



## **Celebrating Pride**

June is Pride month! You will be hearing themes of celebration for the month of June in worship. One celebration is the return of Bob Ruddy to our organ bench on Sunday, June 29!

We will be participating in Holland Pride for our sixth year on June 28. We will be looking for volunteers to help share our and God's love at Holland Pride.

Then, for the first time ever, our church will host Hudsonville Pride on July 12!



This outdoor only event will be held in our back parking lot. It is being organized by two groups that lease space here year-round: Ottawa Area Center For Pride and Inclusive Ottawa County. We will also be looking for volunteers to help with our booth at Hudsonville Pride.

If you're interested in helping at Holland Pride or Hudsonville Pride, please email Pastor Dan at [pastordan@hudsonvilleucc.org](mailto:pastordan@hudsonvilleucc.org) or Pastor Rae at [pastorrae@hudsonvilleucc.org](mailto:pastorrae@hudsonvilleucc.org).

## **Summertime!**



The summer months are here! Time to find a good book, a beach or a cabin, and take a well-needed rest.

While you are doing that, please remember the Good Book will continue to be read here at church and explored on Sunday mornings which you may watch online and our ministries will continue throughout the summer. Your continued financial contributions are just as important over the summer as they are during the school year.

Please continue to mail in checks, give online, or create a direct deposit while you are away.

Thank you for your continued support of our essential ministries.

To give now, visit [linktr.ee/hudsonvilleucc](https://linktr.ee/hudsonvilleucc) or scan the QR Code:



## **Birthdays**

Paul Lidgard - June 4  
Paul DeYoung - June 7  
Sue Dykstra - June 8  
Wanda Giem - June 8  
John Couturier - June 10  
Mark Perrin - June 11  
Ann Martin - June 17  
Pat Vieau - June 19  
Ginnie Bendert - June 21  
Tom Sikkema - June 21

Dustin Stoner - June 28  
Ben Wolters- June 28  
Adam Lee - June 30  
Judy Tigelaar - July 3  
Dale Vander Markt - July 10  
Sir-Thomas Visser-Jackson - July 8  
Cindy Wolters - July 12  
Beckett Stoner - July 15

Duane Hogle - July 16  
Brenna Couturier - July 18  
Sydney Overbeek - July 19  
Ady Davis - July 20  
Jodi Carlson - July 21  
Veronica Leshan - July 21  
Kim Kwekel - July 23  
Amelia Bendert - July 24  
Brenda Stilwill - July 24  
Peyton Perrin - July 30

## **Anniversaries**

Cindy & Ed Wolters - June 1  
Christian & Jordyn Hennells - June 6  
Betty & Chris Sikkema - June 15  
Shannon & Sir Jackson-Visser - June 16  
Ali & David Bendert - June 17  
Alvis & Jean K. Wooton - June 20  
Dan & Katrina Furman - June 24  
Darleen & Roger Behrens - June 26  
Tony Baker & Laura Broderick - June 27  
Michael & Taylor Boro - June 29  
Dan & Laura Korienek - June 29  
Eileen & Terry Slagter - June 30

## **Farewell Postponed**

Pastor Rae's Last Sunday has been postponed! Our amazing student pastor has completed his academic classwork at Chicago Theological Seminary! Originally, we thought his last Sunday with us would be in May. However, he has one final hurdle to complete: Clinical Pastoral Education which he will be completing with us by pursuing work with our Open and Affirming team, work with social justice ministries, adult education, and Holland and Hudsonville Pride events. So thankfully his time has been extended through August! Praise God!

## **Bargain Shop**

Help us stock the Craft Show Bargain Shop! Please start saving your donations now. We will be collecting items on-site starting in August. This year, we will also be accepting clothing, but no electronics. If you are in need of boxes for your Bargain Shop donations, please email the Events Team at [huccevents22@gmail.com](mailto:huccevents22@gmail.com).

## **Feeding America Food Distribution**

Thank you to everyone who donated hygiene products and helped with our Feeding America food distribution on June 5! Together, we served 99 people, including 28 seniors, 27 children and a dozen veterans. Our next food distribution will be in August. Watch the church website and weekly announcements for additional details.



## **PEACE Garden Progress**

Another year of growing has begun in the PEACE Garden! Thanks to volunteers from Inclusive Ottawa County and our church, the trellises are up and tomatoes, peppers, herbs and cucumbers are in the ground.



All produce harvested from the garden will go to nourish our neighbors.

If you'd like to help in the PEACE garden, email [christaferguson22@gmail.com](mailto:christaferguson22@gmail.com)



Join our spirited conversation!

Thursday, June 19 at 6:30 p.m.  
Two Guys Brewing  
2356 Porter St. SW, Wyoming

Thursday, July 17 - Location TBD

Watch the weekly newsletter or worship announcements for updates.

## **Prayer List**



### **Active Prayers**

Kendra Simon, Paul Lidgard, Chris and Betty Sikkema and our elderly and home-bound members

### **Continual Prayers**

Alice Perrin, George Drayton, Helen Emelander, Jeanne Haynor, Al Wooton, and Darleen Behrens.

### **Grand West Association Church of the Month**

IFor June, we will be praying for Bostwick Lake UCC. Located east of Rockford, this church is over 175 years old. They recently called a new pastor and are excited for the future.

For July, we will pray for Douglas UCC. This church has been Open and Affirming for over 30 years; they were the 25th UCC church in the nation to become so out of the nearly 2,000 O&A churches now in the UCC.

**Please let the church office know either if you do/do not want to be listed here.**



# Hand2Hand Update



This school year, we had an average of 36 South Elementary children in our Hand2Hand program. Every child received a bag of food for each weekend, extra treats on the holidays, birthday bags of cakes and treats for their birthday, and warm hats and mittens/gloves. This is all due to your support and donations. We can't thank you enough.

We also want to thank our food coordinator Ann Martin, who planned our menus and maintained our pantry, all the other volunteers who helped in so many ways, the staff at South Elementary, and our partner church, Jamestown Harbor Church. So many dedicated and supportive people made our program work!

During the summer, we will be participating in a Hand2Hand program with other churches to provide food over the summer months - that's what the peanut butter donations are for. We will begin collecting items for our pantry again in August for the start of another school year.

On a personal note, I would like to add my thanks and appreciation to all those listed above and, especially to you, the people of our church, who have given me the trust and opportunity to serve as your co-director of this Hand2Hand mission for these past 15 years. Your support, whether it be through donations, prayers, volunteering, or encouragement, have made this a wonderful and rewarding opportunity for me.

With the end of this school year, I am retiring from my position as director of your H2H. Pat Menkveld has been "in training" for the job this past school year (even taking over during my health issues,) and is ready to be your new director. I know she will do a great job. Please give her the same love and support you have given me and this mission.

My heartfelt thank you to you all,  
Sandy Lyon on behalf of the Mission Board

## Volunteer Schedule

### Greeters

June 22: Christy Graff  
June 29: Janet Overbeek  
July 6: Sue Dykstra  
July 13: Kelly Lockwood  
July 20: Ann Martin  
July 27: Christy Graff

### Lay Readers

Taliyn Merchant  
Christina Breen  
Katrina Furman  
Christa Ferguson  
Christy Graff  
Abby LaBarge

### Offering Counters

Laura Broderick-Baker & TBD  
Christina Breen & TBD  
Laura Broderick-Baker & TBD  
David Bendert & Laura Broderick-Baker  
TBD  
Laura Broderick-Baker & Christina Breen

Interested in volunteering?

Email [HUDSONVILLEUCC@gmail.com](mailto:HUDSONVILLEUCC@gmail.com) to sign up!



# June and July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15	16	17	18	19 Juneteenth Observed Pub Theology 6:30 p.m.	20	21
22 Worship 10 a.m.	23	24 Summer Green Condo Association Meeting 7 p.m.	25	26 Hobby Hub	27	28 Holland Pride
29 Worship 10 a.m. Birthday Potluck	30	1 Ottawa Area Center For Pride 6:30 p.m.	2	3	4 Independence Day	5
6 Worship 10 a.m.	7	8	9	10	11	12 Hudsonville Pride
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