



## The Congregator: Be Our Valentine Edition

### Hudsonville Congregational United Church of Christ - February 2020

#### From the Pastor's Desk -

**Ash Wednesday:** The season of Lent begins with a traditional Ash Wednesday service on February, 26 at 7pm. All are welcome to this penitent and ancient ritual of wearing ashes on our skin. Join us as we start the journey toward the hope and renewal of body, mind, and spirit of Easter.

**Grand West Association Church of the Month:** Of our 27 UCC churches in our Grand West Association, this month we will pray for Plymouth UCC in Grand Rapids. Let us remember Plymouth's mission and ministry in our prayers for February.

**Altar Flowers:** Would you like to have flowers in worship to honor a celebration in your life or to remember a loved one? If so, select a date from those available on the poster on the bulletin board near the coat room, write the occasion on the date you would like, fill out a form on the nearby table, and return the form to the church office with \$20 and it is as simple as that!



#### Please Pray

**Active Prayers:** Polly Lowing, Jean Stefan

**Continual Prayers:** Betty Baareman, Eva Blair, Eileen Cory, George Drayton, Joan Edson, Paul Kunde, Delores Wheelock

*\*\*Please let the church office know if you would like to be on (or off) this list.*



| Happy Birthday!        | Happy Birthday!        | Happy Anniversary!         |
|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2/2 Paul Kunde         | 2/16 Ellianne Ferguson | 2/6 Scott & Lisa Merchant  |
| 2/2 Terry Slagter      | 2/22 Joe Perrin        | 2/7 Ed & Helen Emelander   |
| 2/4 Ashlyn O'Hair      | 2/22 Kristine Roberson | 2/11 Dan & Melissa Huisman |
| 2/6 Cathy Hogle        | 2/22 Kevin Boggs       |                            |
| 2/7 Nels DeVries       | 2/25 Howard Perrin     |                            |
| 2/9 Ellie Korienek     | 2/25 Dick Van Dyk      |                            |
| 2/12 Del Giem          | 2/28 Don DeHaan        |                            |
| 2/12 Keegan Korienek   | 2/28 Kristy Ranta      |                            |
| 2/12 Kathy VanderMarkt |                        |                            |

## Missions and Other News -



**NOISY SUNDAY:** Our last Noisy Sunday collection was held **12/29** and brought in \$165.54 to go toward the meal that is prepared for the food distribution. Good job, everyone! You are a fine noisy bunch!

**HAND2HAND:** Thank you, once again, for your generosity! I received word that we got lots of soup for our Souper Bowl Sunday collection. That should warm some hungry bellies on cold winter days. Watch for our February Food Focus Sunday as we will be **PICKIN' CHICKEN AGAIN**. That's right - we go through a lot of chicken and our shelves are bare again. Sunday February 9th please bring your donations of 5 oz. cans of chicken for our shopping cart. Thank you in advance for thinking of our H2H kids. (P.S. Feb. 9 is the official day, but really, we'll take your chicken anytime!)



**DIRECT YOUR DOLLARS:** You can help us earn money simply by shopping for groceries! We are collecting Family Fare and D&W receipts - once we have \$150,000 in receipts, SpartanNash will donate \$1,000 to the church. This money will go toward our building fund. Receipts can be given to Lisa Merchant or left at Welcome Center.

**ABOUT THAT CRAFT SHOW...** Our Annual Craft show Needs Your Help! Planning to attend a local craft show or fair this holiday season? Please consider taking along 2020 Craft show flyers to pass out to the vendors at the show you visit. Please see Angel Dannenberg or Eileen Slagter for a packet of flyers before your upcoming craft show visit!

**HUCC's MAGNETIC PERSONALITY!** Check out the magnets available at the Welcome Desk for a small donation. All the best cars (and refrigerators) are wearing them!

| <b>Feb</b> | <b>Offering Counters</b> | <b>Nursery</b>                   | <b>Coffee Host</b>                | <b>Lay Reader</b> | <b>Greeters</b>   | <b>Power Point</b> | <b>Communion</b>     | <b>Sunday School</b> |
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| <b>2</b>   | <i>Vedders Wolf</i>      | <i>Sign up on bulletin board</i> | <i>See Sue Dykstra to sign up</i> | <i>Vedders</i>    | <i>Dannenberg</i> | <i>Duby</i>        | <i>Simon Lidgard</i> | <i>Communion</i>     |
| <b>9</b>   | <i>Vedders Couturier</i> | <i>by parlor!</i>                | <i>Or bring in cookies—Yum!</i>   | <i>Boggs</i>      | <i>Wooton</i>     | <i>Huisman</i>     |                      | <i>Borrego Lee</i>   |
| <b>16</b>  | <i>Bendert Boro</i>      |                                  |                                   | <i>Furman</i>     | <i>Slagter</i>    | <i>Lee</i>         |                      | <i>Alexander</i>     |
| <b>23</b>  | <i>Bendert Duby</i>      |                                  |                                   | <i>Ferguson</i>   | <i>Barnum</i>     | <i>Lee</i>         |                      | <i>Martin Davis</i>  |



**OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND!!! Immediate openings for Sunday School Teachers!!! Power Point Operators!!! Coffee Hour Servers!!! Join the Team!!! Contact your Friendly Neighborhood Pastor Today!!!**

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**COOKIES!!!!**

**Need Cookies and Treats for Coffee Hour! Bring cookies! PLEASE!!!!!!**

## ***Do you Pray?***

*I loved this interpretation of Prayer. What is a prayer? Prayer doesn't just happen when we kneel or put our hands together and focus and expect things from God. Thinking positive and wishing good for others is a prayer. When you hug a friend, that's a prayer. When you cook something to nourish family and friends, that's a prayer. When we send off our near and dear ones and say 'drive safely' or 'be safe', that's a prayer. When you are helping someone in need by giving your time and energy, you are praying. When you forgive someone by your heart, that is prayer. Prayer is a vibration. A feeling. A thought. Prayer is the voice of love, friendship, genuine relationships. Prayer is an expression of your silent being. Keep praying always.*



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