



# The Congregator: Be Our Valentine Edition

**Hudsonville Congregational United Church of Christ - February 2022**

## WE'RE ON A MISSION!

**Save the Date!!!** Our next Feeding America will be held on **March 3rd** from 5:30-7:30 pm. The distribution will be done curbside and many hands make light work.

**Coming (VERY) Soon!!!** This Sunday (Jan. 30), leaders of the NAACP will come and speak about what they do and how we can be involved. Keep an eye out for future guest speakers as well, as they come to talk about what their organizations do and how we fit into that with our support.

**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: THANK YOU** for all your donations that are keeping our pantry well stocked for our backpack program at South Elementary School. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. As always, we are grateful for any and all shelf-safe donations, and we will keep you informed of specific items that we are seeking. (Note: For the time being, we don't need any more cake mixes).

For this next month, we are requesting cans or plastic jars of spaghetti sauce (smaller size) and 16oz. boxes of spaghetti noodles. Information on current needs is available from the pulpit, Congregator, Friday News, Sunday bulletin, and posted by the shopping cart collection spot. The blue bucket is available to also receive donations. Once again thanks for keeping our hungry children fed.

*--Your Mission Board and H2H volunteers*

**A Report from Your Treasurer:** I wanted to take a second to say **Thank You!** After completing the annual giving reports I can honestly say this has been the most generous year of giving for our church in at least the last 10 years. Because of your gifts we were able to do amazing things in our building and our community. We truly could not have done this without you. Know this, each gift - no matter the size - is important and appreciated. Our congregation is made up of members and friends who believe in our mission and your gifts make that happen.

All of that aside please let me know if you received your giving report and think something is not quite right. Additionally, if you were expecting to receive a giving report and have not yet received one please let me know.

Thank you again for all that you do to show that the Love of God is for everyone.

*--David Bendert, Treasurer*

## Bee Our Volunteer Valentine!

**You could bee.... A Sunday School Teacher! A Sunday morning Tech Crew Person!  
A Post-Service Offering Counter! A SafeServ Kitchen Person! A Treasurer!!!!  
Contact the church office for more information. Bee a honey! Volunteer!**



Happy Birthday!	Happy Birthday!	Happy Anniversary!
2/2 Paul Kunde	2/20 Al Kramer	2/6 Scott & Lisa Merchant
2/2 Terry Slagter	2/22 Joe Perrin	2/11 Dan & Melissa Huisman
2/4 Ashlyn O'Hair	2/22 Kristine Roberson	
2/6 Cathy Hogle	2/22 Kevin Boggs	
2/7 Nels DeVries	2/22 Shannon Visser	
2/9 Ellie Korienek	2/25 Howard Perrin	
2/12 Kathy VanderMarkt	2/25 Dick Van Dyk	
2/12 Keegan Korienek	2/28 Kristy Ranta	
2/16 Ellianne Ferguson		

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



## Please Pray

**Active Prayers:** Betty Baareman, Pat Haynes, 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 Newaygo UCC. Let us remember their mission and ministry in our prayers for February.

*(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.)*

## February Calendar

2/1 Summergreen Condo mtg 7-9pm Parlor, Basketball 5:30-8:30pm

2/3 Soccer 6-9pm

2/6 Worship 10am, Youth Group 11:15-12:30, Basketball 2:30-8pm

2/8 Basketball 5:30-8:30pm

2/10 Soccer 6-9pm

2/13 Worship 10am, Basketball 2:30-8pm

2/15 Basketball 5:30-8:30pm

2/17 Soccer 6-9pm

2/18 Basketball 5-6:30pm

2/20 Worship 10am, Mission 11am, Youth Group 11:15-12:30, Basketball 4-8pm

2/22 Basketball 5:30-8:30pm

2/24 Soccer 6-9pm

2/27 Worship 10am, Christian Education 11am, Basketball 2:30-8pm



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



## WHAT LOVE MEANS TO AGE 4 TO 8 YEAR OLD CHILDREN

'When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too.'

Rebecca - age 8

'When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth.'

Billy - age 4

'Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs.'

Chrissie - age 6

'Love is what makes you smile when you're tired.'

Terri - age 4

'Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen.'

Bobby - age 7

'If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate.'

Nikka - age 6

'Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well.'

Tommy - age 6

'During my piano recital, I was on a stage and I was scared. I looked at all the people watching me and saw my daddy waving and smiling. He was the only one doing that. I wasn't scared anymore.'

Cindy - age 8

'Love is when Mummy sees Daddy smelly and sweaty and still says he is handsomer than Robert Redford.'

Chris - age 7

'Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day'

Mary Ann - age 4

'You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget.'

Jessica - age 8

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!



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