

THE OUTREACH

Keeping you informed about the mission and ministry of
Hillcrest Congregational United Church of Christ
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October 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

Jesus taught that we should treat others as we want them to treat us (Luke 6:31) – including those with whom we disagree. Known as “the Golden Rule,” a version of this teaching can be found in almost every religion in the world.

As the Rev. Dr. Marcia McFee of the Worship Design Studio writes: “There is no more important time to be talking about ‘doing unto others’ in ways that we hope will foster kindness, compassion, humility, respect, and love in the world than right now. With divisiveness – and anxiety about that divisiveness – at an all-time high, how does our faith equip us to survive, and perhaps even thrive spiritually, in this moment?”

The teachings of Jesus – someone who also lived in divisive times – invite us to focus on what the world would be like if we treated others in radically generous ways. What if the church could model coming together to care for one another despite our differences? We are called to follow Jesus’ example of bringing together friends and foes and offering the grace and love of God indiscriminately.

Over the next five weeks, we will be spreading the message of kindness, compassion, humility, respect, and love through a worship series called “Do Unto Others.” This worship series is a collaboration between Worship Design Studio and Resurrection United Methodist Church. You can learn more about the Campaign for Kindness at <https://campaignforkindness.com>.

Grace & Peace,

Rev. Wendy



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happenings

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ (UCC) that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of the offering supports Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). The remaining funds are used by Justice and Witness Ministries to provide grants to UCC churches and organizations as well as supporting a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. We will be collecting our NIN offering during the month of October. Please note "NIN" on the memo line of your check or use one of the special offering envelopes available at worship.



QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & POTLUCK

Sunday, October 20, following worship.

Please bring a dish to share.



Church Council



The Church Council now meets on ***the second Wednesday of the month*** at 4:00 p.m. in Von Hagen Hall.

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



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.

(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.

✿ 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 October we are collecting *pasta and rice*. Sharing Ministries can purchase many food items at a discounted rate, so financial contributions are welcome. Please make checks payable to HCUCG with the memo line made out: "For Sharing Ministries."



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Western Association Annual Fall Meeting

October 4 – 5, 2024, First Congregational UCC, Grand Junction

The annual fall gathering begins Friday, October 4, with registration, dinner, and a worship/covenanting service (4:30 – 8:00 p.m.).

Community Spirit UCC will be recognized with official standing in the denomination. On Saturday, October 5, there is a continental breakfast, centering time, Association business meeting, and lunch (7:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.).

Registration is \$30.00 per person.



<https://www.ucc.org/news/>

Support Hurricane Helene Recovery Efforts

The United Church of Christ (UCC) has launched an appeal and opportunities to support recovery efforts following the devastating path Hurricane Helene has left across the Southeast United States. Helene has struck almost exactly on the two-year anniversary of the destructive Hurricane Ian, which has left some still-recovering areas subject to new damage. Many of the communities impacted by Helene were also impacted by Hurricane Debby earlier this year. And hurricane season continues through the end of November. Three UCC church buildings on Florida's Gulf Coast are known to have suffered significant damage from floodwater, high winds, and heavy rain. You can support the UCC's recovery efforts in affected communities at <https://support.ucc.org/hurricane-helene-relief>. (From an article by Kayla Berkey, UCC News, published 9/30/2024)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		 Coffee Trader 9-11 am	 Church Council Meeting 4 pm			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
				 Women's Union 2-3 pm		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
				 San Juan Brews 2-4 pm		
27	28	29	30	31		
				HALLOWEEN		