

THE OUTREACH

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Hillcrest Congregational United Church of Christ
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July 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 Prayground and Infants' Room Available

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Pastor's Ponderings

As most of you are aware, over the past few months I have been providing some pastoral support and pulpit supply for Community Spirit UCC. Their pastor, Rev. Karen Winkel, had taken a three-month leave of absence to care for an elderly parent. With the realization that her parent needed more extensive care, Rev. Karen made the difficult decision to fully resign her position.

The CSUCC leadership team has spent the past three months seeking a bridge pastor to assist them with worship and other pastoral duties while they discern a way forward. Given the part-time nature of the position and the challenges individuals face moving to Montrose (e.g., housing), this has not been an easy task.

I have agreed, with the support of our Church Council, to serve as CSUCC's bridge pastor for six months. While we are working out the details of our agreement, they are fully aware of my commitments to and with HCUCC (e.g., youth faith formation, church council, congregational meetings) and are committed to being flexible with worship times, etc. Additionally, the leadership of both churches and I have committed to regularly assessing this arrangement, with a formal evaluation in September/October.

I will have more details to share at our quarterly congregational meeting on July 21. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me via phone, email, or in person.

My prayer is that the next six months are a time of bridge building, healing, and finding common ground together.

Grace & Peace,

Rev. Wendy

★ ☆ ★ Hillcrest Happenings ★ ☆ ★



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.



****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.



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.



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



and Quarterly Congregational Meeting

Sunday, July 21, following worship.

Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided.

Please sign up at Sunday worship to bring items.

🌸 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 July we are collecting canned soups. 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."




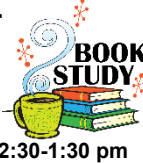


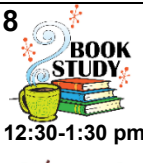


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	 <p>BOOK STUDY 12:30-1:30 pm INDEPENDENCE Day</p>	5	6
<p>7 <i>Communion</i> SUNDAY Youth FORMATION CLASS</p>	8	<p>9 Coffee  Talk Coffee Trader 9-11 am</p>	10	11	12	13
<p>14  Church Council Meeting</p>	15	16	17	 <p>BOOK STUDY 12:30-1:30 pm Women's Union 2-3 pm</p>	19	20
<p>21 CHURCH  & Quarterly Congregational Meeting</p>	22	23	24	<p>25 Coffee  Talk San Juan Brews 2-4 pm</p>	26	27
28	29	30	31	<p>“May we think of freedom, not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right.” – Peter Marshall</p>		