

THE OUTREACH

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

Stay in Touch

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change your address,
phone number, or email
address so we can update
our records. Call (970)
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Pastor's Ponderings

Our God is a God of invitation who invites us on a faithful path of transformation that changes us – and through us changes the world. God is working through us and the things we do to co-create God's Realm here on earth. Our spiritual journeys are meant both to form us more into the image of Christ through the disciplines of study, worship, prayer, service, and generosity; as well as to strengthen us in becoming effective agents for the good that God is doing in our world. Our faithful financial stewardship is one way we are invited to respond to God's invitation.

Stewardship is *not* just about the church budget; it is about recognizing God's work in our lives and responding to God with gratitude and prayerfully managing our time, talent, and treasure to bring about God's Realm on earth. Giving is where we find the true meaning and purpose for our lives.

I invite you to express your support of Hillcrest Congregational UCC – whether you are a member or not – by pledging. Remember, there is no “right amount” to pledge; prayerfully consider how God is inviting you to stretch your faith. We are grateful for *every* pledge and *every* gift, no matter the amount, because every time we give, that gift becomes ministry and mission.

May this new year be one of new beginnings, exciting adventures, and countless opportunities for our individual and communal growth – filled with hope, resilience, and the fulfillment of dreams.

Grace & Peace,

Rev. Wendy

❄ Hillcrest Happenings ❄

Thank You!

Thank you for donating new socks for men, women, youth, children, and infants to our Advent service project. We collected a total of 263 pairs of socks, which will be distributed to those in need by Hilltop Family Resource Center.



Un-Hanging the Greens

Saturday, January 13, 10:00 a.m.

Bring your leftover Christmas goodies to share while we take down decorations.



Rev. Wendy is available for drop-in conversation twice monthly:

FIRST Tuesday, 9 – 11 a.m., at the Coffee Trader, Main St.

THIRD 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.



Church Council

The Church Council will meet on the **3rd Sunday** of January after worship and fellowship.



Would you like to become a member of Hillcrest Congregational UCC?

We will be welcoming new members on **Sunday, January 21**.

If you would like to join the church, please contact Rev. Wendy, (303) 913-2123 or revwendykidd@gmail.com.

Annual Congregational Meeting & Potluck

January 28, following worship.

Please bring a dish to share as we review the past year and plan for 2024.

OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT

We still have one office for rent:

Office D: 360 sq ft w/ small closet, \$360/month

Renters have access to the kitchen and meeting space.

Interested renters may contact the Church Office, (970) 249-9047,
or Rev. Wendy, (303) 913-2123.

Worship Accompanist

We are still looking for a piano/organ accompanist for the second and fourth Sundays of each month. We are also seeking other musicians who would be willing to play (solo/ensemble). Please contact Rev. Wendy, (303) 913-2123 or revwendykidd@gmail.com, for more information.



If you wish to donate items, in January we are collecting crackers and chips. 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."

PASTOR'S VACATION

Rev. Wendy is on vacation from **December 25 through January 17**.

We welcome Chaplain Timothy Lister as our pulpit supply.

If you have pastoral care needs during this time, please contact Lael Van Riper at (970) 249-0733, (970) 901-8109, or lvanriper5@gmail.com.

Happy New Year!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 	2	3	4	5	6 
7 	8	9	10	11	12	13 <i>Un-Hanging the Greens</i> 10 am
14	15 	16	17	18 Coffee ☕ & Talk San Juan Brews 2-4 pm	19	20
21  	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Annual Congregational Meeting & Potluck	29	30	31	<p style="text-align: center;"> “And now we welcome the new year. Full of things that have never been.” – Rainer Maria Rilke </p>		