
Worship this Sunday

This is the last of our 9:30 worship services. Sept. 12th we will begin worship at 10:30.

We begin a study of the Book of James for the next five weeks. Worship will focus on James chapter 1. Key verses include verse 19:

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger;

and verse 22: But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.

Communion will be celebrated during the service. There will be a children's moment during worship and a Church School class downstairs.

Worship is in person and on Facebook. Masks are requested to be worn.

Feel free to submit prayer requests here or directly to Pastor Dick at

pastor@uccsouthaven.com

Also, do follow our church page to keep informed.

Flowers on the altar are from Greg & Marian O'Niel for this afternoons celebration of Alice Quinn Bennett, being baptized. Alice is the daughter of Jacquelyn and Matt Bennett.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday:

Worship at 9:30 in person and on FB

Monday:

OFFICE IS CLOSED: Labor Day

Tuesday:

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

Diaconate, 7 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., Lounge

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

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 is in full swing this month for all of our children who are fifth grade or younger.

This Sunday, Sept. 5 is Sunday School during the 9:30 worship service. It starts in the sanctuary and then moves to the new classroom downstairs. The new classroom is in the former Nursery area. The carpets have been cleaned (thanks to James O'Niel and Brandon Dick). Sean and Sarah Peterson are fixing up the room and are excited to welcome children back to class this week.

The following Sunday, Sept. 12 is a Children's Activity at 2:00 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 (*notice change of time*).

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. This Wednesday we are

looking at James chapter 2. All are welcome to attend.

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! This is for all youth who are sixth thru twelfth grades.

We will start on Sunday, Sept. 12 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 **Union UCC in Tekonsha.**

Bouncy House

We need 3 –4 people, and a pickup truck, to go to Coloma on September 24th to pick up the Bounce House for our Fall Celebration on the 26th. Contact Pastor Dick if you can help with this.

Unity in Action Prayer Walk

Clergy in South Haven have organized a prayer walk for this coming **Saturday, September 11th at noon**, beginning here at the church. This will be held outside and will begin with prayer. Then people will be divided into two groups to walk through downtown to Elkenberg Park. Along the way, they will stop and pray for neighborhoods. At the Park, there will be a prayer service. Shuttle buses will be available to bring people back to the church.

The walk is organized on the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on our nations. It is also to lift our community in prayer following the 3 murders during the summer in South Haven and Covert. Prayers for healing and peace will be lifted up during this time. This is a time for the people of God to come together to offer prayers and support.

Prayer Walk Help Needed: Our church is the starting point for this walk. Pastor Dick is looking for some volunteers to help with parking and set up. 6 to 8 people are needed to be here at 11 a.m. to set up. Please contact him if you can help.

We Care Open House

The community is invited to come and see the We Care Community Resource Center in South Haven on Thursday, September 9th from 5 to 7 pm. We Care has moved into their new offices and will be having a ribbon cutting ceremony. Refreshments will be served. Their new office is located at 1301 M-43 Highway, across from the bank.

Our Food Pantry is a part of the We Care ministry. Two of our members, Donna Saucedo and Lynn Dick work there. Peggy McClendon is an office volunteer. Bob Straits and Susan Murphey are on the board. Stop by and say hello.

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.

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