



The Congregator: Vacation Edition!

Hudsonville Congregational United Church of Christ - July 2021



CRAFT SHOW

The annual Craft Show is BACK! The HUCC annual Craft Show will be September 11, 2021 from 9am-3pm and we need your help! There are many opportunities to help out which include:

- Hanging flyers around town 1-2 weeks before the show
- Table set-up on 9/10
- Vendor direction starting at 7am on 9/11
- Helper shifts during the show AM/PM
- Clean up starting at 3pm on 9/11



We are also looking for fresh faces on the committee and all are welcome! We have a meeting scheduled for July 15 at 5:30pm. Please consider being a part of this amazing fundraising opportunity for our church. All proceeds go directly to the building fund. Contact Angel Dannenberg: doglvr895@gmail.com 616-498-7727

Grandma's Attic, now renamed **UCC A Bargain** (UCC what we did there ☺), is once again looking for items to sell. We will accept all good, clean items you would like to donate for the sale EXCEPT clothing and large electronics. Please start saving your items to donate at home for now. We will announce a time in August as to where and when you can bring the items to Church. We are also looking for a person (s) to co-chair the resale room and volunteers to help with the set up and sales floor on that day. SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!



HEY! THERE'S A NEW ROOF UP THERE! Look! We have shingles! The flat parts of the roof are scheduled to begin soon. And the vertical sides will be completed last. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this much needed project!



Summer Study Series: Overlooked Books of the Bible: “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven” This summer, join Pastor Jeff on Wednesday evenings in the church parlor as we read and study together overlooked books of the Bible. Our first book is Ecclesiastes. We will look at the author’s pursuit to find the meaning of life in this overlooked “Wisdom” book found in the Old Testament. Many of the questions the author wrestles with have direct implications for us living in a postmodern society of the 21st century. Please contact Pastor Jeff with any questions. This study is open to everyone—Wednesday nights 6:30 pm.



Discussion Group: Bible and Coffee: Is the Bible a rulebook, a guide to life, or something else entirely? Meet Pastor Jeff after worship in the parlor this summer for a discussion series entitled Bible and Coffee. This group will discuss topics related to the scripture passage of the day as well as various Bible topics. While no reading is required, we will be looking at a few sources including *What is the Bible?* by Rob Bell and *How the Bible Actually Works* by Peter Enns. Feel free to bring any questions you may have about the Bible. For more information or questions, please contact Pastor Jeff. This group is open to everyone and all are welcome!





WE'RE ON A MISSION!



STUFF THE BUS! It's that time of year when our church partners with Love, INC to provide backpacks and school supplies for local school children in need. This year we have 10 backpacks to fill. You can help in one of two ways. You can sign up for a backpack or some supplies you would like to purchase and donate. Or you can send in a monetary donation to the church with "Stuff the Bus" in the memo area and a member of the Mission Board will shop for any needed items. Thank you for your support of this worthy, annual mission!

Mission team is looking for someone to become our **Safe Serve representative for the kitchen** in 2022. This person would need to be certified and help make sure the kitchen is maintaining safety standards when we or outside organizations use it. If you're interested or would like more information you can contact Sue Dykstra or Janet Overbeek.



The Red Cross will be hosting 3 different blood drives at the church this year. We are looking for someone to be the **contact person** for the church. Opening / closing the building and such. Please contact Janet Overbeek with interest or questions.



THANK YOU to all Food Truck volunteers! We appreciate you!



HAND2HAND: Just as the staff and children at South Elementary are taking a well-earned summer vacation, your Hand2Hand volunteers are on vacation too for a few weeks. We will be back planning and preparing for the next school year starting in August. Thank you for all your support this past school year. Please continue to pray for the children and families in our program and the new ones joining us in the fall. We will be contacting you in August for opportunities to join and help this mission. We hope you have an enjoyable and restful summer. --Your Mission Board and H2H volunteers



A Report from Your Treasurer: I wanted to update you on our work to meet the several large bills at the end of this month. Thankfully, and through the generosity of all of you we have enough money to pay the mortgage, the insurance bill and the rest of the cost of the roof. You all are generous beyond understanding. And your generosity will allow us to continue to do amazing work in our community. Please know that there are still obligations we need to take care of and we will continue to pay bills as the money is available. Thank you for being willing to share so that we can share the good news that God's love is for everyone.

--David Bendert, Treasurer



Please Pray

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

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

July Prayer Emphasis: Our denomination, the United Church of Christ. There are 5,000 UCC churches in the US. This month, the UCC is gathering for a virtual national gathering for worship, workshops, and to vote on resolutions, inviting our churches to engage our communities with social justice activities. Let us pray this month for the United Church of Christ.

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!
7/3 Judy Tigelaar	7/21 Jodi Carlson	7/12 Justin & Chelsea Hill
7/7 Dale VanderMarkt	7/21 Veronica Leshan	7/13 Craig & Leah Hamstra
7/8 Sir-Thomas Visser-Jackson	7/23 Kim Kwekel	
7/12 Cindy Wolters	7/24 Millie Bendert	
7/14 David Aubry	7/24 Brenda Stilwill	
7/16 Duane Hogle	7/27 Kelli Borrego	
7/18 Brenna Couturier	7/30 Peyton Perrin	
7/19 Sydney Overbeek		
7/20 Ady Davis		

July CALENDAR: The More Long-ish Form

July 4 - Worship 10am, Coffee Hour resumes, Bible & Coffee

July 7 - Summer Studies Series 7 pm

July 11 - Worship 10am, Council 11:15am

July 13 – Summer Studies Series 7 pm

July 15 – Craft Show Meeting 5:30 pm

July 18 - Worship 10am, Bible & Coffee

July 20 – Summer Studies Series 7 pm

July 25 - Worship 10am, Bible & Coffee—Stuff the Bus stuff due!

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



We're Back! We're Back! Now What?

Boy, have we got ideas for you! For starters, people willing to **run sound and video** are in great demand. Fear not! The tech is not hard to learn (said the girl who can barely manage a cell phone but deals with power point most Sundays). Reserved seat in the back pew just for you! Contact Aron Duby or Ruth Lee. You will be our favorite!

OR....you could teach Sunday School! Hang out with all the cool small folk and a teaching partner one Sunday a month. Lesson book provided. This would be a 2-6 hour commitment each month and would also involve helping with other Christian Ed events (Trunk or Treat! Elf Workshop! Easter Egg Hunt! How cool can it get?!) Contact the office if interested. You will also be our favorite!



OR....you could help keep us all clean and well-fed! We are in need of a few specific items for our coffee hour, as well as cleaning supplies. Needed items include 100% juice boxes, packaged cookies, and toilet paper. Please also remember that we're collecting Family Fare receipts to raise funds for the church. A bag for these can be found at the Welcome Desk.

BE THE CHURCH

Congratulations, Graduates!

(Let's try this again...)

High School: Drew Couturier

Alona Dulaney

Peyton Perrin

Raina Sikkema

College: Nate Couturier



Welcome, New Members!

Nico and Michael Feliciano

Rachel Fournier

Brian and Amanda Haveman

Shannon Visser

Sir-Thomas Jackson Visser

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