



# The Congregator: Ever So Thankful Edition

## Hudsonville Congregational United Church of Christ - November 2021

**All Saints Worship:** Join us Sunday, November 7 for our annual All Saints worship service as we remember members and friends who have passed on. We will light candles and remember each by name and with our love.

**Transgender Day of Remembrance:** Gender SAFE, a Holland support group for Transgender and Gender Diverse individuals, as well as their family, friends and allies, will be holding a candlelight vigil in honor of Transgender Day of Remembrance. This vigil will be held to recognize and remember the lives of transgender people who have been killed in 2021 due to anti-transgender violence. The Rev. Bryan Berghoef of Holland UCC will be officiating. Sadly, there have already been 38 deaths of transgender individuals reported and recorded by the Human Rights Campaign this year. Please join us Saturday, November 20 from 7-8:30pm at the Centennial Park Gazebo in Holland.



**Sunday Morning Bible Study:** *“In the beginning was the Word...”* Join us after church in the parlor for a study on the Gospel of John. We will read together the gospel while studying the meaning of the various signs and metaphors that describe and point us towards who Jesus is. Grow in your faith as we discuss this important book. Please contact Pastor Jeff with any questions.

**Bring a New Friend to Coffee Hour!** If you see an unfamiliar face on any given Sunday morning, say hi and invite them to stay for treats after church. It’s a great way to Be the Church!



### Please Pray

**Active Prayers:** Pat Haynes, Judd Newenhouse, Kendra Simon, and all affected by the coronavirus.

**Continual Prayers:** Betty Baareman, George Drayton, Joan Edson, Paul Kunde, Delores Wheelock

**October Prayer Emphasis:** Of our 27 UCC churches and agencies in our Grand West Association, this month we will pray for Lakeview UCC. 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.)*

Happy Birthday!	Happy Birthday!	Happy Anniversary!
11/1 Sandy Lyon	11/12 Thomas Sikkema	11/24 Jacob & Veronica Hall
11/1 Dick Patmos	11/12 Pat Thompson	
11/2 Raina Sikkema	11/14 Karen Kaulen	
11/3 Joyce Van Dyk	11/17 Jean Wooton	
11/4 Julie Couturier	11/19 Sue Lidgard	
11/5 Tracy Kwekel	11/22 Ken Haynes	
11/7 Carol Sovereign	11/23 Nolan Perrin	
11/7 Audrey Stamm	11/24 Chris Winkle	
11/9 Kristi Bayko	11/25 Judd Newenhouse	
11/11 Noah Baragar		

**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!

**Help our New Neighbors!** Afghan Refugees will be headed to West Michigan and we've partnered with Bethany Christian Services to help with the resettlement of the 250 refugees. We will be collecting kitchen and bath items between now and Nov. 7 (yes—that soon!) to make Welcome baskets.

- Kitchen: new dish towels, sponges, disinfectant wipes, paper towels, small dust pan and whisk broom.
- Bath: shampoo, soaps, new hand and body towels.

**It's a Wrap!** We are also collecting wrapping supplies for the Love Christmas shop in December. We will need wrapping paper, bags, boxes, tape and tissue paper. All donations need to be to the church by November 21.

**Feeding America:** Coming to you Live, Curbside, December 9! We will be needing volunteers from 5:30-7:30. Come help feed the community and enjoy fellowship with your church family and friends.

**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.

**Help Needed:** We are still looking for someone to be our ServSafe person for the kitchen. We want to be able to provide meals to the community for celebrations, funerals and other gathering opportunities but need someone who can be our coordinator and work with our amazing kitchen people. Think you might be interested? Have questions? Reach out to Sue Dykstra or Janet Overbeek.

**HAND2HAND:** Hand2Hand appreciates the support you, the congregation, have shown our program in getting the pantry up and running for this school year. We are currently serving 31 children from 24 families. Without the input of our usual fall food drive at Family Fare, we are especially looking for and dependent on other contributions. The local H2H organization and other food banks help, but your support is crucial to offering a variety of healthy food options to our children and families. A list of current needs can be found in the bulletin, Friday Church news, Congregator, and by the collection cart outside the Narthex. We always need the basics, and any items you may find on sale that are shelf safe and not too heavy are also appreciated. Anything we may not be able to use is donated to a local food pantry. Nothing goes to waste! This is a whole Church effort, so please remember us on your next shopping trip. You really have an impact on childrens' lives. Bless you.

**This month's special needs are: microwave popcorn, granola bars, fruit snacks, cheese or peanut butter filled cracker packs, and canned frosting for Birthday Bags.**

*--Your Mission Board and H2H volunteers*

**A Report from Your Treasurer:** Can you believe that we are almost at the end of the year? Thank you for making this year one of the best years in recent memory. Collectively, our gifts to the church exceed the gifts we have received in many years. The investment we have made in our building and ministry is sure to benefit our community for years to come. In order to make sure we finish the year strong, please consider making an extra gift to help us close out the year. Your generosity this year has been amazing, and together we can be sure to hit the ground running next year.

*--David Bendert, Treasurer*

**Rooted in Love:** Our annual stewardship campaign is here! All HUCC members should have received a letter, pledge card, and proposed 2022 draft budget in the mail. This budget reflects HUCC's ongoing ministry and operational costs. We ask that you prayerfully consider your annual donation in support of HUCC and return your pledge card by November 14, 2021.



## NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Nov 1 - City setting up Gym for Election  
Nov 2 - Election held in Gym  
Nov 3 - City cleans up Gym in morning, Pickleball 6-9pm.  
Nov 4/5/6 - Pickleball 9am-noon  
Nov 7 - **Worship 10am (All Saints)**, basketball 4-8pm  
Nov 8 - Pickleball 9-noon, Soccer 5-6pm, Pickleball 6-9pm  
Nov 9 - Pickleball 9-noon, Basketball 5:30-8pm, Mission Team 6:30pm  
Nov 10 - Pickleball 9-noon and 6-9pm  
Nov 11/12 - Pickleball 9-noon  
Nov 13 - Pickleball 8-noon  
Nov 14 - **Worship 10am, Council 11:15am**, Basketball 4-8pm  
Nov 15 - Pickleball 9-noon, Soccer 5-6pm, Pickleball 6-9pm  
Nov 16 - Pickleball 9-noon, Basketball 5:30-8pm  
Nov 17 - Pickleball 9-noon and 6-9pm  
Nov 18/19 - Pickleball 9-noon  
Nov 20 - Pickleball 8-noon  
Nov 21 - **Worship 10am, Annual Congregational Meeting 11:15am**, basketball 4-8pm  
Nov 22 - Pickleball 9-noon, Soccer 5-6pm, Pickleball 6-9pm  
Nov 23 - Pickleball 9-noon, Basketball 5:30-8pm  
Nov 24 - Pickleball 9-noon and 6-9pm  
Nov 25 - Family rental 11am-5pm  
Nov 26 - Pickleball 9-noon  
Nov 27 - Pickleball 8-noon, Family rental 12:30-2:30pm  
Nov 28 - **Worship 10am**, Basketball 4-8pm  
Nov 29 - Pickleball 9-noon, Soccer 5-6pm, Pickleball 6-9pm  
Nov 30 - Pickleball 9-noon, Basketball 5:30-8pm  
SO MUCH PICKLEBALL!!!!



**Still thinking about these exciting opportunities? Don't wait! Sign up today!**

**You could Be a Sunday School Teacher - see Katrina Furman or Ruth Lee for details.  
You could Be a Tech Crew Person on Sunday mornings - see Aron Duby for the scoop.  
You could Be an Offering Counter after church - see David Bendert for the lowdown.  
You could Be the SafeServ Kitchen Person - see Sue Dykstra or Janet Overbeek (they know things).**

**Be all that you can Be! You'll Be our Favorite!**

*If you think you're too small to have an impact, try going to bed with a mosquito.*

~Anita Roddick, c.1993 [barrypopik.com]



**REMEMBER: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME COMES TO A SCREECHING HALT NOVEMBER 7. (But if you forget, you'll have a lovely hour of time to meditate in your pew while waiting for everyone else to arrive.)**

- *You can view all previous services online at [facebook.com/hudsonvilleucc/live](https://facebook.com/hudsonvilleucc/live).*
- *You can also find services and Sunday School lessons at <https://www.hudsonvilleucc.org>*

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