

# THE OUTREACH

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

Please let us know if you  
change your address,  
phone number, or email  
address so we can update  
our records. Call (970)  
249-9047 or email  
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## Pastor's Ponderings

In the liturgical calendar, Easter is not just a day, it's a season. For the seven weeks of Eastertide (this year, April 7 to May 19), I invite you to join me for an Easter series, "Resurrection Stories," that proclaims that we are a people who believe that "do-overs" are possible. The stories of Jesus' post-resurrection appearances live alongside modern-day turn-around stories to inspire and encourage us to live fully as "Easter people."

We all experience the death of something in our lives. Of course, there are the deaths of people we love and the grief that seems to engulf us, and eventually the resurrection of hope to live on without them. But there are other kinds of death that we experience as well: death of a dream; death of an image of ourselves that we always thought we'd be; death of connections and identities; death in the midst of life that involves being captive to death-dealing circumstances or substances. If the Church is to be "Good News," then telling "Resurrection Stories" is part of the Easter message – a message that is not just for a day – and it is a good thing the Easter season lasts seven weeks until Pentecost because we need these hopeful stories so much!

Do you have your own "Resurrection Story" that you would like to share? If so, reach out to me, [revwendykidd@gmail.com](mailto:revwendykidd@gmail.com).

Grace & Peace,

*Rev. Wendy*

# ☂ Hillcrest Happenings ☂



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](mailto:revwendykidd@gmail.com), to schedule coffee and/or conversation.



## Church Council



The Church Council *will not* meet this month due to the Quarterly Congregational Meeting (details below).

### 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



## QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & POTLUCK

Sunday, April 21, following worship.

Please bring a dish to share.

## ♥ Blood Pressure Checks ♥

Raye Highland, retired nurse, will be available to check blood pressures on Sunday, April 21, following worship.



*Women's Union*

The Women's Union meets on the 4th Thursday of the month from 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. in Von Hagen Hall.



## BOOK STUDY



Book Study begins Thursday, May 2, 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

We will be 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.



## Rummage Sale



**April 19 & 20**

Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. • Saturday, 8:00 a.m. – Noon

Set up on Thursday, April 18, 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Donations (please, no large electronics e.g., TVs, PCs, printers, stereos) may be dropped off in Von Hagen Hall by April 18.

Proceeds benefit the HCUCC Women's Union and Sharing Ministries (personal hygiene products project).

Please bring your own bag(s) to the sale.



## SHARING MINISTRIES FOOD BANK



If you wish to donate items, in April we are collecting paper products (paper towels, toilet paper, napkins). 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."



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](mailto:sjspalding@hotmail.com).

## *Thank You!*

Bill & I are at a loss for words to express our appreciation for everything you incredible people have done for us. I really had no clue how well everything would work out for us during the post-op period from my hip surgery. God knew. He sent a flock of angels to help us. Those angels (ya'll, as Shelly would say) provided meals, groceries, trips to doctor appointments, dog walks and play dates, and putting on my knee-high support stockings.

God led us to the right church after we moved to Montrose.

Thank you & Christ's blessings,

*Raye Highland & Bill Brown*



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>  April Fools Day	<b>2</b>  Coffee Talk Coffee Trader 9-11 am	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> <i>Communion</i> SUNDAYS	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  Coffee Talk San Juan Brews 2-4 pm	<b>Rummage Sale</b>	
<b>21</b>  Quarterly Congregational Meeting & Potluck	<b>22</b>  Earth Day	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  Women's Union 12:30-2 pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<p>“The divine is not something high above us.            It is in heaven, it is in earth, it is inside us.”</p> <p>— Morihei Ueshiba</p>			