

REACHING IN COMMITTEE  
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC, GAYLORD, MI  
January 5, 2026

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

OPENING PRAYER: Maggie

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS REVIEW

- we could have better explained the connection between the sermon series and the altar display
- window candles need replacement; Helen M and Mona will help choose, and Women's Fellowship may supply the funds
- we can tweak the lighting for Christmas Eve
- the Advent Weaving Project was very successful, and the finished tapestry will remain on display in the sanctuary for awhile
- Caroling reached its targets, including Ilah and Sharon's Mom. We sang in the main room at The Brook, and also in hallways there to reach more people
- overall, a great season!

PULPIT SUPPLY

- Laura H will lead worship 1/18,
- Rokko will lead either 2/1 or 2/15
- We will see if Judy is available for one of the February slots
- February Communion Sunday will be 2/8
- Greg has not yet determined his March dates

CONFIRMATION

- The confirmation classes are going strong. The group (from our church and Peace Lutheran) will be presenting this week's Community Meal

LENT/EASTER

- We will use Sanctified Arts material: "Tell Me Something Good"
- Ash Wednesday 2/18 6 PM in the sanctuary
- Sharon may have a new Maundy Thursday activity to suggest. Her ideas for previous years (Stations of the Cross, Symbolic Seder) were well-attended and meaningful

OTHER

- Liz will be assuming Jessica's finance role in the near future

PASTORAL CARE:

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

CLOSING PRAYER: Greg

NEXT MEETING Monday 2/26 noon