



The Congregator: Summertime Summertime Edition

Hudsonville Congregational United Church of Christ - June 2022

Calling All Graduates! Sunday, June 5 we will recognize all our high school, college, and post college graduates. We hope to see them in worship and to celebrate with them after worship.

New Secretaries! Also, June 5 we will have time after worship to meet our new church secretaries: Grace Churchill and Salem Sousley. Or you can drop by to see them during the week during church office hours: Mondays from 11am-3pm, Tuesdays from 4-7pm, and Fridays from 2:30-5pm.

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!

New Members! On Sunday, May 29, we will welcome seven new members into the life of our congregation: Russ and Ruth Broderick; Tony, Laura, and Olivia Baker; and Tim and Christy Graff (who come with sons Christopher and Leo). Welcome!



Please Pray

Active Prayers: Ken Haynes, and all affected by COVID, war, and violence.

Our prayers are with Polly Lowing following the unexpected death of her daughter Penny Costen. Please keep the Lowing and Costen family in your prayers.

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 Rockford UCC. Let us remember their mission and ministry in our prayers for June.

(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!
6/4 Paul Lidgard	6/21 Tom Sikkema	6/1 Eric & Jan Thorsen
6/7 Paul DeYoung	6/25 Kathy Simmons	6/1 Ed & Cindy Wolters
6/8 Sue Dykstra	6/28 Ben Wolters	6/6 Christian & Jordyn Hennells
6/8 Wanda Giem		6/15 Chris & Betty Sikkema
6/10 John Couturier		6/17 David & Ali Bendert
6/11 Mark Perrin		6/20 Al & Jean Wooton
6/12 Hunter Dirkse		6/24 Dan & Katrina Furman
6/13 Belinda Coronado		6/26 Roger & Darleen Behrens
6/17 Ann Martin		6/26 Donovan & Denise Wass
6/19 Pat Vieau		6/29 Dan & Laura Korienek
6/21 Ginnie Bendert		6/30 Terry & Eileen Slagter

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!



Food Distribution! Thursday, June 2! Our next food distribution will be Thursday, June 2 from 6-7pm. We would love volunteers to help out anytime between 5:30 and 7:30pm. This will be a drive-through experience only. We will need help with folks filling carts with food and loading food into trunks. We could also use help with registration.

Thank you to those who came out and walked and/or donated to the B2/Lakeshore Habitats for Humanity walkathon!

Nestlings: The times are always changin'. We are still collecting diapers and wipes for our wee neighbors. Any and all sizes are needed, but larger sizes (for the less wee) are a particular need. Donations can be placed next to the Nestling diaper display in the narthex, or in the blue bucket by the church's back door.



Hand2Hand: We have made our last delivery for the school year and our pantry is being cleared out. Hard to believe. What we as a Church have been doing through the Hand2Hand program has made a difference in children's lives. I'd like to share with all of you some of the responses to a survey from the teachers at South Elementary about our program:

"Now more than ever I think it provides a little security and comfort."

"None of my kids forget their food this year - this tells me they need it and are glad to have it."

"Students say that they don't have money for food or snacks and are excited to have a snack at snack time."

"He seems less anxious on Fridays and he's happy when he realizes there's a bag of food in his locker."

Thank you for making all this possible.

--Your Mission Board and H2H volunteers

A Report from Your Treasurer:

We are entering the summer months with a backlog of bills. Two issues have converged to create this issue: giving in April and May fell behind the pace of the beginning of the year and bills for typical building maintenance items have come due. In addition, we have a quarterly interest payment due at the end of the June. If you are able to help with these bills, June would be a great time to send an additional gift. Thank you for your continued support--the generosity of our church continues to amaze me. All that we are able to do is because of your gifts. With your continued support our work to spread the message of God's love will continue to grow.

--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!*



Hey, Shoppers!! Thank you so much for collecting your Family Fare receipts. We have officially passed the half way point - we are at 61,779 of the required 100,000! Please remember to turn in your entire receipt as the program does not accept partials or just the Direct Your Dollars portion and unfortunately those cannot be counted in our total. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Merchant.

June Calendar

June 2 - Feeding America 6-7pm
June 5 - Worship 10am, Basketball 4-7pm
June 7 - OACFP 7pm
June 11 - Open House 1-5pm
June 12 - Worship 10am, Council 11:15am, Basketball 4-7pm
June 13 - Missions Team 6:30pm
June 19 - Worship 10am
June 25 - Holland Pride 12-5pm
June 26 - Worship 10am
June 28 - Birthday dinner 6pm, Condo Association meeting 7pm



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.



The annual fall craft show nears (9.10.22) and we need you! Help us get the word out about our show by sharing the event on your own social media AND by having our website handy to give to potential Venders. Please keep watch for more new and exciting volunteer opportunities to come.

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



“If you suddenly and unexpectedly feel joy, don’t hesitate. Give in to it. There are plenty of lives and whole towns destroyed or about to be. We are not wise, and not very often kind. And much can never be redeemed. Still life has some possibility left. Perhaps this is its way of fighting back, that sometimes something happened better than all the riches or power in the world. It could be anything, but very likely you notice it in the instant when love begins. Anyway, that’s often the case. Anyway, whatever it is, don’t be afraid of its plenty. Joy is not made to be a crumb.”

— Mary Oliver, Swan: Poems and Prose Poems

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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