



Worship this Sunday begins at 10:30

In chapter two in the book of James, the writer speaks about partiality. He begins with a story about a rich person and a poor person coming to worship and how the usher will greet and treat them.

How does this happen today?

Can you recall a time when a poor person attended worship, how were they treated?

Beyond worship – where are rich and poor treated differently?

How do we treat some people better than others?

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday:

Worship at 10:30 in person and on FB

Tuesday:

Prayer Group, 1:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Mission board, 6:00 p.m. (Zoom)

Trustees board, 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)

Wednesday:

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

Adult Class, 7 p.m., (Zoom & in person)

Thursday:

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

Women's breakfast, 9 a.m., (Six Chicks)

Friday:

Vaccination clinic, 9-11, (FH)

Food truck, 11, (parking lot)

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

Church Office Hours
9:30—1:30 p.m.—M-F

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

Children's Ministry

Sunday at 2 p.m. there is a Children's Activity at the church that might involve the children and hand print painting in their new classroom.

Sunday School is again on Sept. 19 during the 10:30 worship service.

Then on September 26 from 11:30 to 1:30 will be a Community and Church Picnic with Carnival Games for children and a Bounce House for children. We are looking forward to seeing you and your children in September.

Adult Bible Class On WEDNESDAYS

The Adult Bible Class is meeting at 7 pm on WEDNESDAY evenings this fall. The class is offered on Zoom AND IN PERSON in the lounge.

The 2021 BEGINNING HANDBELL EXPERIENCE

September 12, 19 and 26

In the Sanctuary, immediately
following the service.

Try it out! Brandish Some Bronze!
30 pain-free minutes, and a few laughs!
All are welcome – Bring a friend!

Youth Ministry

Youth Group starts up again Sunday at 11:30 with a Pizza and Faith time in the classroom downstairs. Pastor Mike will be leading this Fall while Rick is on vacation. We'll be talking about Finding God in Different Ways while we eat our pizza.

We plan on doing three Pizza and Faith times at the church and three fun activities this Fall. The next activity will be on Sunday, Sept. 26 at 11:30 helping the younger children do carnival games and a Bounce House.

Fall Celebration – Community Picnic: This event is planned for Sunday, September 26th. The event will focus children and youth. It will run from 11:30 to 1:30. There will be food (hot dogs and chips, drinks and brownies). There will be a bounce house and one or two other games for children. There will be information on fall events and children and youth programming at the church. The lower level will be available for tours. **SAVE THE DATE** – all are welcome

IT'S RUMMAGE ROUND-UP TIME !

8 a.m. set up, Saturday, Sept. 18th
-HELP NEEDED to set up tables!

Drop off times are:

Sat. Sept. 18, 9-12

Sun. Sept. 19, 11:30-1

Mon. Sept. 20, 9:30-12

A few display/arrangers needed *

Sales are:

Wed. Sept. 22, 4-7 and

Thurs. Sept. 23, 10-2

(3 cashiers needed each day)

Packers/haulers will be needed at 2 p.m. on Thursday.

PLEASE

Place your items in indicated areas. You don't have to arrange....but you can!
Bundle, tie, tape, package, pin items and sets that go together.

Label linen sizes and/or shape.
Bundle CLEAN, DRY, functional items only.

Limit of 2 containers of clothing per family.

Label bins visibly if you wish to pick them up later, or unload and take with you.

Large items go in the hallway or basement. Plants and starts sell very well.

*Since shoppers pay by donation, there is no pricing or totaling purchase amounts. Cashiers just collect the money.

Please let me know if you can help with this.

Kindergarteners welcome to manage the cc machine!

-Kris Ayers

Book Study to Commence Later This Month

Consider this your invitation to participate in a book study, set to begin on Sunday, September 26 at 4 pm. The book I, Art Ayers, have chosen, is ***Finding God in the Waves: How I Lost my Faith and Found It Again Through Science***, by Mike McHargue.

"Mike McHargue's journey to faith began on the shore of the Pacific Ocean, when a bewildering, seemingly mystical moment motivated him to reexamine the Christian faith that he had abandoned two years earlier. However, this time, it wasn't theology, scripture, or the arguments of pastors that led him back to God-it was science."

I believe we can effectively make our way through the book in four sessions- September 26th, October 3rd, October 10th, and October 17th.

Paperback copies on Amazon range anywhere from \$15 (new) to \$1.85 (used). It may be wisest to have this through ZOOM; however, if something drastically changes, you'll certainly be informed.

Hope many of you will be able and willing to join me... -Art Ayers

If you're interested, please call the church office, Pastor Mike or Art Ayers.

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

Keyana Dick and children

We pray for our brothers and sisters at **St. Paul's in Watervliet.**

Zoom Movie Discussion of "Pray Away"

Join us next month for a Zoom discussion of the new Netflix documentary 'Pray Away' on Thursday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m. 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.

Casco United Methodist Church will have their September fundraising dinner of 2021 -- Grilled BBQ Chicken Dinner -- on Wednesday, September 15, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at 880 66th Street in South Haven (corner of 109th & 66th).

It will be take-out only. Just drive-up in the parking lot under the big entrance and order the number of dinners. It will be a complete dinner with 1/2 chicken, 2 sides, and a roll.

MENU:

Grilled BBQ Chicken (1/2 chicken)
Potato Salad
Baked Beans
Roll

The cost per dinner: \$12 (check or cash)



Jacquelyn, Alice, and Matt Bennett



Prayer over Alice during the baptism that took place last Sunday afternoon.

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