REACHING IN COMMITTEE
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC, GAYLORD, MI
October 19, 2026

Members Present: Greg (pastor), Maggie (chair), Rokko (secretary-via zoom), Sharon, Mona, Helen M.

OPENING PRAYER: Maggie

ART PROJECT
Sharon outlined our Advent art project. Using a design from Sanctified Art that mirrors each week's message, the congregation will "color in" that week's portion in the Fellowship Hall after church. The design will be displayed weekly in church, and over the course of Advent, the whole design will be colored in.

PULPIT SUPPLY
- we are considering possibilities for 11/15

- Greg will be here in December, will miss two Sundays in January

ANNUAL MEETING
Our Annual Meeting will be after service 11/22."Hanging of the Greens" will follow. The candleholders are ready!

SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
Instead of a regular service, we are considering a "breakfast" service in the Fellowship Hall for this date, with guided discussions to be held around table groups

WORSHIP THEMES FOR NEW YEAR

- Our Advent series (11/29/26-1/2/27) will be “Until the Dawn” (developed by Sanctified Art).
- We will use the lectionary between our Advent series and our Lenten theme

Ash Wednesday is 2/10/27
Easter is 3/28/27

SABBATICAL
Greg and the Council are considering a month-long sabbatical for Greg in April. We are pursuing the idea of bringing in and paying a worship leader for those four Sundays.

PASTORAL CARE:
Check the weekly Bulletin and monthly Newsletter for those needing our care.

CLOSING PRAYER: Greg

NEXT MEETINGS: Monday 11/2/26 10 AM
Monday 12/7/26 Noon