



# The Congregator: First Edition of the New Year!

## Hudsonville Congregational United Church of Christ - January 2022

**Christmas Clean-Up:** Many thanks to all who helped decorate our sanctuary and fellowship hall for the Christmas season. In the new year, we will need help once again putting away the decorations after worship on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. We appreciate whatever help you may provide.

**Vaccinations:** As COVID numbers continue to be elevated in our area, our Council approved the usage of our building to provide vaccinations for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and booster shots for all eligible ages in November and December. We are pleased to report that we helped protect over 100 people in this act of love. We remember that Jesus healed people and called us to follow in his footsteps. By providing this medicine we continue to be innovative in our discipleship.



### Please Pray

**Active Prayers:** Betty Baareman, Tom Perrin, Kendra Simon, and all affected by COVID.

**Continual Prayers:** George Drayton, Joan Edson, 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 Muskegon UCC. Let us remember their mission and ministry in our prayers for January.

*(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!
1/1 Veronica Hall	1/15 Delores Wheelock	1/15 Tom & Jan DeYoung
1/2 Leif Hoezee	1/16 Chelsea Hill	1/19 Paul & Sue Lidgard
1/4 Kaleigh Overbeek	1/16 Jenna Lee	1/24 Bill & Darlene Tigelaar
1/4 Bill Tigelaar	1/17 Craig Hamstra	
1/4 Ed Wolters	1/18 Dan Huisman	
1/9 Jimmy Ranta	1/18 Rocky Stilwill	
1/10 Ron Sovereign	1/19 Margaret Patmos	
1/10 Jeff Vedders	1/20 Cory Boggs	
1/11 Darleen Behrens	1/25 Drew Couturier	
1/12 Anita Hoezee	1/25 Amy Perrin	
1/12 Gary Simmons		
1/12 Kailie Slagter		
1/15 Mary Slotegraaf		

**Please let me know if I miss your day or have the wrong date! I'll do better next year! –Ruth Lee**

*We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day. ~Edith Lovejoy Pierce*



## WE'RE ON A MISSION!

**Good News!** The Mission team is happy to report that once again we have been able to send some money to all the organizations we support as a church.

**Feeding America:** Thank you to all who came out and supported Feeding American in December. We served 51 households and 190 individuals. Save the date for **March 3rd** for our next food distribution!

**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:** Feel a calling to help serve? Enjoy working or organizing in a kitchen environment? We are still looking for someone to head up the running of our kitchen. If you'd like a few more details, see Sue Dykstra or Janet Overbeek.

**HAND2HAND:** Thanks for all your support of our Hand2Hand ministry at South Elementary these past few months. You have kept our pantry stocked with food, and supplied hats and mittens/gloves for all of our children plus extras for other needy children. We are so appreciative. For this coming year we will be looking for donations of all shelf safe items, and especially these items: **tuna helper type dinners, individual serving packets of flavored oatmeal, and individual packages or boxes of breakfast cereals.** Thank you for your continued support.

--Your Mission Board and H2H volunteers

### A Report from Your Treasurer: Friends,

I wanted to give you a financial update as we approach the last week of the year. Because of your generosity this has been one of the most successful financial years for our church. Together we were able to do huge things - like replace the roof, feed hungry families, and continue to broadcast our message that God's Love is for everyone near and far.

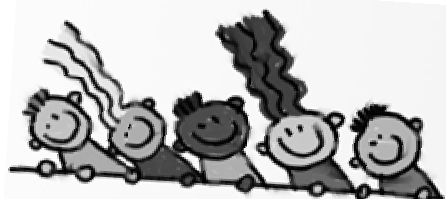
With one week to go, we only need about \$4,000 to make sure we pay all of our bills for this year. It is always nice to start the new year without anything hanging over from last year, and with your help we can do that.

You can donate online via givelify at this link: <https://giv.li/mdzca8>

Every gift helps, big or small. Thank you for all that you have done and will do in the future.

--David Bendert, Treasurer

**YO! YOUTH! LIVE, IN-PERSON, YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAYS OF EACH MONTH! COME BY TO SEE WHAT'S GOING ON. ALL ARE SO VERY WELCOME!**



## **January Calendar**

Jan 2 - Worship 10am, Mission 11am, Basketball 4-8pm  
Jan 4 - Basketball 5:30-8:30pm  
Jan 6 - soccer 6-9pm  
Jan 9 - Worship 10am, Council 11am, Basketball 4-8pm  
Jan 11 - Basketball 5:30-8:30pm  
Jan 13 - Soccer 6-9pm  
Jan 16 - Worship 10am, Basketball 4-8pm  
Jan 18 - Basketball 5:30-8:30pm  
Jan 20 - Soccer 6-9pm  
Jan 23 - Worship 10am, Basketball 4-8pm  
Jan 25 - Basketball 5:30-8:30pm  
Jan 27 - Soccer 6-9pm  
Jan 30 - Worship 10am (Noisy Sunday), Basketball 4-8pm



**READY? Pickleball is...weekdays 8-11, Mon. & Wed. 6-9, AND Saturdays 8-12. On Sundays, thou shalt put down thy paddles and rest.**

## **A New Year!**

**Time for a fresh start! Time to try new things! You could be...a Sunday School Teacher! a Sunday morning Tech Crew Person! a Post-Service Offering Counter! a SafeServ Kitchen Person! a Treasurer!!!!**

**What a Great New Year it could be!  
Make your resolution to volunteer today!**



**P.S. I am your poinsettia. Please take me home.**

# 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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- *You can also find services and Sunday School lessons at <https://www.hudsonvilleucc.org>*  
poinsettias and coffee hour/masks

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