



The Congregator: Brand Spankin' New Year Edition !

Hudsonville Congregational United Church of Christ - January 2023



From the Pastor's Desk:

New Directory! The church office is continuing to work on our new directory. If you have not yet had your picture taken and would like to, please let the church office know. If you have a picture that you would like the church to use, please make a copy and get that to the office. Thanks!

Clean Up, Clean Up, Everybody Clean Up... You are invited to help undecorate the church after worship on Sunday, January 8. We look forward to your help!

This Just In... Due to weather, travel, and the end of the Christmas weekend, we postponed the December birthday dinner and will combine it with the January birthday dinner. And no, you don't get to eat twice—just twice as good! Hope to see you in January 31!



Please Pray

Active Prayers: Al Wooton

Continual Prayers: Gloria Byle, George Drayton, Joan Edson, Helen Emelander, Paul Kunde, Delores Wheelock

We ask special prayers for Denise Fisher and the family of Vic Coveny. Vic passed from this life to the next in December. His celebration of life will be at the church on Saturday, January 14 at 11am.

Monthly Prayer Emphasis: Of our 26 UCC churches and agencies in our Grand West Association, this month we will pray for the United Church of Wayland. 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.)

Whether we want them or not, the New Year will bring new challenges; whether we seize them or not, the New Year will bring new opportunities. ~Michael Josephson (b.1942),



WE'RE ON A MISSION!

Hey, Thanks! Thank you to everyone who participated in our Adopt a Family and provided Christmas gifts for the young mother and her infant.

Pop Those Tabs!! We're collecting can tabs to donate 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! 😊👶



Hand2Hand: We at Hand2Hand hope you have had a Blessed Christmas season, in spite of the many blizzard-altered plans and activities. It will be so good to be back together in Church. Not much activity with H2H these past three weeks with no school, but we are getting ready to start a new year with our first delivery coming on January 4th. As always we are counting on your support to keep our pantry ready to feed the children. We can always use the basics (listed on the shopping cart in Church) and appreciate any shelf safe donations you make. **For January we are especially looking for peanut butter, kid friendly soups, granola bars, and frosting for birthday bags.** Thanks for remembering our kids with your donations and prayers.
--Your H2H volunteers and Mission Board

Hey everyone! We have HUCC swag! AND – the sale of it doubles as a fundraiser! The link below has various apparel and other items featuring the HUCC logo. With each order, Spring produces and ships the items directly to you – and the profit goes to HUCC! How cool is that!

<https://blacksheepbrainchild.creator-spring.com/>

Happy Birthday!	Happy Birthday!	Happy Anniversary!
1/1 Veronica Hall	1/15 Mary Slotegraaf	1/19 Paul & Sue Lidgard
1/2 Leif Hoezee	1/15 Delores Wheelock	1/24 Bill & Darlene Tigelaar
1/4 Kaleigh Overbeek	1/16 Chelsea Hill	
1/4 Bill Tigelaar	1/16 Jenna Lee	
1/4 Ed Wolters	1/18 Dan Huisman	
1/10 Ron Sovereign	1/18 Rocky Stilwill	
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 Kailie Slagter		

Lay Readers

January 1 - Katrina Furman
January 8 - Abby LaBarge
January 15 - Angel Dannenberg
January 22 - Kevin Boggs
January 29 - Ruth Broderick

Communion Servers

January 1: Pastor Dan, Katrina Furman, Jenna Lee
February 5: Pastor Dan, Katrina Furman, Rick Dannenberg, Harper Haveman, Jenna Lee
March 5: Pastor Dan, Katrina Furman, Gordon Walsworth, Millie Bendert, Jenna Lee
April 2 (Palm Sunday): Pastor Dan, Katrina Furman, Sue Dykstra, Janet Overbeek, Jenna Lee
April 9 (Easter): Pastor Dan, Katrina Furman, TBD, TBD, Jenna Lee
May 7: Pastor Dan, Katrina Furman, Wanda Giem, Harper Haveman, Jenna Lee
June 4: Pastor Dan, Katrina Furman, Rick Dannenberg, Millie Bendert, Jenna Lee
July 2: Pastor Dan, Katrina Furman, Gordon Walsworth, Janet Overbeek, Jenna Lee
August 6: Pastor Dan, Katrina Furman, Sue Dykstra, Wanda Giem, Jenna Lee
September 3: Pastor Dan, Katrina Furman, Rick Dannenberg, Harper Haveman, Jenna Lee
October 8: Pastor Dan, Katrina Furman, Gordon Walsworth, Millie Bendert, Jenna Lee
November 5: Pastor Dan, Katrina Furman, Sue Dykstra, Janet Overbeek, Jenna Lee
December 3: Pastor Dan, Katrina Furman, Wanda Giem, Harper Haveman, Jenna Lee

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 – 1920s



In 1921, the church sold the parsonage located on Van Buren Street (across from the current Gary Byker Memorial Library) and purchased the property next to the church, including the house, from Mr. Guy Edson. The land setting at this time consisted of a Grange Hall to the east of the church, the parsonage to the west of the church, and a barn behind the parsonage.

The 1920s era brought into use an envelope system for offerings. The Sunday School meeting time consisted of an opening worship period with songs and prayers for everyone. This was followed by division into separate classes. Attendance ranged from 60 to as many as 100 pupils. The yearly church budget was about \$2000. Wiring changes were made so that Consumers Power electricity could be used.

My pipe is out, my glass is dry;
My fire is almost ashes too;
But once again, before you go,
And I prepare to meet the New:
Old Year! a parting word that's true,
For we've been comrades, you and I —
I thank God for each day of you;
There! bless you now! Old Year, good-bye!
~Robert W. Service, "The Passing of the Year," 1912



Calendar

January 1 - Worship 10am
January 2 - Finance Team 6pm
January 3 - Staff meeting 5pm, Soccer 6-9pm, Ottawa Area Center For Pride 7pm
January 5 - Soccer 6-9pm
January 8 - Worship 10am, Council 11:15am
January 10 - Staff Meeting 5pm, Soccer 6-9pm, Council Officers meeting 6:30pm
January 12 - Soccer 6-9pm
January 14 - Celebration of life for Vic Coveny. Visitation 10am, Funeral 11am, luncheon to follow
January 15 - Worship 10am, Open and Affirming mtg 11:15am
January 17 - Staff meeting 5pm, Soccer 6-9pm
January 19 - Soccer 6-9pm
January 22 - Worship 10am, Mission team 11:30am
January 24 - Staff meeting 5pm, Soccer 6-9pm
January 26 - Soccer 6-9pm
January 29 - Worship 10am
January 31 - Staff meeting 5pm, Birthday dinner 6pm, Soccer 6-9pm

****ALSO!!! Pickleball Mon-Fri. 9a-12, Sat. 8-12, M/W 6-9p. SO. MUCH. PICKLEBALL!**

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- *You can also find services and Sunday School lessons at <https://www.hudsonvilleucc.org>*
- *Church office hours: Mondays from 11am-3pm, Tuesdays from 4-7pm, and Fridays from 2:30-5pm.*

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