

Worship This Sunday, August 29

For South Haven students, Monday is back to school. We will lift up our teachers, staff, students and parents during our time of prayer. Our Scripture lesson is from the Gospel of Mark, chapter 7. In verse 14 and 15, Jesus says: "The food that you put into your mouth doesn't make you unclean and unfit to worship God. The bad words that come out of your mouth are what make you unclean." Important words as we start off a new school year for all to hear.

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

Feel free to submit prayer requests here or directly to Pastor Dick at

pastor@uccsouthhaven.com

Also, do follow our church page to keep informed.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday: Worship at 9:30 in person and on FB Young Adult Ministry outing, 2 p.m. Tuesday: Prayer Group, 1:30 p.m. (Zoom) 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

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.

Furniture moving

On Sunday after worship, we could use some help moving furniture in the lower church school rooms to prepare for fall.

Many hands make quick work.

Young Adult Ministry

Our kayak event is this 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. Don't forget your water!

Adult Bible Class On WEDNESDAYS

The Adult Bible Class will begin to meet at 7 pm beginning this week, September 1st. 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.

Children's Ministry

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. We will not have any children's activity on August 29. Our next activity will be Sunday School during the 9:30 worship service on September 5.

> 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 report

Pulpit Committee: Sarah Peterson is the chairperson, Dan Thompson is the secretary. They have met twice. They are working on the Church Profile at this time.

Fall Celebration – Community Picnic:

This event is planned for Sunday, September 26th. The event will focus children and youth. It will run from 11:30 to 1:30. There will be food (hot dogs and chips, drinks and brownies). There will be a bounce house and one or two other games for children. There will be information on fall events and children and youth programming at the church. The lower level will be available for tours. SAVE THE DATE – all are welcome!

Annual Meeting: This will be held on Sunday, November 14th at 11:30 a.m. The Nominating committee is working on securing people to serve in 2022. Board and committee reports are due in the church office by 15th. Budget requests due to the Trustees by October 12th.

Blueberry Festival: Much discussion about this event for next year. Do we continue, do we change the way it is done, or not do it at all. A group met Sunday after church to discuss ideas. The congregation is invited to share their thoughts with council members. Council will look at this at its October meeting.

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:

School teachers and staff, students and parents

Novella Barden Chip Harris Margaret Guimond Sharon McNicholas Keyana Dick and children Cindy Morris Lillian Jones

We pray for our brothers and sisters at **Zion St. Joe in St. Joseph**.

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