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## Worship This Sunday, August 22

This Sunday will be the sixth and final part of a message series entitled: Finding God. This Sunday we will be exploring how to find God in healing. Do you or someone you know need some type of healing? The message will be followed by a time of healing prayer.

Our worship is in-person and available live on Facebook.

Feel free to submit prayer requests here or directly to Pastor Dick at [pastor@uccsouthhaven.com](mailto:pastor@uccsouthhaven.com)

Also, do follow our church page to keep informed.

**MASKS:** Given the rise in Covid-19 cases in Van Buren County, the Diaconate & Trustees are following the Van Buren/Cass Health Departments recommendation that all people are encouraged to wear a mask for worship as well as anywhere in the building. We invite you to bring a mask to worship.

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

### **Sunday:**

Worship at 9:30 in person and on FB  
Blueberry meeting, after worship

### **Monday:**

Pulpit Committee, 12:30 p.m.

### **Tuesday:**

Prayer Group, 1:30 p.m. (Zoom)  
Church Council, 6:30 p.m.

### **Wednesday:**

Men's coffee, 9 a.m., Fellowship Hall

**Thursday:**

Men's coffee, 9 a.m., Lounge  
Women's breakfast, 9 a.m., Six Chicks  
Memorial Committee, 11 a.m.

**Monday/Wednesday/Friday**

10 a.m. to Noon—Food Pantry

**Church Office Hours**

9:30—1:30 p.m.—M-F

Contact the church office if you are interested in joining any of these events.

**Blueberry Meeting on Sunday**

I'm inviting anyone interested in future blueberry endeavors for a meeting after church on Sunday. All ideas/suggestions are welcome.

*-Theresa Gleason*

**Children's Ministry- Sunday School**

We will have a special activities for children this Sunday, August 22 at 2:00 at the church. The focus will be on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm and how God is our Shepherd.

Our new children's schedule has begun: Sunday School will occur every first and third Sundays of the month during the worship service. We will be having Sunday afternoon activities on the second and fourth Sundays of the month.

**Young Adult Ministry**

Our kayak event is next Sunday, August 29 at 2:00. We'll be meeting at Black River Park Marina and Boat Launch. You can bring your own kayak or rent a kayak there. This is for all young adults (18-55) and their families.

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**Tuesday Prayer Group**

If you have prayer requests, please let the church office know. These will be added to the Tuesday and Sunday lists .

Please hold the following in your prayers:

Novella Barden

Chip Harris

Margaret Guimond

Sharon McNicholas

Miriam Dick

Keyana Dick and children

Cindy Morris

Lillian Jones

### **Grieving**

Family & friends of Ralph Frost

Family & friends of Gary Scott, who died earlier this month in Florida.

**Memorial Service** for Bill Sinclair, father of Laura Bos, will be held Saturday, August 21st at 10 a.m. here at the church.

We pray for our brothers and sisters at **Pilgrim Congregational Church (ONA) in St. Joseph.**

## **CHURCH NEWS**

### **Adult Bible Class On WEDNESDAYS**

The Adult Bible Class will begin to meet at 7 pm on WEDNESDAY evenings this fall, beginning on September 1<sup>st</sup>. The class will be offered on Zoom AND IN PERSON. The Zoom link will be published each week. Those who wish to meet in person, the class will meet in the lounge. We hope this will accommodate as many people as possible.

Each Wednesday the group will look at the primary scripture passage for the coming Sunday. During September that will be the Book of James.

### **Coming Soon!**

The 2021 BEGINNING

HANDBELL EXPERIENCE  
September 13, 20 and 27  
In the Sanctuary, immediately  
following the service.  
Try it out!  
Brandish Some Bronze!  
30 pain-free minutes, and a few laughs!  
All are welcome – Bring a friend!

### **Church Council**

The Church Council will meet on Tuesday at 6:30 in Fellowship Hall. Here is a brief look at their agenda. The full agenda is posted in the Narthex at church. All are welcome to attend.

#### *Committee Reports and Actions:*

Trustees: Staff has updated the Building Use Policy with fees. Trustees still reviewing.

Congregation approved selling the parsonage in the future. Trustees working on this.

Blueberry Festival – Success!! Many thanks to all volunteers. Amount raised after expenses, \$ 5,788. Much thanks to Sarah Peterson on getting us supplies at a much reduced rate.

Pulpit Committee: Sarah Peterson is the chairperson, Dan Thompson is the secretary. They have met with Rev. Ruth Moerdyk and will have met on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

#### *Business:*

COVID-19 updates: Currently requesting people to wear a mask inside the building.

Vitality Grant: Needs a vote of support.

Fall Celebration: The Generosity Team was planning this event to celebrate the end of COVID – which unfortunately hasn't happened. Therefore, they have canceled this event. Instead, this event will be held as a fall kickoff event with the hope of drawing some children and youth to visit the church. More info to come.

#### *Annual Meeting:*

Need to set a date.

Nominating Committee to meet and submit nominations to Council by the October Council meeting.

Personnel Committee will need to complete Staff Reviews by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Boards' budget requests for 2022 need to be submitted to Trustees by their October meeting.

Holiday Bazaar committee: Karen Morey is chairing this event with the assistance of Sue Winter. Need to have two more people.

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