

Worship this Sunday – September 26th begins at 10:30

On to chapter 4 of the Book of James. Using the Contemporary English translation, our passage begins with these words: “ Why do you fight and argue with each other?”

Well, that should give us something to talk about this Sunday!! Why do we spend so much time and effort fighting and arguing these days? Anyone have a good answer?

Our message will look at this and other thoughts that the writer of James offers us.

Adam Peterson will offer our special music and Marge Lampe will present a Stewardship Moment.

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.

Following Worship there will be a Community Picnic: While the focus is on children and youth, all ages are invited to stay for lunch. 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 a brand new activity – a Ga Ga Pit (*you have to see this to learn about it.*)

There will be information on fall events and children and youth programming at the church. The lower level will be available for tours.

There will also be sign ups for Cub Scouts (K through 5th graders) and Boy Scouts (6th - 12th graders).

Invite a friend to attend with you.

LAST CHANCE to experience the handbells this **sunday, Sunday, SUNDAY!!!!**
Brandish Some Bronze!

30 pain-free minutes, and a few laughs!
All are welcome – Bring a friend!

We meet in the basement.

Book Study to Commence this Sunday

Consider this your invitation to participate in a book study, set to begin this 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."

We believe we can effectively make our way through the book in four sessions- September 26th, October 3rd, 10th and 17th. As of right now we hold this study by Zoom. If that changes we will let you know.

Paperback copies on Amazon range anywhere from \$15 (new) to \$1.85 (used).

If you're interested, please contact Pastor Mike or Art Ayers.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday:

Worship at 10:30 in person and on FB
11:30—Fall Community Picnic
4 p.m.—Book Study (Zoom)

Tuesday:

Prayer Group, 1:30 p.m. (Zoom)
Church Council, 6:30 (Zoom)

Wednesday:

Women's breakfast, 9 a.m., (Six Chicks)
Men's coffee, 9 a.m., (Fellowship Hall)
Adult Class, 7 p.m., (Zoom & in person)

Thursday:

Highway Cleanup, 9 a.m.
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.—M-F

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

PLEASE NOTE: Since there was very little difference between this weeks email news and what would be in the October Newsletter, this will be considered the October Newsletter as well. Printed copies will be available in the Narthex.

October 5th Office Volunteer needed

Victoria, along with Pastor Dick and three others from the church, will be going on a mission trip to Houston October 2-8th.

We need a **volunteer on Tuesday, Oct. 5th** to be here to open the building at 10 a.m. You'll only need to stay until approximately noon.

Please contact Victoria in the office if you can help.

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 and celebrate with our brothers and sisters at **First Congregational in Union City today**. They are holding a Service of Ordination for their new pastor, Deborah Geiger. The service is 4 p.m. at their church in Union City. Anyone is welcome to attend.

[Mission board](#) will host our fall **highway cleanup** Thursday, September 30 (rain date Saturday October 2nd).

Meet at 9AM on the corner of M140 and 24th just south of Ranch House Ribs. This should take a little over an hour if we have a good crew.

Contact Nancy Garber 269-767-3920 for more information.

We have cleaned this area for several years and it is in good shape now. We hope you can join us for all, or part of the time.

[Children's Ministry](#)

This Sunday, September 26, from 11:30 to 1:30 will be a Fall Community Picnic with carnival games and a Bounce House for children. We invite everyone to walk downstairs and see the new Children's Classroom with fresh handprints!

The next Sunday School will be on October 3rd.

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 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.

Youth Ministry

We have started up for all sixth thru twelfth graders. We are doing three fun activities. The first is this Sunday, Sept. 26 at 11:30, helping the younger children do carnival games and a Bounce House at the Fall Community Picnic.

The second activity will be the Rood Farm Hayride on Sunday, October 10, at 2:00 p.m.(72723 CR 378, Covert).

The third 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 or let Pastor Mike know by September 26 and he will order your ticket.

Young Adult Ministry

The young adults (18-55) and their families are encouraged to participate in two in person events: Our Community Picnic this Sunday at 11:30. The Rood Farm Hayride 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.

Zoom Movie Discussion of "Pray Away"

Join us 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.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped during our September 17th food truck from Feeding America. Over 6,500 pounds of food were given out to 103 households.

It was a great example of our communities concern for others.

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.

October Birthdays

03— Josh Dick

05— William Brennen, IV

Jasmine Dick

07— Carly McGarr

09— Ben Meyer

Jacob Meyer

10— Bennett Larson

15— John Gillett

Tom Larson

16— Zach Church

18— Jacob Morey

23— Holly Cochran

25— Gail Brodhagen

Jane Strebeck

26— Don Kitchin

28— Elaine Fluck

31— Chuck Garber

October Anniversaries

08— David & Juanita Wellever

25— Michael & Laura Bos

**Is your name missing from these lists? Contact the church office and let us know.

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