Please consider being a part of this amazing fundraising opportunity for our church. All proceeds go directly to the building fund. Contact Angel Dannenberg: doglvr895@gmail.com 616-498-7727



Grandma's Attic, now renamed **Bargain Shop**, is looking for items to sell. We will accept all good, clean items you would like to donate for the sale EXCEPT clothing and large electronics. Please start saving your items to donate at home for now. We will announce a time in August as to where and when you can bring the items to Church. We are also looking for a person (s) to co-chair the resale room and volunteers to help with the set up and sales floor on that day. SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!

Calling All Bakers, We are going to be hosting a bake sale during the craft show to raise money for the building fund! What we need is you! Favorite cookie recipe? Cake? Pie? Dog treats? Lemon bars? We will take it! Please bring your prepared items to the kitchen by **Friday, September 10th at 5pm** so that we can get everything sorted and packaged that evening. If you have any questions, please see Lisa Merchant or send her email at lmerchant2616@gmail.com or text her at 616-393-3784.

Summer Study Series: Overlooked Books of the Bible: “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven” There is still a time to join Pastor Jeff on Wednesday evenings in the church parlor as we read and study together overlooked books of the Bible. Our first book is Ecclesiastes. We will look at the author’s pursuit to find the meaning of life in this overlooked “Wisdom” book found in the Old Testament. Many of the questions the author wrestles with have direct implications for us living in a postmodern society of the 21st century. Please contact Pastor Jeff with any questions. This study is open to everyone—Wednesday nights 6:30 pm.

Discussion Group: Bible and Coffee: Is the Bible a rulebook, a guide to life, or something else entirely? Meet Pastor Jeff after worship in the parlor this summer for a discussion series entitled Bible and Coffee. This group will discuss topics related to the scripture passage of the day as well as various Bible topics. While no reading is required, we will be looking at a few sources including *What is the Bible?* by Rob Bell and *How the Bible Actually Works* by Peter Enns. Feel free to bring any questions you may have about the Bible. For more information or questions, please contact Pastor Jeff. This group is open to everyone and all are welcome!





WE'RE ON A MISSION!



STUFF THE BUS! Once again our very generous congregation has shown wonderful support for Love INC. and our Church's participation in the Stuff the Bus Project. Through your donations of supplies and money, we will be able to provide new backpacks filled with needed supplies for 10 area children to begin the school year. Your care and concern for our local children is so greatly appreciated by the children, their families and your Mission Board. **THANK YOU**

Still looking for someone to be our Safe Serve coordinator for the church beginning in 2022. Without a coordinator we will be unable to provide food to the community. We typically provide meals at Feeding America, funeral luncheons, and special events. If this is something that may interest you, please reach out to Sue Dykstra or Janet Overbeek for more details.



We are still collecting diapers and wipes to help those in need. We are in need of diapers of all sizes, particularly larger sizes. Let's get to the bottom of this one!



HAND2HAND: As August rapidly approaches, we hope you will begin to think about our Fall Hand2Hand program and how you can be a participant with us. We will be looking for delivery people, packers, drivers to pick up food, shoppers, and many other support volunteers. Of course we always appreciate those of you who support us through your donations of food and money and prayers. There is something for everyone to contribute and we need every one of you. Contact Sandy Lyon with any questions you may have. *--Your Mission Board and H2H volunteers*



A Report from Your Treasurer: Thank you for your continued support of our church and its many ministries. It has been so nice to see smiling faces on a weekly basis sitting in the pews. Normally we see a significant drop-off in giving during the summer as we find some time to spend away from Hudsonville. This year, that has not been the case. Thank you for this continued support even when you are not able to be here in person. As always, every gift we receive is important to us and we are thankful for each and every one.

--David Bendert, Treasurer



Please Pray

Active Prayers: Larry & Gloria Byle, Judd Newenhouse, Kendra Simon, and all affected by the coronavirus.

Continual Prayers: Betty Baareman, George Drayton, Joan Edson, Paul Kunde, Delores Wheelock

August Prayer Emphasis: Of our 27 UCC churches in our Grand West Association, this month we will pray for Holland UCC. Let us remember Holland's mission and ministry in our prayers for August.

Please let the church office know either if you would not like to be listed here or if you would like to be listed here and are not. Please keep all of these folks in your prayers.

August CALENDAR: The More Long-ish Form

August 1 - Worship 10am, Bible & Coffee
 August 3 - Mission Team 6:30
 August 4 - Summer Studies Series 7 pm
 August 8 - Worship 10am, Council 11:15am
 August 11 – Summer Studies Series 7 pm
 August 15 - Worship 10am, Bible & Coffee
 August 18 – Summer Studies Series 7 pm
 August 19 – Craft Show Meeting 5:30 pm – everyone welcome!
 August 22 - Worship 10am, Bible & Coffee
 August 25 – Summer Studies Series 7 pm
 August 29 – Worship 10am, Bible & Coffee

- You can view all previous services online at facebook.com/hudsonvilleucc/live.
- You can also find services and Sunday School lessons at <https://www.hudsonvilleucc.org>

Happy Birthday!	Happy Birthday!	Happy Anniversary!
8/1 Meghan O’Hair	8/22 Stephanie Wolf	8/7 Rick & Angel Dannenberg
8/2 Betty Sikkema	8/25 Jim Thompson	8/8 John & Julie Couturier
8/5 James Dykstra	8/26 Jeanne Haynor	8/11 Karl & Mary Kleinheksel
8/6 Hailee Boggs	8/26 Gordon Walsworth	8/14 Robert & Stephanie Wolf
8/6 Dan Clark	8/26 Jeanne Haynor	8/17 James & Sherri Van Eck
8/8 Michael Boro	8/29 Sam Wolters	8/19 Dick & Margaret Patmos
8/12 Nicklas Carlson		8/21 Ken & Pat Haynes
8/15 Nate Couturier		8/28 Larry & Gloria Byle
8/18 Gail Emelander		8/28 Nate & Andrea Fitton
8/18 Chris Sikkema		
8/19 Eric Thorsen		



We're Back! We're Back! Now What?

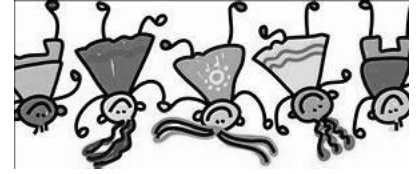
Boy, have we got ideas for you! For starters, people willing to **run sound and video** are in great demand. Fear not! The tech is not hard to learn (said the girl who can barely manage a cell phone but deals with power point most Sundays). Reserved seat in the back pew just for you! Contact Aron Duby or Ruth Lee. You will be our favorite!

OR....you could teach Sunday School! Hang out with all the cool small folk and a teaching partner one Sunday a month. Lesson book provided. This would be a 2-6 hour commitment each month and would also involve helping with other Christian Ed events (Trunk or Treat! Elf Workshop! Easter Egg Hunt! How cool can it get?!) Contact the office if interested. You will also be our favorite!



OR....you could help keep us all clean and well-fed! We are in need of a few specific items for our coffee hour, as well as cleaning supplies. Needed items include 100% juice boxes, packaged cookies, and toilet paper. Please also remember that we’re collecting Family Fare receipts to raise funds for the church. A bag for these can be found at the Welcome Desk.

It's time forYOUTH ADVENTURES!!!!!!



Upside Down Movie Night! 7/29

Next week Thursday is Upside Down Movie Night! Bring an air mattress, yoga mat, blankets, what have you because we'll be lying on the ground, outside, under the overhang of the main entrance, watching the movie projected onto the overhang - hence the upside down part! Setup and some small activities will start at 8, with the movie starting at 8:30. If it's storming we'll move inside. This is all ages, so feel free to bring the whole fam.

Michigan Adventure! 8/26

Send summer out right with a trip to Michigan Adventure! Thursday the 19th of next month. This one's for youth entering middle school and up. Tickets to the park are ~\$36 - plus whatever you want to spend while there. Sponsorship money is available for those with a need. *Minimum of 3 youth sign ups required for the trip to happen.*

Sign up now! <https://forms.gle/WWuGaa4LvK3tMkUn8>

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