



The Congregator: Summertime Summertime Edition

Hudsonville Congregational United Church of Christ - July 2022

Holland Pride! Our church will have a booth at Holland Pride on Saturday, June 25th from noon to 5pm. If you would like to help out with being at the booth and sharing our love for the community at Centennial Park in Holland, please let Pastor Dan know. We would love to have you help out!

Community Chalk Bomb Event: Our church is hosting a second annual chalk art festival on Saturday, July 2 starting at 1pm. Friends from the community will be coming to create art on the concrete leading to the entrance to the church. Feel free to drop by and add your creations!



The Craft Show Committee has Room for YOU!

We will be having a craft show meeting on Thursday June 16, 6:00pm here at church!

We need a lot of help to get this lucrative project ready for business! No special skills required. We need you! See you then!

Contact Angel Dannenberg: doglvr895@gmail.com or 616-498-7727

Please join the list of On Call Nursery Volunteers - not only do you get to play with all the cool kids, but you just might get to snuggle new babies! Contact Katrina Furman or the office if interested.



Please Pray

Active Prayers: Peace

Continual Prayers: Gloria Byle, George Drayton, Joan Edson, Helen Emelander, Paul Kunde, Delores Wheelock

Monthly Prayer Emphasis: Of our 27 UCC churches and agencies in our Grand West Association, this month we will pray for Second Congregational UCC in Grand Rapids. Let us remember their mission and ministry in our prayers for July.

(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.)

Happy Birthday!	Happy Birthday!	Happy Anniversary!
7/3 Judy Tigelaar	7/19 Sidney Overbeek	7/12 Justin & Chelsea Hill
7/7 Dale VanderMarkt	7/20 Adylae Davis	7/13 Craig & Leah Hamstra
7/8 Sir-Thomas Visser-Jackson	7/21 Jodi Carlson	
7/9 Jacob Hall	7/21 Veronica Leshan	
7/12 Cindy Wolters	7/23 Kim Kwekel	
7/16 Duane Hogle	7/24 Millie Bendert	
7/18 Brenna Couturier	7/24 Brenda Stilwill	
	7/30 Peyton Perrin	

Please let me know if I miss your day or have the wrong date! I'll do better next year! -Ruth Lee

WE'RE ON A MISSION!



Diaper Drive!! Our Mission team is partnering with Nestlins to collect diapers of all sizes as well as wipes and any other important things babies may need. Gift cards also welcome. We will collect for this special mission project through Sunday, July 10. Donations can be placed next to the Nestling diaper display in the narthex, or in the blue bucket by the church's back door. (P.S. We'll still be collecting after this drive ends! The times are ALWAYS a-changin'!)

Stuff the Bus! Our Mission team is also gathering school supplies for 10 middle schoolers, five boys and five girls. Starting on June 26, the mission team will have lists of supplies needed. If you prefer not to be a shopper, financial donations are also welcomed. We will collect school supplies through July 31.

Hand2Hand: Welcome to Summer! Just as our teachers, staff, and children at South are taking a well-earned vacation, so are the volunteers with your Hand2Hand program. Thank them for their service and please keep them and our children and families in your prayers. We will open the pantry again in August to prepare for a new school year. If you have any questions about H2H, please catch me at church. I would love to talk with you.

--Sandy Lyon

A Report from Your Treasurer:

As we enter the last Sunday of June we still need about \$12,000 to cover all of the expenses for this month including our principal and interest payment for the mortgage. Through the generosity of many donors we have already brought in nearly \$20,000. Thank you for your willingness to share your blessings with our church. Because of your gifts we have been able to reach out into our community to let everyone know that we believe God's love is available to everyone no matter what. This may seem like a small thing - but it matters to many. Through your continued support, we can meet all of our obligations for this month and continue into the summer on a strong footing. If you have already given an extra gift this month, thank you. Your gift is important and appreciated. If you have been meaning to make an extra gift this month we would gladly accept it via paypal, givelify, or check mailed to the church. Thank you in advance for your generosity. If you are unable to make an extra gift this month please know that we appreciate your prayers and non financial donations just as much. Our church works when we all contribute what we are able. If you have any questions please let me know.

--David Bendert, Treasurer

***Editor's Note: Please note that David has served very long and very well as Treasurer. He would now like to retire and move on to other opportunities. If anyone would like to step into his sturdy though well-worn shoes, please contact David, or the office. You will be our favorite!*

Attention, Shoppers!! I just recounted our receipts after collecting more today and we are at \$73,599 out of \$150k needed for the Direct Your Dollars campaign! This is JUST shy of half way! We have made great strides. Your continued support in collecting and dropping off your SpartanNash receipts is greatly appreciated! Just a reminder to please turn in the entire receipt as the program does not accept partials. Thank you!





July Calendar

- July 2 - Chalk Bomb Event 1pm
- July 3 - Worship 10am
- July 4 - Office closed
- July 10 - Worship 10am, Council 11:15am
- July 17 - Worship 10am, Open and Affirming 11:15am
- July 24 - Worship 10am
- July 26 - Birthday dinner 6pm, Summergreen Condo Assn 7pm
- July 31 - Worship 10am - Noisy Sunday!

Moments in Church History:

Rev. W.H. Camp's revival services in the Hudsonville school in 1877 led to a decision on February the eleventh of that year to form a Congregational church. Thirty-two persons attended the meeting. On February 27 a formal vote was taken in which the Articles of Association were adopted. These articles stated that the church would be called the Congregational Church of Hudsonville, Michigan. Officers were to be a pastor, two or more deacons, a clerk, a treasurer, and three trustees.

During the late 1880s new hymn books were purchased, a steeple was added to the church and a church bell was installed. A janitor was hired at a salary of \$5. The janitor was to open the church and ring the bell for services and funerals. Some members wished to be baptized by immersion. They were baptized in Rush Creek.



BE THE CHURCH

Protect the environment. Care for the poor.
Forgive often. Reject Racism.
Fight for the powerless.
Share earthly and spiritual resources.
Embrace diversity. Love God. Enjoy this life.



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- *You can also find services and Sunday School lessons at <https://www.hudsonvilleucc.org>*
- *Church office hours: Mondays from 11am-3pm, Tuesdays from 4-7pm, and Fridays from 2:30-5pm.*

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