

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC

South Haven, MI

August 2022

BAKERS: If you'd like to help make a pie(s), muffins, breads, or coffee-cakes, for this year's sale, blueberries are available at the church in the chest freezer in the storage room off of the kitchen.

Hours for selling will be the same as the AAUW Book sale, Friday, August 12th, 9-5, and Saturday, August 13th, 9-Noon.

Please bring your baked goods to the church Library (across from the church office) by 5 p.m. Thursday, August 11th. Volunteers will price the goods. Please mark what the items are. Sugar free items are welcomed.

This year's sale will be at the CHURCH ONLY, not at the park or downtown.

Thank you in advance for your help!

Say More About That...Second Sunday Soup Supper

Join us for a lite supper, soup provided. Come ready to be part of a conversation that asks you to 'say more about that'. We will listen deeply, laugh together, solve the world's problems as we share a meal and talk about more than the weather.

This event will happen on August 14th at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Dani and David Veenstra (1220 Monroe Blvd.).

For details on what to bring contact Dani at 616-232-7307, or e-mail her at daniveenstra54@gmail.com

DINING WITH 6

New Name Same Set Up Season 2

Find a partner and sign up for 4 fun filled meals and conversations in the coming year. A partner can be a spouse, friend, family member, or guest. Three groups make 6.

Groups change each season according to a schedule. For example, the fall season (Sept., Oct., Nov.) with 9 couples:

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Couples listed first host: (set the date and time, provide the main dish).

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Couples listed second provide rolls and salad.

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The last would be dessert.

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Meals can be brunch, or lunch, or go into the next season if needed.

To participate, a sign up sheet is in the Narthex, on the same board as the blueberry information. (look for the large orange arrow).

After a hiatus of meeting by Zoom, the Prayer Group will begin meeting again in person on Thursdays, at 2:30 p.m., beginning with August 4th.



What exactly happens at Prayer Group? We meet to pray for those in need, and as individuals, we continue praying for those on our list during the week.

There are two lists; one is just for the Prayer Group and the names are kept confidential within that group. The second list is printed in the bul-

letin each week so members of the congregation can pray for them. A persons name can't be put on that list unless the person themselves wants it to be. We don't need to know why you need prayer, unless you want to share, only that you are asking for prayers.

The group also invites you to join them in this important ministry. You are not required to lead prayers unless you'd like to.

If you, or someone you know, is need of prayer, please contact Nancy Garber, 637-3920, or email, chucknancy@comcast.net. There is also a white box located in the Narthex for you to fill out a slip and leave in there. You can also call the church office, 637-3804, or email church@uccsouthhaven.com

COUNCIL NEWS

At the July 26 Church Council meeting the plan was approved to host a Restorative Conversation led by the Lombard Peace Mennonite Center, for all interested members of our church family. The intention of this meeting is to 'help members process the events that occurred which led to the departures of our Bridge Pastor and Associate Pastor.'

It is hoped this gathering will "clarify misunderstandings, reduce tensions between members, heal hurts and strengthen relationships."

The facilitator, Dr. Devon Miller, will be doing some phone interviews prior to the meeting. The committee of Kris Ayers, Dani Veenstra, and Nancy Garber, will be working with him to set a date. These three people deserve our thanks for their work in getting this project going.

Elaine Fluck, Moderator

Kris Ayers is |   KING for a Super 8 film projector or splicer? Contact her at 637-8762 if you or know someone, who might be able to help her out.

NEW BEGINNINGS

Rev. Dr. Lillian Daniel

Welcome to the Michigan Conference, UCC



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

One hundred and forty-six churches, six Conference Associations, along with members of Staff and the Board of Directors of the Michigan Conference UCC are excited to welcome Rev. Dr. Lillian Daniel as our new Conference Minister. Our hope is that as she travels about the State of Michigan visiting and attending meetings; the uniqueness and diversity of each church will become apparent of all that we represent. I'm sure there will be many "Lillian Sightings" to report as Rev. Daniel familiarizes herself with her new surroundings, our churches and the people within them. With new beginnings there will be relationship building which entails sharing new visions as well as keeping and blending some of our past visions. There is excitement and anticipation as we transition into another season in the life of our beloved Conference.

We look forward to the installation of Rev. Dr. Lillian Daniel as our sixth Conference Minister at our Annual Gathering. This will be a historical installation as Rev. Daniel will be the first female to be installed in this position. Please make sure you register for this event which will be held via zoom on October 22, 2022 with the theme titled "**Facing Change with Courage**" so that you can witness this special event.

Rev. Daniel, may God grant you peace and joy, allowing you to grow in knowledge and faith with this new path in your journey with Christ.

Yours in Christ,

Judith Booker
Board President
Michigan Conference United Church of Christ

On Vacation

Victoria, our Office Manager, will be on vacation August 12–21. The office will be open that week on Monday and Wednesday only, 9–Noon.

If you have a pastoral need during that time please contact Don Kitchin. 873-1119

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FREE CONCERT

September 1, 2022

5:30–7:30 p.m.

Fenn Valley Winery
Music in the Vineyard
featuring

Diane and Lisa Van Deurzen-Otey
performing Jazz and Blues

Bring lawn chairs. Food and wine will be available to purchase, or you may bring your own picnic.

Fenn Valley Winery is located at:
6130 122nd Ave.
Fennville, Michigan

AUGUST PROVIDERS

Supply Ministers

7– Catherine Batten Balk
14– Dani Veenstra
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28– Dani Veenstra

Lay Leaders

7– Sue Murphey
14– Diane Ritchie
21– Rick Olsen
28– Diane Ritchie

Deacons for the month

Don and Elaine Kitchin

For you Golf lovers

One day, Moses, Jesus and a old man were playing golf. They got to a water hole, and Moses was up to tee off first. So, he took his shot, and it landed squarely in the water. But Moses parted the water, took another shot, and landed next to the cup.

Jesus was up next, and his shot ended up close to the same place. But Jesus walked out onto the water, and took another shot. He landed even closer to the cup.

The old man stepped up, and took his shot. He also landed in almost the same spot, in the middle of the water. But a frog came by, and picked up the ball. It started to hop away when an eagle came swooping down on it, carrying it over the green. As it flew over, the frog dropped the ball. The ball then rolled into the hole for a perfect hole-in-one.

Moses then turns to Jesus and says, *“I hate playing golf with your father.”*



01– Dan Thompson
03– Sarah Campbell
05– Joan Gruber
10– Doug Schnepf
11– Jerry Gruber
16– Ron Danczyk, Jr.
18– Liam Cochran
24– Doug Gruber
25– Denise Muck
26– Donna Schnepf
29– Donna Capps
29– PJ Lindemann
30– Sean Peterson

10– Wes & Elaine Stephens
11– John & Sue Gillett–55th
15– Rick & Linda Olsen
21– David & Kathy Campbell–40th
24– Tom & Karen Ruesink
31– Jack & Millicent Huminsky
Michael Hoyt & Sarah Campbell