

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC

South Haven, MI

October 2022

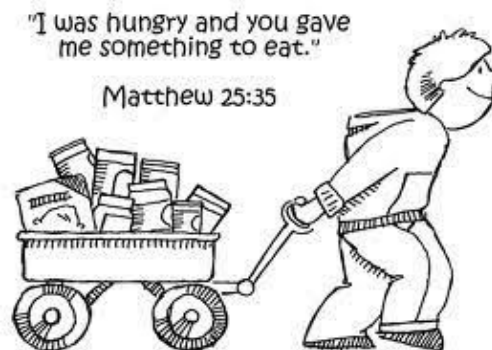


AT THE ROOD FARM
OCTOBER 9 1 PM
ALL AGES WELCOME!

Food Pantry collection month of October

Items that the pantry is in need of:

- Tuna Fish
- Canned fruits
- Canned vegetables
- Peanut butter
- Canned soups



A box will be in the Narthex for you to place your donations,
OR, drop them off to the office during the week.

Now through Sunday, October 16, we will be collecting various **playground equipment** for our South Haven public elementary schools. Please see the display in the Narthex for suggestions.



Prayers for continued healing of our church family:

Joyce Thompson
Alicia Garrison
Stuart Comiskey



Grieving

Family of Miriam Dick, mother of Jeffrey Dick

Congratulations to Joe O'Niel and Parris Johnson who were married here on October 1st.

Birthdays

10/01 Sue Winter
10/09 Benjamin Meyer
10/09 Jacob Meyer
10/10 Bennett Larson
10/15 John Gillett
10/15 Thomas Larson
10/18 Jacob Morey
10/22 Dani Veenstra
10/23 Holly Cochran
10/25 Jane Strebeck
10/26 Don Kitchin
10/28 Elaine Fluck
10/31 Chuck Garber

Adopt-a-Days from September

Safety to all children, and praying for all teachers, **as another school year begins.** Given by Women's Fellowship.

September 11th—we remember.
Given by Women's Fellowship.

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

Anniversaries

10/08 David & Juanita Wellever
10/15 Robert & Janice Peterson, 45th
10/25 Michael & Laura Bos

Worship Focus for October

October 2—Mark 8:1-8; John 2:1-11
"Come on In"

October 9—Genesis 28:10-19a
"It's NOT About the Ladder"

October 16—Genesis 32:22-31
"Marked For Life"

The question to ponder ahead of time - "Why won't Jacob let go?"

October 23—Luke 18:9-14
"Justified"

October 30— Luke 19:1-10
"Zaccheus"



Let's try a low-commitment **handbell choir for October**. One rehearsal! (Saturday morning, Oct. 29) and One chance to play in church on Sunday, Oct. 30. 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 October 5th. 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:
annhabicht@rocketmail.com

You could be the needed note that makes the song complete!



The team is updating the lists of those who can help out with various ministries within our church. We're starting with a clean slate. Areas for you to consider volunteering for are:

Flowers
Meals
Rides, or special needs
Prayer/Prayer shawls, cards and visitation

To hear more about each category and to volunteer, contact our new coordinators, Mary Pietenpol and Elaine Kitchin.

Leaving for the winter?

Please make sure the church office has your address so that you can continue to receive any mailings from the church.

Thank you!



There is a Boys & Girls Club now here in South Haven for students in grades 6-12th. If you aren't familiar with their organization, they work with youth on academic success, character & leadership development, healthy lifestyles, money matters (financial literacy), workforce development, etc.

Welcome Back Weekend

"Long have I waited for your coming home to Me"

October 15 – 16, 2022

YOU

are invited to a **! FREE !** Community Supper

Pasta with the Pastors

On Saturday, Oct. 15

Free! Free! Free! Free!

Meet and Greet the Pastors of South Haven

Doors Open at 4:30

Program starts at 5:00

Dinner to follow.

Where: Senior Services of Van Buren County, 08337 M140

FREE! Pasta, Salad, Bread & Dessert

Joyous Celebration on Sunday, Oct. 16

Please attend any church of your choice, including, but not limited to, the following.



Assembly of God

LifeBridge

First Congregational UCC

Casco United Methodist

Peace Lutheran

First United Methodist

Holy Trinity Anglican

St. Basil Catholic

Hope Reformed

Spiritual Church of Christ

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST NEWS

The Michigan Conference United Church of Christ Board of Directors is pleased to announce that it has authorized a Special Meeting of the Conference - **The Hybrid Service of Installation for Conference Minister, The Rev. Dr. Lillian Daniel**. The service will take place on **Sunday, October 23rd, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.**

In-person attendance (masks required) will take place at Edgewood United Church - 469 N. Hagadorn Rd., East Lansing, MI 48826. More details will be available in the coming weeks.

Online: <https://www.youtube.com/EdgewoodUnitedChurch>

(A specific URL will be available a few days prior to the service. The service will be viewable by following the link above as well.)

We look forward to the installation of Rev. Dr. Lillian Daniel as our sixth Conference Minister; this will be a historical installation as Rev. Daniel will be the first female to be installed in this position.

Join us for this exciting event in-person or online.

HAVING FUN AT FENN VALLEY WINERY LISTENING TO DIANE AND LISA VAN DEURZEN-OTHEY



[More pictures available on the Narthex bulletin board.]

2022 Southwest Association Fall Meeting

to be held at 2:00 p.m.
on Sunday, November 6, 2022

Please join us as we conduct the important and necessary business of the Association, including approving a budget and nominations for 2023. After the business portion of the meeting, Conference Minister Rev. Lillian Daniel will offer a message on the theme "Grant Us Courage," with time for questions.

The meeting will be held at:
Phoenix Community Church UCC
2208 Winchell Ave. Kalamazoo, MI 49008
269-383-3222

alternatively, delegates and visitors may attend online via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89382543215?pwd=cXN3Y0FiUHkzcEVyV0xLdnZheGwwQT09>

Meeting ID: 893 8254 3215
Passcode: 222956

If you are interested in being a delegate for our church, please contact Elaine Fluck.

