Worship This Sunday: October 17th

Our worship series continues with the theme of Travel as a spiritual act. Where do we see God at work when we travel? Our Gospel lesson has Jesus traveling to Samaria where he meets a woman at the well of Jacob. His journey to a foreign land has significant impact on the future of the church. The story is in John chapter 4.

Children's Ministry

Sunday School will be every first and third Sundays during the worship service. This coming Sunday, October 17 is our next Sunday School following Children's Moment during worship.

Worship is in person and on Zoom. Do plan to attend this service.

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.

Final Seminar

The last of the "Preparing for the end of life" offerings entitled "Planned Giving", will be at 11:30 on Sunday, October 17th. You may attend in person or watch online.

The focus of the seminar is to introduce numerous options for making a planned gift to the church. Your surviving family members and your church will greatly appreciate your effort.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday:

Worship at 10:30 in person and on FB Planned Giving seminar, 11:30 Book Study, 4 p.m.–(Zoom) **Tuesday:** Generosity Team mtg., 10 a.m. Prayer Group, 1:30 p.m. **Wednesday:** Women's breakfast, 9 a.m., (Six Chicks) Men's coffee, 9 a.m., (Fellowship Hall) Adult Class, 7 p.m., (Zoom and in person) **Thursday:** Men's coffee, 9 a.m., (Lounge)

Monday/Wednesday/Friday 10 a.m. to Noon–Food Pantry

Church Office Hours 9:30–1:30 p.m.

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

Youth Ministry

Youth Group has started up. Our next event is Saturday, the 16th, at 6 p.m. We are going to the Niles Scream Park.

Our next Pizza and Faith will be on Sunday, October 24 at 11:30 at the church.

Children's Ministry

We'll be having afternoon activities on the second and fourth Sundays at 2:00 at the church. Our next one will be on October 24 at 2:00 at the church.

The children are studying the armor of God. The kids are also now practicing to sing during worship on Nov. 7th. This is the Sunday they will all be receiving Bibles. They are led by Sarah Peterson.

Young Adult Ministry

The young adults (18-55), and their families, are encouraged to participate in the next Zoom Event, which will be on November 7th at 6:00 p.m. We will have an In House

Scavenger Hunt, a time to share thanks, and a reading of Thanksgiving Scriptures.

Contact Mike Tupper for Zoom connection information.

Pulpit Committee Survey

The committee has put together a survey of questions to get the congregation's input on the qualities a new pastor here should have.

Anyone may fill out a survey whether they are a member, or just active within the church. Surveys are open to anyone 13 years and older.

There are copies in the Narthex and you can paste the following in your search bar to fill the survey out online.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLSesk_oxhMW8YYIDtKkgvfoC0bEh1Wi0Pi biOWUIrYnBWnPwWg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0

DEADLINE TO FILL OUT SURVEY IS THE 20TH!

A CALL FOR SNOWPANTS

Winter is just around the corner, and with cold weather comes the need for warm outdoor clothing. The Mission Board has decided to collect snow pants for local area students between now and the end of October. *Youth sizes 6-8 and 10-12 are most needed*.

You can drop off new, or gently used, snow pants in the box located in the church's office hallway.

If you have any questions please contact Nancy Nelson, 269-370-5047.

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:

Jim Ingraham Novella Barden Chip Harris Margaret Guimond Sharon McNicholas Parents of Shelly Cowles Amy Jule Joy Church Josiah Trimble Alicia Barbara, Dan Thompson's sister Janice, Stuart Comiskey's sister

We pray for our brothers and sisters at **First Congregational (ONA), in Battle Creek.**

Congratulations to Carly McGarr and Ricardo Suarez, who were married Saturday, the 16th.

UNFAILING LOVE:

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

Rise Up and raise our voices in support of permanent housing for women, men, and non-binary persons.

The National Coalition for the Homeless categorizes homelessness into three types:

1 Chronic homelessness are people who consider shelters as their permanent home rather than just an emergency arrangement.

2 Transitional homelessness pertains to those who go to shelters for a short period of time before transitioning into a more stable home.

3 Episodic homelessness are individuals who go in and out of the homeless situation due to their personal problems regarding mental health, unemployment, and substance abuse.

Did you know that approximately 17 people per 10,000 experience homelessness each day?

As we begin to pivot away from a world too long shrouded under the grip of a pandemic, there will be those whose households were tragically impacted economically. To that end, 2021 NIN grants will support the needs of the unhoused/homeless.

For more information visit: <u>https://nationalhomeless.org/</u>

With your generous support, the UCC, through the 2021 NIN offering, helps its members live out their beliefs via acts of service.

Two-thirds of your donations to NIN support advocacy, programming, and grants. One-third of your generous gifts directly support CAIM.

ENVELOPES WILL BE IN THE PEWS FOR THIS SUNDAYS COLLECTION.