

The Congregator



From the Pastor's Desk

Kerygma: Amos and Hosea

Starting in July, Pastor Dan led a six-week discussion about faith and politics. We are at the half-way point. You are welcome to come to the next class after worship on Sunday, September 1. Intrigued? Set in the Old Testament prophetic books of Amos and Hosea, you may be surprised to hear how God is still speaking to us in 2024 regarding leadership. Want to learn more about God's Word? Want to have conversations in a safe place? Want to see how God cares about your life and the life of the Church? Join us for conversation.

Churches United

Though we are not yet sure of the name of the group, several like-minded churches in our area are beginning to talk about ways we can work and worship together. For the past couple of years, our clergy have been meeting to talk about our ministries. Now, we have some ideas of what we could do together. You will be hearing more about this as we go along. The churches in conversation are: ours, Georgetown United Methodist, Parkwood Presbyterian, Bread of Life Lutheran, United Campus Ministries, and Holy Redeemer Catholic. The Holy Spirit brought the clergy together. Let's see what the Spirit has in mind for our church partnerships. In a time of so much division in our community and nation, this is a nice focus on unity.

Prayer List

Active Prayers

Pat Haynes, Taliyn Merchant, Phyllis Roh and our elderly and home-bound members.

Continual Prayers

Darleen Behrens, George Drayton, Helen Emelander, Jeanne Haynor, Paul Kunde, Alice Perrin, Delores Wheelock, & Al Wooton.

Church of the Month

This month, we will be praying for Shelby UCC. This church to our northwest is in a small community. They are currently seeking a new pastor. Let us pray for Shelby UCC for September.



Pastor Walks and Talks

Pastor Traci is planning to move Pastor Walks and Talks to WEDNESDAYS starting in September. Time and place are still the same - 1PM at Hager Park near the VanderLaan building - but might change depending on interest. We look forward to seeing you!

HUCC Book Club

This month's book club books are Maus by Art Spiegelman, I Know What Heaven Looks Like by Rev. Lawrence Richardson, Jesus for the Non-Religious by John Shelby Sprong.

Altar Flowers

Did you know you can sign up for altar flowers? There is a poster opposite the coat room on the bulletin board where you may sign up for flowers for any occasion. Select from any of the available Sundays and let us know what or who you are honoring / remembering and we will put a note in the bulletin. Simply add a donation in a pew envelope or by electronic giving for \$25.

Let's Float a Float!

The idea has been proposed that our church have a float in the Hudsonville Thanksgiving parade. If you either have a truck and/or a trailer that can be pulled behind a truck, please contact Pastor Dan or the church office. If you would like to help plan and/or participate on the holiday float, please also contact Pastor Dan or the church office. Thanks!



A Moment in Church History

A New Church Building - Continued. On December 29, 1969, the church voted to purchase a lot at 32nd Avenue and Beechcrest Drive. This was about five acres of land at a price of \$15,428. In 1970, the old church building was sold for \$24,600 plus sewer assessments of \$3,900 (A sewer project for the city of Hudsonville was in progress at the time). It was sold on a land contract. Ground breaking for the new church took place on June 7, 1970. Mrs. Maude Rynbrandt, the oldest member of the church (age 96), was given the honor of removing the first shovel of dirt. By this time, \$71,000 had been received for the new church building. The architects were Kellogg & Keiffer and the contractor was Quality Builders. During the construction period, church services were held in the Hudsonville High School Auditorium. Sunday school classes were held in various high school classrooms. The Christmas Eve service was held in the First Reformed Church. Various items to be transferred to the new church were stored in people's homes and storage buildings at this time.

Volunteer Schedule

Offering Counters

September 1: John & Ruth
September 8: Sandy & Christina
September 15: Christina & Taliyn
September 22: David & Katrina
September 29:

Lay Readers

September 1: Katrina Furman
September 8: Paul DeYoung
September 15: Kelly Lockwood
September 22: John Parker
September 29: Laura Pickerd

Greeters

September 1:
September 8:
September 15:
September 22:
September 29:



September Birthdays

Sandy Dimes - 9/1
 Rachel Fournier - 9/1
 Denise Wass - 9/2
 Aaron Parker - 9/6
 Christy Graff - 9/7
 Caleb Ferguson - 9/9
 John Parker - 9/12
 Dan Furman - 9/14
 Nate Sund - 9/18

Ashley Perrin - 9/19
 Betty Baareman - 9/20
 Angel Dannenberg - 9/22
 Olivia Baker - 9/25
 Rick Dannenberg - 9/25
 Lisa Sikkema - 9/27
 Karl Kleinheksel - 9/29

September Anniversaries

Steven & Sandy Lyon - 9/3
 Derek & Veronica Leshan - 9/15
 Jeff & Cindy Vedders - 9/16
 David & Jayme Aubry - 9/21
 Matt & Christa Ferguson - 9/22
 Rocky & Brenda Stilwill - 9/26
 Judd & Lori Newenhouse - 9/27
 Troy & Janet Overbeek - 9/28

Missions Update

By the time you read this, school will have started for another year. Really?! Letters have gone out to all the students at South Elementary, and we will soon resume our deliveries of food to the children enrolled in our Hand2Hand program. We are presently looking to stock the shelves of our pantry with your help. Initially we are focusing on donations of peanut butter, kid favorite soups, fruit and applesauce cups, and mac & cheese. As our menus change, our requested donation lists will also change. Watch for these latest requests at Church and in the Congregator and Friday news. Of course, we will joyfully receive any and all backpack sized items that have not reached their expiration dates that you wish to donate. The red cart and the blue barrel are awaiting your donations. Thank you for supporting this mission program. Hungry children are waiting. Your Mission Board

Christian Ed

Welcome to another year of Christian Ed! This year's Rally Sunday is September 22, the week after the Craft Show. Sunday school is planning to meet three weeks per month (skipping the first Sunday for Communion). Our theme for the year is "Building on the Bible" and continuing what we started last year going through the Bible and revisiting a few stories we know and some new ones, too.

Ways to Serve

We are looking for Sunday school teachers! If you have an interest in helping out once a month, please see Christy after worship. If you're not sure about teaching but want to see what it's all about, come hang out in the Sunday school room and see what we do.

We also need Nursery Helpers to sit in the nursery on Sunday mornings. Even one Sunday a week is a great need.

September Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 10AM Amos & Hosea 11:30AM Dissertation Team 2-4pm	2	3	4 Finance 6:30	5	6	7
8 Worship 10AM Congregational meeting 11:00, Council 11:30	9	10	11	12	13	14 Craft Show 9AM-3PM
15 Worship 10am, Amos and Hosea 11:15	16	17	18 Condo Assn 7-9pm	19	20	21
22 Worship 10am, Rally Day, Amos and Hosea 11:15	23 Pastoral Relations Team 7pm	24	25	26 Hobby Hub 7-9PM	27	28
29 Worship 10am	30					



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