



Worship This Sunday: October 10

We start a new four-week series entitled: Quest. It's about travel as a spiritual act. This worship series will encourage us to open ourselves more fully to the curiosity and wonder, reflection and transformation that travelers—not merely tourists—experience when we choose to immerse ourselves in soul-widening adventures. This will be a unique series designed to reflect on and enrich our travelling.

This first Sunday, October 10, we will look at “Leaving home” and “Why do we travel?”

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
Hayride at the Rood farm, 2 p.m.
Book Study, 4 p.m.—(Zoom)

Tuesday:

Prayer Group, 1:30 p.m.
Mission board, 6:30 (Zoom)
Trustees board, 7:00 (Zoom)

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., (Fellowship Hall)

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.

Rood Farm Hayride and Bonfire Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m.

The whole church is invited to come to this annual event. 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

The next activity together 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.

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.

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.

Young Adult Ministry

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_oxhMW8YYIDtKkgvfoC0bEh1Wi0PibiOWUlrYnBWnPwWg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0

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 **Zion UCC in Baroda.**

We had a beautiful day and 11 willing workers. We collected over 17 bags of trash, it looks wonderful!

Thank you all, the Mission Board



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: <https://nationalhomeless.org/>

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.

First Congregational Church
651 Phoenix Street
South Haven, MI 49090

Pastors
Jeffrey Dick 269-214-8924
Mike Tupper 269-303-3743
Church Office: 268-637-3804