



# The Congregator: Giving Thanks for All of You!

Hudsonville Congregational United Church of Christ - November 2022



## Happenings Happening

There are lots of happenings happening this month! **Sunday, November 6** is **All Saints Sunday**. We will remember members and friends who have passed from this life to the next. We will also honor our **Veterans** in preparation for Veterans Day, November 11. And last but far from least, we will welcome **new members!** What a Sunday!

**November 13** is **Stewardship Sunday**. Pledge cards for your 2023 giving hopes will be mailed the first week of November. Please bring or mail your completed pledge cards to the church on or before November 13. This information will be used to help the Finance Team prepare a budget for the **annual congregational meeting** that will take place on **Sunday, November 20**. Among the slate of new and continuing church members to be elected this year is Lisa Merchant who has been approved by the Council to become our new Church Treasurer. Lisa works in the financial world and has experience with church finances. We are happy to have Lisa take on this new role for us. And we are ever so thankful for David Bendert as he officially steps down as Treasurer and indeed from church leadership for the first time in over ten years. We simply cannot thank him enough for all he has done and continues to do for the church with his faithful service.

We are excited for the return of **Santa Paws** on **Saturday, November 19** from 11am-2pm. Bring your (leashed or caged) furry, feathered, scaly, or other friends for a picture with Santa Paws! \$5 for a 4x6. We also will have a bake sale and animal goodies/treats for sale!

We also welcome back many of our rentals in November. Pickleball and basketball make their returns in November. Soccer will start in December. And the election will take over the Gym on **November 8**. We also hope to start renting the kitchen in November to a local baker looking to grow her business. And we will rent out the church for a family gathering on Thanksgiving. Lots of happenings happening this month!

Our church will be hosting the Ottawa County Department of Public Health free vaccination clinic for Monkeypox on **Wednesday, November 2** from 2-6pm. No appointments necessary. Walk-ins welcome. This will take place in the fellowship hall.

So many happenings happening! Get your calendars marked! See you there!

**P.S. Picture Pages!** As many of you know, our church secretaries Salem and Grace have been working on updating our church records with your current addresses and phone numbers for the purpose of creating an updated church directory. If you haven't filled out a form you may do so by snail mail or email. Contact the church office to find out how. If you would like to send us an updated picture of yourself or have us take your picture for the new directory, please contact the church office. There is no cost for the pictures that the church provides.



## 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 St. Paul's UCC in Grand Haven. Let us remember their mission and ministry in our prayers for November.

*(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.)*

## WE'RE ON A MISSION!

**Save the Date!** Our next Feeding America will be December 1 from 5-7 pm. Volunteers are oh so welcome!

**Pop Those Tabs!!** We're collecting can tabs and donating to the Ronald McDonald House. The money they earn from the tabs goes to buy new medical supplies and other needed items. Onesies and other infant -type gear is also being collected. You'll find the collection box in the Narthex right next to the Nestlings Diaper Display. And speaking of diapers...

**No End of Change...** Our Mission Team continues to partner with Nestlings to collect diapers of all sizes as well as wipes and any other important things baby backsides may need. Gift cards always welcome. Donations can be placed next to the Nestling Diaper Display in the narthex, or in the blue bucket by the church's back door. Many tiny bottoms thank you! 🧐👶

**And Let's Wrap It Up...** Holidays are around the corner and we will again be collecting Christmas wrapping paper, bags, tissue paper, tags and tape for the Love's Community Christmas. Donations can be placed in the box in the narthex by the Mission board. We need all donations in by **November 17<sup>th</sup>**, North Pole Time.

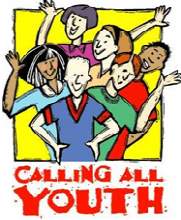
**Hand2Hand:** Hand2Hand is now serving 32 children at South Elementary with weekend food bags and monthly birthday bags. We greatly appreciate your donations to our food pantry, and we are always in need of the basics. For November, however, we will be focusing on items to use for Thanksgiving dinner. Each family will receive a gift certificate toward the purchase of a turkey (or whatever meat they choose) and we are hoping you will help us fill in some of the other items for the meal. We are looking for donations of: **mashed potato packets, stuffing, gravy packets, Jiffy muffin mixes, Chicken Helper, and peanut butter.** Any donations for Thanksgiving need to be at Church before **Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup>** as we will be delivering on the following Monday. Thanks for helping to spread Thanksgiving joy to our children and families. Thank you too, for your donations of mittens/gloves for our children. We now have enough hats collected (thanks in part to two very generous donors) but are still short a few mittens and gloves. With colder weather upon us, we will send these items home with the children as soon as we have enough for all. The kids at South, their families, and your Mission Board are **THANKFUL** for your generous support of this mission program.

--Your H2H volunteers and Mission Board

**A Note from Your Treasurer:** As we approach the end of the year please consider making an end of the year gift. Anything extra you are able to give will be put to use catching up on our outstanding bills. As always we appreciate your generosity and the support you give our church.

| Happy Birthday!                | Happy Birthday!       | Happy Anniversary!          |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 11/1 Sandy Lyon                | 11/12 Thomas Sikkema  | 11/24 Jacob & Veronica Hall |
| 11/2 Laura Baker               | 11/12 Pat Thompson    |                             |
| 11/2 Raina Sikkema             | 11/17 Jean Wooton     |                             |
| 11/3 Joyce Van Dyk             | 11/19 Sue Lidgard     |                             |
| 11/4 Julie Couturier           | 11/22 Ken Haynes      |                             |
| 11/5 Tracy Kwekel              | 11/23 Nolan Perrin    |                             |
| 11/5 Jordyn Alexander Hennells | 11/24 Chris Winkle    |                             |
| 11/7 Carol Sovereign           | 11/25 Judd Newenhouse |                             |





### Kid Stuff!

Youth Group is back and better than ever—meeting every first and third Sunday of the month from 11:30-12:30. High schoolers and middle schoolers will meet with Aron Doby in the Youth Room while 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will meet with Katrina Furman in the Sunday School Room. Come and bring a friend!

### Elf Workshop

The Elf Workshop is returning on Sunday **December 3!** We are looking for 5-6 simple make-and-take craft ideas for this event. Previous crafts included swirl paint ornaments, stamped Christmas cards and wrapping paper, clothespin picture hangers, and Santa cocoa bags. Please let a Christian Education team member know if you have a craft idea or would like to be a demonstrator.

### Christmas Pageant - Featuring YOU!

And speaking of Christmas, we are beginning to work on the annual Christmas Pageant! This year we are doing something a little different and we need your help. The program is called "*Our Family Memories of Christmas*" and we want to hear your story! The play will include narration where our congregation's stories will be shared.

A few examples include:

- How Christmas was different when you were a child
- Your most memorable Christmas
- Favorite traditions

Over the next few weeks CE staff and students will be interviewing congregation members to record their stories. If you prefer we also can provide a list of questions for you to complete and return. This is a great intergenerational activity and an amazing learning experience for our kids! Please consider sharing your stories for this project.

**And....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.**

### Moments in Church History – 1900-1910



The 1898 membership roll listed 106 members. But by 1907, the membership was listed as 76.

In 1902 the minister, Rev. White, became ill with typhoid fever. His wife took his place. The church spire was struck by lightning. It was decided to repair it rather than remove it.

In 1904 Rev Spooner shared duties between Hudsonville and Jenison churches at a salary of \$325 from the Hudsonville church and \$200 from the Jenison church.

In 1909 a church manual was assembled and every member was asked to purchase one. Mr. Coleman Cory was elected chorister and Mr. Bert Alward was elected Sunday School Superintendent.



## Calendar

Nov 1 - staff meeting 5pm, Ottawa Area Center For Pride 7pm  
Nov 4 - Basketball 5:30pm-7:30pm  
Nov 6 - Worship 10am, Mission Team 11:15am  
Nov 7 - NO PB, Election set up, Finance Team 6pm  
Nov 8 - NO PB, Election, staff meeting 5pm  
Nov 9 - NO am PB, Election clean up, PB 6-9pm  
Nov 11 - Basketball 5:30-7:30pm  
Nov 13 - Worship 10am, Council 11:15am  
Nov 15 - Staff meeting 5pm  
Nov 18 - Basketball 5:30-7:30pm  
Nov 19 - Santa Paws 11am-2pm (Arf! Arf! Purrrrrrrr)  
Nov 20 - Worship 10am, Annual meeting 11:15am  
Nov 22 - staff meeting 5pm, summergreen condo 7-9pm  
Nov 24 - NO PB, Family rental of Gym and Commons 12-4pm  
Nov 27 - Worship 10am  
Nov 29 - staff meeting 5pm, Birthday dinner 6pm  
\*\*ALSO!!! Pickleball Mon-Fri. 8-11a, Sat. 8-12, M/W 6-9p. If you can't find a time to play Pickleball, you ain't trying...

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- *Church office hours: Mondays from 11am-3pm, Tuesdays from 4-7pm, and Fridays from 2:30-5pm.*

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