

THE OUTREACH

Keeping you informed about the mission and ministry of
Hillcrest Congregational United Church of Christ
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November 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 Playground and Infants' Room Available

Stay in Touch

Please let us know if you
change your address,
phone number, or email
address so we can update
our records. Call (970) 249-
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Pastor's Ponderings

Have you ever made a pledge to church before? If not, I'd like to invite you to join us in making a pledge for 2025. A pledge is a statement of intention whereby you declare your intent to donate a certain amount of money to the church over the course of a fiscal/calendar year. It's a goal you set for yourself to make a voluntary donation – weekly, monthly, quarterly, or yearly. You can change or cancel your pledge at any time. No explanations needed. No questions asked.

In the UCC, we encourage pledging as a way for churches to plan for the upcoming year. It allows us to set the pastor's salary, plan mission projects, provide Christian education, sustain ongoing ministries, do community outreach, maintain the building, pay the utilities, and much more.

In the past ten months, we've received just over \$8,000 in plate offerings and \$6,750 in pledges. If you regularly contribute to the offering on Sundays, it would be helpful if you could make a pledge for those offerings in the coming year, so we can plan our budget more effectively.

You'll be receiving a letter this month that provides more details regarding our budget and financial needs. You'll also receive a pledge card with that letter. Please prayerfully consider what you can contribute to expand the work and mission of Hillcrest Congregational UCC. And please plan to join us on **Sunday, November 24th**, for **Thanks + Giving Sunday** as we celebrate God's gift of "a future with hope."

Grace & Peace,

Rev. Wendy



★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **ELECTION DAY PRAYER VIGIL** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Tuesday, November 5, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Many of us, regardless of our political leanings, are concerned about the elections. Our sanctuary will be open as a safe space for prayer and meditation on Election Day.

Listen to the music, pray your own or available prayers, light a candle, meditate using a finger labyrinth, breathe.

Come and go as you wish.



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.~~

~~*Cancelled due to Thanksgiving holiday.*~~

(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 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

If you are interested in serving on the Church Council in 2025 and want to learn more about what the Council does, please talk with Jacquie Mercer or Rev. Wendy.

🌸 Women's Union 🌸

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

THANKS + Giving SUNDAY

November 24

Join us in worship as we celebrate God's gift of "a future with hope."



HANGING of the Greens

Sunday, November 24

Join us for worship, then stay to decorate for Advent & Christmas.
Holiday music and treats provided.



SHARING MINISTRIES FOOD BANK



If you wish to donate items, in November we are collecting *canned fruit*. 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."



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>“GRATITUDE IS THE INWARD FEELING OF KINDNESS RECEIVED. THANKFULNESS IS THE NATURAL IMPULSE TO EXPRESS THAT FEELING. THANKSGIVING IS FOLLOWING THAT IMPULSE.” – HENRY VAN DYKE</p>					<p>1</p> <p>ALL SAINTS' DAY</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Communion SUNDAY</p> <p>Fall Back</p> <p>DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>ELECTION DAY</p> <p>PRAYER VIGIL</p> <p>7am-7pm</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Veterans Day</p> <p>OBSERVANCE</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Coffee Talk</p> <p>Coffee Trader</p> <p>9-11 am</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Women's Union</p> <p>2-3 pm</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p> <p>THANKS + Giving SUNDAY</p> <p>HANGING of the Greens</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Thanksgiving DAY</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>