

REACHING IN COMMITTEE  
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC, GAYLORD, MI  
May 8, 2025

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

OPENING PRAYER: Maggie

REVIEW OF LENT/SEDER

- Maundy Thursday 4/17: “Symbolic Seder” was a great success—a meaningful evening with good participation and many helping hands! We’ll try something special and different for next year.
- Good Friday 4/18: noon—St. Andrew’s; this ecumenical event had good participation from the four churches, and included a combined choir singing a Good Friday song.
- 7 PM Peace Lutheran—some of our congregants also attended this moving tenebrae service

CHILD PROTECTION

- all church participants who work with youth have passed background checks and have attended an informational session outlining the guidelines in place

SERMON SERIES THEMES

- We will use the Lectionary for a few months
- We are taking our first look at possible Advent materials
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PULPIT SUPPLY

- Helen C will cover 5/11
- Laura H will cover 6/8
- 6/22 still needs coverage, when both Greg and Rokko will be out-of-town
- Maggie will cover 8/3 and preside over Communion

SUMMER OUTDOOR SERVICES/PICNIC

- Outdoor services will be held (weather permitting) on the last Sunday of June, July, and August (6/29, 7/27, 8/31)
- We will hold our Annual Picnic here after the 8/31 service

CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY

- We discussed how to encourage the congregation to complete an upcoming survey that will be used to inform our church’s long-range planning

PASTORAL CARE:

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

CLOSING PRAYER: Greg

NEXT MEETING  
Monday 2 June Noon

SUBMITTED BY ROKKO