

# The Congregator

October/November 2025



## Trunk or Treat Time

The HUCC parking lot will be the place to be on Sunday, Oct. 26! Join us for our annual Trunk or Treat, which runs from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. We are looking for people to decorate their vehicle and hand out candy, bring trick-or-treaters, or make a donation for candy and other goodies.

## Sundays in November

Every Sunday in November is special in addition to getting together to praise God with thanksgiving. Nov. 2 is All Saints Sunday, when we will remember members and friends who have passed from this life to the next both this year and from previous years. We will light candles and sing songs of remembrance. Afterward, join us for our All Saints Sunday potluck. Everyone is encouraged to bring a favorite dish from someone they would like to remember.

Nov. 9 is Stewardship Sunday. You will be hearing more about stewardship soon. We will also recognize veterans on Nov 9.

Nov. 16 is our annual congregational meeting where we will approve our budget for 2026 and hold elections for team ministry.

Nov. 23 is Thanksgiving Sunday. And then Nov. 30 is the first Sunday in Advent. There is a lot going on in our wonderful church!

## Ways to Give

HUCC now has a new way to give: Zeffy. Unlike other platforms like Paypal, Venmo, and Givelify, Zeffy has no fees. For example, if you give \$100, here is what the church receives:

Venmo: \$98.00

PayPal: \$97.52

Givelify: \$96.80

Zeffy: \$100.00

Your entire donation goes to the church with Zeffy. For more information, visit [zeffy.com](https://zeffy.com). To give to the church through Zeffy or another online giving platform, visit [linktr.ee/hudsonvilleucc](https://linktr.ee/hudsonvilleucc) or scan the QR code below.

Thank you for your continued support of our essential ministries.



## **Christian Education Events**

It's not too early to start thinking about Christmas, right? Our Christian Ed Team will start working with the children on their Christmas pageant in November during Sunday School and youth groups.

Also in November, the youth groups will be helping with the All Saints day potluck, which is after worship on Sunday, Nov. 2. All HUCC kids are encouraged to bring their feast bundles! See the full calendar of upcoming events on page 5.

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

As our classrooms continue to grow, we have a few volunteer opportunities available for adults 18+. Please let Katrina Furman know if you are interested.

- Sunday School Assistant
- Youth Group Assistant
- Nursery Attendant (No, you will not have to change diapers!)
- Event Helper (Trunk-or-Treat, Elf Workshop, Annual Lock-in)
- Painters (one-day commitment)



## **HUCC Rummage Sale Success**

Despite untimely road construction that blocked the front entrances to our church, HUCC's first full-fledged rummage sale welcomed a steady stream of shoppers in September. Altogether, the rummage sale generated nearly \$2,600 to support the church!

Thank you to everyone who dedicated their time and energy to make this year's sale a success, especially Committee members Laura Pickerd, Angel Dannenberg, Taliyn Merchant, Sue Dykstra and Abby Labarge. We also appreciate everyone's donations and support!

## **Prayer List**



### **Active Prayers**

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

### **Continual Prayers**

Helen Emelander, Jeanne Haynor, Al Wooton, and Darleen Behrens.

Since our last newsletter, Alice Perrin has passed from this life to the next. We are so thankful for her decades of dedication to our church. Please keep Howard and the Perrin family in your prayers.

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

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

For October, we will be praying for Holland UCC. This new church start is thriving with around 50 in worship each Sunday. They just called their first Associate Pastor and are making a difference in Holland.

For November, we will pray for Joy Like a River UCC. This Spanish-speaking only congregation is located on the southwest side of Grand Rapids. They are also newly formed within the past 10 years. Let us pray for these two churches for October and November.

### **Save the Date: Santa Paws**

It's almost time for Santa Paws! Our event will be Nov. 22, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. We are currently looking for an animal-loving Santa as well as bake sale donations, pet wranglers and elf helpers. We are also asking for someone to sponsor the cost of a neon road sign like the one we had for the rummage sale. If you're interested in helping or donating please email the Events Team at [huccevents22@gmail.com](mailto:huccevents22@gmail.com) or text Angel Dannenberg at (616) 498-7727.

### School Spirit Challenge

October is Hunger Awareness Month! This October, we are once again holding our friendly football “Stock the Pantry” competition. Between now and the Michigan State-University of Michigan game, fill your favorite team’s shopping cart with food items for our H2H pantry.

### Wanted: Mittens/Gloves for Kids

Colder weather will be here before we know it. Hand2Hand is starting its annual Hat and Mitten/Glove Drive for our students at South Elementary.

Thanks to your past generosity, we already have 123 hats for the 39 students in the program. We DO NOT need any more hats! However, we still need plenty of kid-sized mittens and gloves.

We would like to pass out these warm gifts in November. If you are willing and able to help, all mitten and glove donations can be dropped off in the shopping cart inside or the blue bucket outside church. Thank you!

### Feeding America Food Distribution

Save the Date! Our next Feeding America food distribution is Dec. 4, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Come volunteer for a short time, or for the entire event.



The poster features logos for Michigan State University (a large 'M' with 'MICHIGAN STATE' text) and Hope College (a green Spartan helmet with 'HOPE COLLEGE' text). The title 'Hand2Hand School Spirit Challenge' is prominently displayed. Below it, the 'October Wish List' includes: Small cans of chicken, Cream soups, Elbow macaroni, Granola bars, Fruit snacks, Small jars of peanut butter, Microwave popcorn, Cans of frosting, and Cake mixes. The list is flanked by illustrations of food containers: a blue can, an orange can, and a red can on the left; and a blue can, an orange can, and a red can on the right. At the bottom, it says: 'Place your food in your favorite team's basket to show your team spirit! The winning score will be announced Sunday, Oct. 26.'

### Ronald McDonald House Needs

Ronald McDonald House is still in need of cleaning supplies. Laundry soap, bleach and other cleaning supplies are greatly appreciated and can be left by the mission display inside church.

### Nestlings

Come across a good deal on diapers or wipes? Help provide these necessities for underresourced families with young children. You can drop off donations at our Nestlings display inside church.

### Birthdays

Russ Broderick - Oct. 3  
Lori Newenhouse - Oct. 4  
Robert Wolf - Oct. 8  
Pat Haynes - Oct. 10  
Eileen Slagter- Oct. 12  
Christian Hennells - Oct. 13  
Joyce Hessler - Oct. 15  
Kayla Winkle- Oct. 17  
Austin Winkle - Oct. 17  
Ella Vieu - Oct. 19  
Lilah Vieu - Oct. 19  
Alex Stilwill - Oct. 20  
Christina Breen - Oct. 23

David Bendert - Oct. 28  
Paul Slotegraaf - Oct. 28  
Kiersen Korienek - Oct. 29  
Kim Perrin - Oct. 29  
Mike Dykstra - Oct. 31  
Sandy Lyon - Nov. 1  
Laura Baker - Nov. 2  
Raina Sikkema - Nov. 2  
Julie Couturier - Nov. 4  
Tracy Kwekel - Nov. 5  
Jordyn Hennells - Nov. 5  
Carol Sovereign - Nov. 7  
Thomas Sikkema- Nov. 12

Pat Thompson - Nov. 12  
Jean Wooton - Nov. 17  
Sue Lidgard - Nov. 19  
Ken Haynes - Nov. 22  
Nolan Perrin - Nov. 23  
Chris Winkle - Nov. 24  
Judd Newenhouse - Nov. 25





### **PEACE Garden Harvest**

No trick here: It's October and the PEACE Garden is still producing plenty of fruits and vegetables!

So far, volunteers from Inclusive Ottawa County and our church have harvested cucumbers, squash, tomatoes, green beans, peppers, cucamelons and herbs to nourish our neighbors.

All produce gathered from the garden is available at the wooden stand near the IOC entrance to our church building.

We will "put the garden to bed" for the season in November. If you'd like to help, email Christa at [christaferguson22@gmail.com](mailto:christaferguson22@gmail.com).



Join us for a spirited conversation!

Thursday, Nov. 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Two Guys Brewing  
2356 Porter Street SW, Wyoming

### **Sharing Your Harvest**

It's harvest table time! If you have a garden with more vegetables than you know what to do with, bring them to the church harvest table to swap and share with others.

## **Volunteer Schedule**

### **Greeters**

Oct. 26: Laura Baker  
Nov. 2: Larry & Pat Dodsen  
Nov. 9: Pat Menkveld  
Nov. 16: Ann Martin  
Nov 23: Laura Baker  
Nov. 30: TBD

### **Lay Readers**

Paul DeYoung  
Laura Baker  
Brad Elders  
Laura Korienek  
Angel Dannenberg  
Janet Overbeek

### **Offering Counters**

Christina Breen & TBD  
TBD  
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Interested in volunteering? Email [HUDSONVILLEUCC@gmail.com](mailto:HUDSONVILLEUCC@gmail.com) to sign up!



# October and November 2025

| Sunday                                                                               | Monday                                  | Tuesday                                                                                  | Wednesday                                                             | Thursday                                                                                                         | Friday | Saturday                              |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------------|
| 19 Worship 10 a.m.<br>Grand West Fall Meeting<br>Newaygo 2:30 p.m.                   | 20<br>Basketball<br>7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. | 21<br>Pickleball<br>6 p.m. to 8 p.m.                                                     | 22<br>Basketball<br>5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.                            | 23 Hobby Hub<br>7 p.m. to 9 p.m.<br>Basketball<br>5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.<br>and 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.                 | 24     | 25                                    |
| 26 Worship 10 a.m.<br>Dissertation Team 1 p.m.<br>Trunk or Treat<br>3 p.m. to 5 p.m. | 27<br>Basketball<br>7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. | 28 Pickleball<br>6 p.m. to 8 p.m.<br>Summer Green Condo<br>Association Meeting<br>7 p.m. | 29<br>Basketball<br>5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.                            | 30<br>Basketball<br>5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.<br>and 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.                                               | 31     | 1                                     |
| 2 Worship 10 a.m.<br>Mission Team 11:30 a.m.<br>HUCC/IOC 1:30 p.m.                   | 3<br>No rentals - Election Prep         | 4<br>Election in Gym all day                                                             | 5<br>Election Cleanup in a.m.<br>Basketball<br>5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. | 6<br>Basketball<br>5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.<br>and 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.<br>Finance Team 6:30 p.m.                      | 7      | 8                                     |
| 9 Worship 10 a.m.<br>Council 11:30 a.m.                                              | 10<br>Basketball<br>7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. | 11<br>Pickleball<br>6 p.m. to 8 p.m.                                                     | 12<br>Basketball<br>5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.                            | 13<br>Basketball<br>5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.<br>and 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.                                               | 14     | 15                                    |
| 16 Worship 10 a.m.<br>Annual Meeting 11 a.m.                                         | 17<br>Basketball<br>7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. | 18<br>Pickleball<br>6 p.m. to 8 p.m.                                                     | 19<br>Basketball<br>5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.                            | 20<br>Basketball<br>5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.<br>and 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.<br>Pub Theology 6:30 p.m.<br>Two Guys Brewing | 21     | 22<br>Santa Paws<br>11 a.m. to 2 p.m. |
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| 30<br>Worship 10 a.m.<br>Birthday Potluck                                            |                                         |                                                                                          |                                                                       |                                                                                                                  |        |                                       |



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