

# The Congregator



## From the Pastor's Desk

### Sustain God's House Campaign and Congregational Meeting

In March, three new HVAC units were installed at the church. Two had stopped working over the Gym and the sanctuary one also stopped working. Our insurance covered one of the units over the Gym saving us \$15,000. The total amount needed to pay for the other two units is \$44,000. We did pay for and install new projectors and screens in the sanctuary which has greatly improved the visual interactions for worship! We still need to improve our water management in the basement. The total for the basement is \$33,152.

At the beginning of our campaign we needed to raise \$99,311. To date we have raised about a third of what we need. Council unanimously recommends to the congregation that we take out a loan from the United Church of Christ for \$75,000 to cover these costs. On the plus side, we could immediately pay off West Michigan Heating and Cooling as well as Ayers Water Systems. We would also reduce the strain on our cash flow from \$2,000-\$4,000 per month for HVAC to one payment to the UCC for at least \$800 and more if we prefer.

The UCC has two requirements for the loan. A one-time Mission fee of \$750.00 that supports UCC congregations. The loan would be for 10 years at 7% interest. For each year of the life of the loan, our Mission team would need to increase by 1% of the church's annual budget to OCWM (Our Churches Wider Mission) that supports the mission and ministry of our denomination. The church would need to increase our Mission allocations to cover this. Please plan to attend worship and the congregational meeting on June 4 for this discussion and decision as we work to Sustain God's House.

## Prayer List

### Active Prayers

Jeanne Haynor & Al Wooton

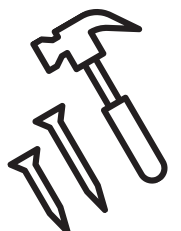
### Continual Prayers

Gloria Byle, George Drayton, Joan Edson, Helen Emelander, Paul Kunde, Alice Perrin, & Delores Wheelock.

### Church of the Month

Of our 25 UCC churches and agencies in our Grand West Association, this month we will be praying for Bostwick Lake UCC. Let us remember their mission and ministry in our prayers for June.

\*Please let the church office know either if you would not like to be listed here or if you would like to be added to the list. Please keep all of these folks in your prayers.





### Front Office Staff Summer Hours

As summer rolls around, our front office staff will be shifting their Friday hours around. They will still work on Tuesday afternoons from 4-6pm. However, their Friday hours will be from 12-2pm instead of the current 2-5pm. During Friday office hours, Salem and MJ will be taking care of the bulletins and any mailings that need to go out. If you need to meet with someone in the front office outside of these hours, please email [office@hudsonvilleucc.org](mailto:office@hudsonvilleucc.org) to schedule an appointment. Thank you!



### Holland Pride

We are in need of volunteers to greet people and answer questions about HUCC at our Holland Pride booth on Saturday, June 24. We are looking for people to take one hour shifts from 12-5pm. If you are interested in helping, let Pastor Dan know. Thanks!

### Christian Ed Updates

The Sunday School and Youth Groups certainly enjoyed leading worship on May 21! This marks the official end of the children's Christian education year, and we wish you all a safe and happy summer break! The Christian Education team would like to thank our students and teachers for a fantastic year! We want to acknowledge our CE leaders and volunteers: Aaron Parker (Chair & Council Representative), Christie Graff (Teacher), Amanda Haveman (Teacher), Ruth Lee (Teacher), Taliyn Merchant (Nursery), Tracy Parker (Nursery & Adult Ed), John Parker (Nursery), Katrina Furman (Teacher & Junior Youth Group), and Aron DUBY (Youth Group).

### Reminders

- The Sunday School and Youth Groups will not meet during the summer. The nursery will be available for young children as needed.
- Please join us at the church on June 22 at 5:30pm if you would like to help with the upcoming annual Craft Show!
- The Craft Show takes place on September 9, 2023 from 9am-3pm. Please keep that day open for Pre- and Post-Show help as well as one or two evenings the week prior for one-time volunteer opportunities.

## Volunteer Schedule

### Offering Counters

- June 4 - Russ Broderick & Taliyn Merchant
- June 11 - David Bendert & Katrina Furman
- June 18 - Ruth Broderick & John Parker
- June 25 - Christina Breen & Sandy Lyon

\*\*We are in need of extra counters for the fifth Sunday in July (July 30). Please email the front office if you are able to help: [office@hudsonvilleucc.org](mailto:office@hudsonvilleucc.org)

### Lay Readers

- June 4 - Millie Bendert
- June 11 - Ruth Lee
- June 18 - Ken Haynes
- June 25 - Taliyn Merchant

## A Moment In Church History



The 75th anniversary of the church was celebrated in 1953, and the remodeled church was dedicated at the same time. Mrs. John VanderVeen was chairperson of the Anniversary Committee. Part of the celebration included the hosting of the Association meeting. An anniversary dinner was held in the basement of the First Christian Reformed Church as our church basement was not large enough. There was a special vesper service and gathering of young people. There was also a special community night in which neighboring Hudsonville churches were invited to a special service.

## PEACE Garden Update

Thank you to those who came out to help expand our no-till garden in April. On May 28, we planted the first half of the garden. If you are willing to help plant, weed, water, or otherwise maintain the PEACE Garden, please see Christa Ferguson. If you would like to donate items, please scan the QR code below to get to the wishlist.







### Birthdays

Paul Lidgard - 6/4  
Juniper Vela - 6/5  
Andy Bruinsma - 6/6  
Paul DeYoung - 6/7  
Sue Dykstra - 6/8  
Wanda Giem - 6/8  
John Couturier - 6/10  
Mark Perrin - 6/11  
Ann Martin - 6/17  
Pat Vieau - 6/19  
Ginnie Bendert - 6/21  
Tom Sikkema - 6/21  
Kylie Parker - 6/25  
Harper Haveman - 6/27

### Anniversaries

Cindy & Ed Wolters - 6/1/91  
Christian & Jordyn Hennells - 6/6/20  
Betty & Chris Sikkema - 6/15/65  
Shannon & Sir Jackson-Visser - 6/16/21  
Ali & David Bendert - 6/17/06  
Alvis & Jean K. Wooton - 6/20/60  
Dan & Katrina Furman - 6/24/17  
Darleen & Roger Behrens - 6/26/69  
Tony Baker & Laura Broderick - 6/27/19  
Michael & Taylor Boro - 6/29/19  
Dan & Laura Korienek - 6/29/96  
Eileen & Terry Slagter - 6/30/74

## Missions Update

### Feeding America

On June 1st from 5-7 pm, we need YOU! It takes many volunteers to meet the food needs of those in our community.

### Help Wanted

We are looking for someone to be our ServSafe person for the kitchen. The volunteer would need to be certified through the health department and meet with them once a year. This is important so that we can continue to make and serve meals for the community and events. Feel free to contact Janet Overbeek or Sue Dykstra if you are interested or have questions.

### Because of You...

So far this year, we have been able to send money to five of the many organizations we support and provide meals through Feeding America and Hand2Hand. We've also been helping in various ways in our community. Locally, we've helped pay off lunch debts and donated "busy items" for South and Alward Elementary. We plan to send money again at the end of the school year for any outstanding lunch balances. Over the last few years, we participated in Stuff the Bus, a program that gives new school items for kids in need. We will be participating again this year, so stay tuned for details this summer. We also collect on an ongoing basis items that are needed for the Ronald McDonald House as well as can tabs that they can use towards purchasing needed medical equipment. Our partnership with Nestlings allows us to collect and donate diapers and wipes to families in need. These are just a snap shot of some of the wonderful things we can do as a congregation for our community and surrounding areas with your donations. Thank you!

### COMING SOON!

Two additional partnerships coming soon for the mission team! CarePortal is an online system that allows churches and organizations to work directly with the schools to meet specific needs of students and families. We are hoping to have this ready to go by the next school year. We will also be working with Samaritas to help fill pantries for new refugee families as they settle into the area. Providing basic food items and items that are familiar to their culture.

### Hand2Hand

Our pantry is cleaned out for the summer months, our last food delivery was made last week, and today (Wednesday) the last of our Birthday bags were dropped off at the school (don't want to forget those summer birthday children!) Only one thing left to do before we take a short break for the summer, and then begin planning for next school year. We need to thank and recognize the people who made this past year work and successful. First is Pat Vieau who has done most of the work in her job of handling the pantry. She orders and picks up the food, organizes the pantry, plans the menus, and sees that everything is ready for our packers. Thank you Pat for being the hands, feet, and heart of our program. Thanks, too, to Pat Menkveld and Paul DeYoung who faithfully packed the orders for delivery. Thanks to Steve Lyon who was the "muscle" delivering the bags to the school. Thank you to the teachers and staff of South Elementary who made sure the food got to the children and home to the families. We will be thanking them for their dedication to and concern for the students in their care with snacks and an appreciation card from us. Lastly, and most important, a BIG THANK YOU to you, the people of Hudsonville Congregational UCC for your constant support, prayers, and donations to Hand2Hand. We are thankful for and appreciate everyone for their part in this important mission program into our community. When you see any of these people at Church, please pass on our gratitude. Sincerely, Your Mission Board

# June Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 Feeding America 5-7pm	2	3 OACFP Meeting 10:30am
4 Worship 10am Congregational Meeting 11am	5 Finance Team 6pm	6	7	8	9	10 IOC Chalk Bomb Event 11am-2pm
11 Worship 10am Council Meeting 11:15am	12 Missions Team 6pm	13	14	15	16	17
18 <b>FATHER'S DAY</b> Worship 10am	19 <b>JUNETEENTH</b>	20	21	22 Craft Show Meeting 5:30pm IOC Book Club 6-8pm	23	24 Holland Pride 12-5pm
25 Worship 10am	26	27 Birthday Dinner 6pm Summergreen Condo Assoc Meeting 7-9pm	28	29	30	

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