

THE OUTREACH

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Hillcrest Congregational United Church of Christ
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June 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

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our records. Call (970)
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Pastor's Ponderings

"Then I heard the voice of Adonai (the Lord) saying, 'Whom should I send? Who will go for us?' I answered, 'I'm here, send me!'" — Isaiah 6:8, *Complete Jewish Bible*

The Season After Pentecost gives us a chance to center on the joys and costs of discipleship (i.e., living out the teachings of Jesus in a way that is relevant to contemporary challenges and inclusive of diverse perspectives). The central theme for the season is "Here I Am," based on the call of the prophet Isaiah. Before he can hear and respond to the call, however, Isaiah first recognizes the need of the people: the gap between who they are and the Holy One in whose image they are created. Isaiah receives the gift of grace and eagerly responds to share that grace with others. This is our calling as the church: to be receivers and messengers of the good news that encountering the Holy One gives hope, reconciliation, and new life.

This month's sermon series is an invitation to renewal for the body of Christ to respond to the call to public witness, loving presence, and hope-filled ministry with an enthusiastic and resounding...*Here I Am*.

Join us on Sunday mornings (or view the sermon videos on YouTube, Facebook, or the HCUCC website) as we explore what discipleship means for us today through the themes of Sabbath, Kin-dom, Seed, Faith, and Healing.

Grace & Peace,

Rev. Wendy

(Adapted from "Here I Am: 2024 After Pentecost Series Roadmap," by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship & Theology, UCC)

Hillcrest Happenings

Youth FORMATION CLASS

Youth are meeting on ***the first Sunday of the month*** (June – August) following worship and fellowship.

Topics include the Bible, Christianity, the Church, and our beliefs.
Lunch is provided.



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.



Montrose Pride 2024 Rainbow in the Rockies

June 8, 2024, Rotary Amphitheater, 3:00 – 8:00 p.m.
the first annual Pride Celebration in Montrose County. With a full set list of performers, including comedians, drag performers and live music, Montrose Pride celebrated the diversity and individuality of the vibrant LGBTQIA2S+

community. Bring the whole family and enjoy great food, diverse vendors, and entertainment!



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



****Please note the day changes.****

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.



Our website, <https://www.montroseucc.org/>, has a new look, thanks to Shelly Spalding. On the website, you can find a brief history of HCUCC, our Open & Affirming Covenant, sermon videos, newsletters, calendar, a contact link, and more. Shelly will be adding more photos, links, and information over the coming months. If you have any questions or suggestions, please reach out to her, sjspalding@hotmail.com.



SHARING MINISTRIES FOOD BANK



If you wish to donate items, in June we are collecting canned meats (tuna, chicken). 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>“Christian discipleship is a decision to walk in [Jesus’] ways, steadily and firmly, and then finding that the way integrates all our interests, passions, and gifts, our human needs, and eternal aspirations. It is the way of life we were created for.” — Eugene Peterson</p>						1
2 Communion SUNDAYS Youth FORMATION CLASS	3	4	5	6 BOOK STUDY 12:30-1:30 pm	7	8 Montrose Pride
						ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE UCC ANNUAL CELEBRATION
9 Church Council Meeting	10	11 Coffee & Talk Coffee Trader 9-11 am	12	13	14 FLAG DAY	15
16 FATHER'S DAY	17	18	19 Juneteenth	20 BOOK STUDY 12:30-1:30 pm Women's Union 2-3 pm	21	22
23	24	25 67 th Anniversary of the UCC	26	27 Coffee & Talk San Juan Brews 2-4 pm	28	29
30 ONA Sunday	<p>“God’s call disrupts the lives of settled people, both in biblical times and now. God sends, then and now, to transform the present world... into the world God intends. Discipleship and evangelism are, therefore, ... about an alternative way of being in the world for the sake of the world.” — Walter Brueggemann</p>					