

# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC

South Haven, MI

November 2022

## Problem-Solving Session

November 2, 2022  
6-9 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall



In this three-hour session, members of FCC will be given the opportunity to work together in small groups on creative solutions for the current challenges facing FCC. This session would be based on key areas already identified in the previous Restorative Conversation LMPC facilitated on August 10, 2022. The goal for this session would be for FCC to have a shared plan in addressing these key areas moving forward.

## Family Fellowship Night

Sunday, November 6th  
5:00pm at the Church

Come and spend an evening of fun and fellowship together. We will be sharing a meal together and then having a Game Night.

You're invited to bring a dish to share and your favorite game or a deck of cards.

All are welcome to join!  
We hope to see you there!



*Prayers for continued healing of our church family:*

Joyce Thompson  
Alicia Garrison  
Stuart Comiskey

**Grieving**

Family of Paul Rood  
Family of Ted Williams  
Family of Marilyn Hulst, sister of Chuck Garber

**Congratulations** to Joe and Paris O'Niel who were married in the church on October 1st.



**Thursday Night Suppers Cancelled**

The suppers will not be held this year. Our gracious donors of the meals have to bow out this year. First Congregational Church has appreciated the relationship we have had for so many years.

Once released from the strict COVID restrictions we were able to hand out meals as a drive-thru. The community certainly appreciated that extra effort.

We give thanks to the following groups who have faithfully helped out on a designated Thursday each month.

South Haven Kiwanis Club  
South Haven Rotary Club  
Scouts  
Beta Sorority

and of course countless members of First Congregational Church each week.

**Adopt-a-Days from October**

In memory of my mom, Miriam Dick, who died Oct 2nd. Given by Jeffrey.

Sign up for your favorite day(s)!  
See the calendar in the Narthex!



**Sunday, November 6th** Daylight Savings Time Ends!

Turn your clocks back one hour as you head to bed Saturday night so as not to be early for church.

## 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 5:30 p.m. at the home of Dani and David Veenstra (1220 Monroe Blvd.) on **November 13th**.

For details on what to bring contact Dani at 616-232-7307, or e-mail her at [daniveenstra54@gmail.com](mailto:daniveenstra54@gmail.com)

**NOVEMBER 13th  
ANNUAL MEETING  
11:30 A.M.  
Sanctuary**

### Musically Speaking

We would like to thank you all for your ongoing support of the music ministry at First Congregational. We love hearing from you! Your input helps us choose songs that support Pastor Dani's themes and inspire you all to sing along. Please share your thoughts with us in person, give us a call, 520.834.5366, or send us an email, [dianeandlisa@owlsnestmusic.com](mailto:dianeandlisa@owlsnestmusic.com).

We are delighted to announce that the Hymn Sing will again be part of our services, beginning Nov. 6 with special guest musicians, Mary Pietenpol and Karen Ruesink. Throughout November, various choir members will lead the Hymn Sing as Prelude to the 10:30am service.

Please come early and call out your favorite hymns!

Your Music Directors,  
Diane & Lisa Van Deurzen-Otey

The Annual Meeting of the church will be held following worship. At this meeting we will hear a financial report, approve the budget for 20203 and elect officers. There will also be a vote to accept an addition to the Constitution and By-laws.

Do plan to attend this meeting.





## Let's try a low-commitment handbell choir for December

One rehearsal! (Saturday morning, Dec. 17) and One chance to play in church on Sunday, Dec. 18. There will be a simple lesson and a modest part for any brand-new ringer who wants to try this, and support from the more experienced musicians.

I will need a rock-solid commitment from participants who are willing to attend the Saturday rehearsal as well as the Sunday morning worship service by November 21<sup>st</sup>. Then I will choose the appropriate music, and confer with you about the level of complexity of your part (anything from 1 bell, rung a few times, to as much as you are comfortable with). *You'll get to see the music ahead of time (No Surprises!) and hear what it's supposed to sound like.*

Decide now! Notify Ann Habicht at [ahabicht@rocketmail.com](mailto:ahabicht@rocketmail.com)!

You could be the needed note that makes the song complete! Bring handbells to worship again.

### Saturday, November 19th



Crafts, greens, and cookies will fill Fellowship Hall from 9-3 p.m. There will be a few crafters in the entry hallway.

The main attraction is South Haven Garden Club and annual greens, and Al-Van Cookie Caper. You'll be able to choose your favorite plate of assorted cookies.

## Share this Information

We Care has established deadlines for this year's sign ups regarding food baskets and presents for children. If you know of anyone that can use any of these services this year please pass the info on.

**Thanksgiving Basket**—before Nov. 11th

**Christmas Basket**—before Dec. 12th

*(Recipients can only sign up for one of the holiday baskets)*

**Project Christmas Hope**—before Dec. 12th  
(toys for children)



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### Birthdays

11/01 Barb Wittkop  
11/02 Kyle Bos  
11/04 Felimon Saucedo  
11/10 David Wellever  
11/10 Mark McClendon  
11/27 Marcia Claggett

### Anniversaries

11/18 Mike & Nancy Nelson  
11/30 Doug & Donna Schnepf