

The Congregator



From the Pastor's Desk

Sustain God's House Campaign Update

At the June 4 Congregational meeting the church approved the application of a loan from the UCC for \$75,000. Our leaders are in the process of completing the several page application. West Michigan Heating and Cooling has been informed about the loan and has told us that we no longer need to make payments to them but instead can make the lump sum payment when the church receives it. This is a blessing for our summer cash flow. And Council decided to wait to start the work in the basement until the loan arrives. The UCC says the turnaround time should be about 30-60 days once they have received the application.

You may continue to give to the Sustain God's House campaign to help us pay back the loan which will be a minimum of \$870 per month over a 10-year period. We can pay it back faster without penalty. As a requirement of the loan, we will need to increase our OCWM giving so extra donations to our Missions are also welcomed.

Part of the reality of owning a building or a home is the regular maintenance costs that come along with upkeep. We do this as good stewards of this sacred place we call home as we continue to Sustain God's House for future generations. Thank you for your continued support.

General Synod

Pastor Dan and Katrina will attend the UCC national gathering of General Synod June 30 through July 4 in Indianapolis. They will attend worship with nearly 5,000 attendees. They will attend workshops. And they will witness the election of the Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson, the first woman to become President and General Minister of the UCC! It will be a wonderful celebration of our denomination. Dan and Katrina look forward to the event and then returning to share with our church what they learned.

Prayer List

Active Prayers

Dorothy Eder & Rachel Fournier

Continual Prayers

George Drayton, Joan Edson, Helen Emelander, Jeanne Haynor, Paul Kunde, Alice Perrin, Delores Wheelock, & Al Wooton.

Church of the Month

Of our 25 UCC churches and agencies in our Grand West Association, for July we will pray for Douglas UCC and for August we will pray for East UCC in Grand Rapids. Let us remember their mission and ministry in our prayers for the summer.

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



Pastor Dan's Weekly Schedule

When I started in ministry 19 years ago, the Senior Pastor of the church where I was Associate Pastor took Friday as his day off and he asked me to take Monday's as my day off. I took all of his instructions and pastoral leadership guidance to heart and did not question him. When he left three years later, I switched my day off to Friday and continued on. At my second church as solo pastor I continued to take Friday's off as my established Sabbath day of rest which then continued when I started here nine years ago in 2014.

Recently, I read a book by a UCC minister in Lansing and one comment from her opened my eyes to something I had not thought of in 19 years: why do ministers only get one day off? I brought that up to Council in June and Council agreed that, like everyone else who has a two day rest from work, that I was entitled to that time as well. So, for the most part, I will now try to take both Thursdays and Fridays as my days off per week. I have not been successful with that for the first three weeks so far of this opportunity, but will try to make this adjustment to my schedule going forward throughout the summer and onward. As with Fridays, weddings, funerals, and hospitalizations will take precedence over my time off other than vacation time when I have arranged for another pastor to handle emergencies. I will do my best to not respond to texts, emails, and non-emergency phone calls on Thursdays and Fridays going forward. As always, I thank the church for your care for me as I care for you.

A Moment in Church History



There were several events of note during 1954. The church voted to incorporate under Michigan law. This was done to help limit individual liability in legal affairs. The church bulletin received special recognition as one of the outstanding weekly bulletins of the Michigan Conference. Reverend Warke took a great deal of pride in his work on the development of the bulletin format. Rev. Warke and several church members took an active part in a community-wide Vacation Bible School. This well-accepted program was held for several years.

Volunteer Schedule

Offering Counters

July 2 - Russ Broderick & Taliyn Merchant
 July 9 - David Bendert & Katrina Furman
 July 16 - Ruth Broderick & John Parker
 July 23 - Christina Breen & Sandy Lyon
 July 30 - Christina Breen & ???

August 6 - Russ Broderick & Taliyn Merchant
 August 13 - David Bendert & Katrina Furman
 August 20 - Ruth Broderick & John Parker
 August 27 - Christina Breen & Sandy Lyon

*Please email office@hudsonvilleucc.org if you can count on July 30. Thank you!

Lay Readers

July 2 - Sue Dykstra
 July 9 - Katrina Furman
 July 16 - Jenna Lee
 July 23 - Angel Dannenberg
 July 30 - Christa Ferguson

August 6 - Ruth Broderick
 August 13 - Taliyn Merchant
 August 20 - Alec Vieau
 August 27 - Stephanie Wolf

Greeters

July 2 - Angel & Rick Dannenberg
 July 9 - Barb & Bev Price
 July 16 - Jenna Lee
 July 23 - Tony Baker & Laura Broderick
 July 30 - Ann Martin

August 6 - Angel & Rick Dannenberg
 August 13 - Christy & Tim Graff
 August 20 - ???
 August 27 - Tony Baker & Laura Broderick

Please contact Ann Martin if you can greet on August 20. Thank you!

Help Wanted

In order to continue making and serving meals for the community and events, we need a volunteer to be certified as ServSafe through the health department and meet with them once a year. Feel free to contact Janet Overbeek or Sue Dykstra if you are interested or have questions.

Feeding America

On August 3rd from 5-7 pm, we need YOU! It takes many volunteers to meet the food needs of those in our community.



Birthdays

Ruth Lee - 7/22
 Millie Bendert - 7/24
 Brenda Stilwill - 7/24
 Betty Sikkema - 8/2
 James Dykstra - 8/5
 Michael Boro - 8/8
 Traci Parker - 8/10
 Phyllis Roh - 8/17
 Chris Sikkema - 8/18
 Stephanie Wolf - 8/22

Birthdays

Jim Thompson - 8/25
 Jeanne Haynor - 8/26
 Gordon Walsworth - 8/26

Anniversaries

John & Julie Couturier - 8/4/92
 Karl & Mary Kleinheksel - 8/11
 Robert & Stephanie Wolf - 8/14
 Amanda & Brian Haveman - 8/21/10
 Ken & Pat Haynes - 8/21/71
 Angel & Rick Dannenberg - 8/27/93

Craft Show

SAVE THE DATE

The Craft Show takes place on September 9, 2023 from 9am-3pm. Please keep that day open for Pre- and Post-Show help as well as one or two evenings the week prior for one-time volunteer opportunities.

Craft Show Meeting

Please join us at the church on July 27 at 5:30pm to discuss our upcoming annual Craft Show!

Bargain Shop

DONATIONS NEEDED! Our annual craft show will take place Saturday, September 9th! A large part of what makes this event so successful is our Bargain Shop: a donation-based "shop" where individuals or families can pay what they'd like to take home gently-used items. We would love your help stocking the shop! Please bring any donation items to the Sunday School room at HUCC between now and September. (Please note, the Bargain Shop CANNOT accept clothing or electronics. Instead, think toys, home decor, books, sporting equipment, housewares, furniture, etc.)

Missions Update

Hand2Hand

After another successful school year, your H2H volunteers are taking some time off. We will start up again in August restocking the pantry, looking for donations and volunteers, and contacting South Elementary to begin recruiting students for the coming year. Please keep our students and families in your prayers this summer as many will still be facing food challenges. Thank you, and have a great blessed summer. Your Mission Team

Stuff the Bus

Our annual Stuff the Bus collection will be starting Sunday, July 9th. We will be collecting school supplies and backpacks for 10 children at Grandville Preschool Education Center. Please watch for further information and sign up sheets for needed donations. We will be collecting items throughout the month of July for delivery at the beginning of August. Thanks, again, for supporting our local children.

July Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
2 Worship 10am	3	4	5	6 Finance Team - 6pm	7 OACFP Game Night - 6:30pm	8
9 Worship 10am Council Meeting 11:15am	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Worship 10am	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Worship 10am	24	25 Birthday Dinner 6pm Condo Assoc. Meeting - 7pm	26	27	28	29
30 Worship 10am	31 Pastor Dan on Vacation					

August Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 Pastor Dan on Vacation	2	3 Feeding America 5-7pm	4	5
6 Worship 10am Pastor Dan on Vacation	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Worship 10am Pastor Dan on Vacation	14 Missions Team 6pm	15	16	17	18 OACFP Cookout - 6:30pm	19
20 Worship 10am	21	22 Condo Assoc. Meeting - 7pm	23	24	25	26
27 Worship 10am	28	29 Birthday Dinner - 6pm	30	31		



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