

THE OUTREACH

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Hillcrest Congregational United Church of Christ
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August 2024

 God
is still
speaking,

Ministers All

Rev. Wendy Kidd, Pastor

Sunday Worship

10:00 AM followed by
coffee and conversation

Communion

Celebrated on the first
Sunday of each month

Children's Prayground and Infants' Room Available

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Pastor's Ponderings

As we enter August, a month often associated with the fullness of summer and the transition to autumn, Mary Oliver's poem, "The Summer Day," reminds us to cherish the present moment, to slow down and appreciate the small miracles around us. It calls us to reflect on how we spend our days and to consider the deeper purpose of our lives. In the busyness of our routines, let's not forget to find joy in the simple, to seek God in the ordinary, and to live our lives with intentionality and gratitude.

"Who made the world?

Who made the swan, and the black bear?

Who made the grasshopper?

This grasshopper, I mean —

the one who has flung herself out of the grass,

the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,

who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and down —
who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated eyes.

Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her face.

Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.

I don't know exactly what a prayer is.

I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down

into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass,

how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields,

which is what I have been doing all day.

Tell me, what else should I have done?

Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?

Tell me, what is it you plan to do

with your one wild and precious life?"

May this August be a time of reflection and renewal, where we embrace the beauty of creation and ponder our own "wild and precious" lives.

Grace & Peace,

Rev. Wendy



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happenings



BOOK STUDIES

Book Study meets on **the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.**

We are reading *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World* by the Dalai Lama XIV and Desmond Tutu with Douglas Carlton Abrams.

Please get your copy from the library or your favorite bookseller.

Feel free to bring your lunch.



Summer Book Chat with Community Spirit UCC

Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m., 15236 6165 Road (Home of Mary & Pete Loncar)

They are reading John Pavlovitz's

Worth Fighting For: Finding Courage & Compassion When Cruelty is Trending

Please get your copy from the library or your favorite bookseller and join the conversation.

Youth FORMATION CLASS

Youth are meeting on **Sunday, August 4**, following worship and fellowship.

August's topic is the UCC's history and beliefs. Lunch is provided.



Back-to-School Sunday

August 11

Join us as we celebrate the start of another school year with our children and youth with a special worship service, including a "Blessing of the Backpacks."

(Bring your school bags/backpacks to be blessed.)





Rev. Wendy is available for drop-in conversation twice monthly:
SECOND Tuesday, 9 – 11 a.m., at the Coffee Trader, Main St.

~~FOURTH Thursday, 2 – 4 p.m., at San Juan Brews, Main St. – Not in August~~
(Subject to change based on the pastor’s schedule.)

You may also contact Rev. Wendy, (303) 913-2123 or revwendykidd@gmail.com,
to schedule coffee and/or conversation.



Church Council



The Church Council meets on ***the second Sunday of the month*** following worship.

2024 Church Council

Bob Idsardi, Financial Secretary • Bruce Herr, Member-at-Large
Eileen Izzo, Treasurer • Jacquie Mercer, Moderator • Kevin Eber, Secretary
Lael Van Riper, Member-at-Large • Pat Idsardi, Church Clerk
Rev. Wendy Kidd, Pastor

🌸 Women's Union 🌸

The Women’s Union meets on the ***3rd Thursday of the month***,
2:00 – 3:00 p.m., Von Hagen Hall.



SHARING MINISTRIES FOOD BANK



If you wish to donate items, in August we are collecting cereals (hot, cold, oatmeal).
Sharing Ministries can purchase many food items at a discounted rate, so financial
contributions are welcome. Please make checks payable to HCUCC with the memo
line made out: “For Sharing Ministries.”



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>“The month of August is a reminder that change is inevitable, but growth is optional.” – Tony Robbins</p>				<p>1</p> <p>BOOK STUDY 12:30-1:30 pm</p>	2	3
<p>4</p> <p><i>Communion</i> SUNDAY</p> <p>Youth FORMATION CLASS</p>	5	6	7	8	9	10
<p>11</p> <p>BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUNDAY</p> <p>Church Council Meeting</p>	12	<p>13</p> <p>Coffee Talk Coffee Trader 9-11 am</p>	14	<p>15</p> <p>BOOK STUDY 12:30-1:30 pm</p> <p><i>Women's Union</i> 2-3 pm</p>	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31