



Worship This Sunday: October 3

Join us this Sunday for a special service focused on healing and the touch of God. Do you need a healing touch from God or do you know someone who does? The message will include a story shared by Lori Tupper about her breast cancer journey and the final chapter in our study of James. The service will conclude with celebrating holy communion. It will also include the optional opportunity to be anointed for healing as directed in James 5:14. "If you are sick, ask the church leaders to come and pray for you. Ask them to put olive oil on you in the name of the Lord."

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.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday:

Worship at 10:30 in person and on FB
4 p.m.—Book Study (Zoom)

Tuesday:

NO 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 ONLY this week)

Thursday:

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

Monday/Wednesday/Friday

10 a.m. to Noon—Food Pantry

Church Office Hours

With Pastor Dick and Victoria gone this coming week, there will be limited office hours.

In case of a pastoral need, please contact Pastor Mike.

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

Music Director

The Church Council has affirmed the Music Board's decision to hire Diane & Lisa Van Deurzen-Otey as our Co-Music Directors. We have enjoyed their music this past year and look forward to them being with us. Please see their Welcome Letter in this email.

Book Study continues next three Sundays

Pastor Mike and Art Ayers, have chosen a book, ***Finding God in the Waves: How I Lost my Faith and Found It Again Through Science***, by Mike McHargue. The study is held at 4 p.m. by Zoom only. Speak with either of them to see if you can still join in.

Children's Ministry

This Sunday there will be Sunday School. We invite everyone to walk downstairs and see the new Children's Classroom with fresh handprints after worship!

We'll be travelling on October 10th to the Rood farm (72723 CR 378, Covert) for a Hayride and Bonfire at 2 p.m.

Normal schedule for Sunday School is every first and third Sundays during the worship service.

Adult Bible Class

This Wednesday, Pastor Mike will lead the class; it will be by ZOOM ONLY. If you would like to join, please contact Pastor Mike.

Zoom Movie Discussion of "Pray Away"

Join us this coming Thursday, October 7th at 7:00 p.m. for a Zoom discussion of the new Netflix documentary 'Pray Away'. Contact Pastor Mike for connection information at michaeljamestupper@yahoo.com. This is sponsored by the new Welcome Team. P.J. Lindemann will lead the discussion.

The movie explores the pain inflicted by 'ex-gay' ministries. It follows a brutal narrative arc of five gay evangelical Christians: From repression to proselytizing, to hypocrisy, to freedom, to devastating guilt. The documentary has a complicated task: to sympathize with its subjects as survivors without excusing their propagation of the same ideology that hurt other closeted Christians.

Rood Farm Hayride and Bonfire

The whole church is invited to come to this annual event on Sunday, October 10 at 2:00. Come and see the changes that are happening at the Rood Farm. Join in the Hayride and the Bonfire and so much more. It's located at 72723 CR 378 in Covert. Thanks to Paul and Phil for hosting us for this special event every year.

Youth Ministry

Youth Group has started up for all sixth thru twelfth graders. The next activity is the Rood Farm Hayride and Bonfire on Sunday, October 10 at 2:00 (72723 CR 378, Covert). The other activity will be the Niles Haunted House at the Niles Scream Park on Saturday, October 16. We'll meet at the church at **6:00** and travel to Niles together. You can invite a friend. You can order your **7:30 ticket** online for 17 dollars for the Haunted House. Let Pastor Mike if you plan to attend.

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

Young Adult Ministry

The young adults (18-55) and their families are encouraged to participate in the Rood Farm Hayride and Bonfire on Sunday, October 10 at 2:00.

The next Zoom Event 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.

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. 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/1FAIpQLSesk_oxhMW8YYIDtKkgvfoC0bEh1Wi0PibiOWUIrYnBWnPwWg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0

Worship Props Needed

Pastor Dick is looking for some items to use during worship for the last four Sundays

of October.

Looking for a couple of suitcases. At least one especially looking like it's traveled places (has stickers on the outside of those places). The other is a world globe.

If you can help with those items please leave them in the Narthex, with your name on them, so they can be returned.

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

Chip Harris

Margaret Guimond

Sharon McNicholas

Parents of Shelly Cowles

Amy Jule

Joy Church

We pray for our brothers and sisters at **Wide Awake UCC in Benton Harbor.**

Mission Trip

Please keep the following in your prayers as they travel to Houston Texas for a mission trip. Stuart Comiskey, Diane Ritchie, Dan Thompson, Victoria Henry and Jeffrey Dick. We are working with churches that suffered damaged last winter with the freeze. We will also be working at one of the largest soup kitchens in the U.S. Lastly, we will enjoy a dinner at Dan's daughters house (Meredith) on Thursday evening. Meredith is a regular participant with the Wednesday night Adult Class.



Hello, First Congregational UCC in South Haven!

We are so happy to be joining your community and working as Co-Music Directors. Our goal is to choose music which supports Pastor Jeffrey and Mike's themes and messages for Sunday Worship. We also hope that the music inspires you and makes you feel good. We are excited to work with all of you and hopefully encourage you to bring your musical talents into Sunday worship as well.

Lisa is originally from Oregon and Diane is from Wisconsin, but we have lived in Tucson, AZ for the last 30 years. We have been Music Directors at St. Francis In the Foothills in Tucson UMC for the last 28 years. We also worked at The Good Shepherd UCC in Sahuarita, AZ for the last 6 years. We have been fortunate to have traveled the world, performing at Jazz & Blues Festivals and venues in Switzerland, France, Germany, Belgium, Spain, The Netherlands, Canada, Mexico, and Australia.

After living in the Sonoran Desert for almost 3 decades, we are so happy to be making our new home in Michigan. We are even looking forward to the snow...well, only if Lisa shovels! We can't wait to get to know all of you!

Much love, Diane & Lisa Van Deurzen-Otey

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