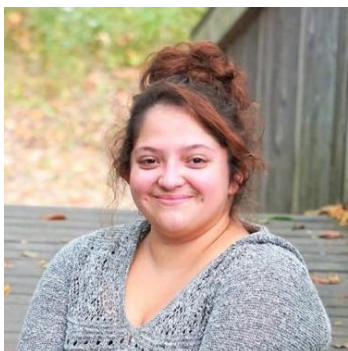


FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC

South Haven, MI

June 2018



Jazmyn Rodriguez graduates from South Haven High School. Jaz is fairly new to the church, but joined the church on November 12, 2017. She has been active with the youth group the past 2 years. She plans to attend Lake Michigan College.

Nathan Morey graduates from South Haven High School. Plans are still in the works following graduation. He will be trying out for a summer touring drumming group. Nathan has played percussion with our choir and we appreciate him sharing his talents.



Hailey Bouwman graduates from Holland Christian and will be attending Wheaton College in Illinois. Right after graduation she is traveling to the Holy Land. Hailey has been very active with the high school group.

Prayers for continued healing of our church family:

Bob Sollman
Sue Gillett
Marilyn Miller
David Henry
Linda Chapman—wife of Glenn Chapman



Grieving

Family of Sally Wheeler,
mother of Randy Morey

Family of Chuck Crawford,
husband of Cynthia Bixler-Crawford

Memorials given to the church

*In loving memory of
Tom Whale*

Deanna Toth
Richard & Lois Brunvand
Barry & Allyn Winkel
Douglas & Sandra Landis
Wes & Elaine Stephens
David & Nancy Daugherty

Adopt-a-Days from May

May 12th, given by Chris Valentine

May 16th, in celebration of Aaron Strebeck's birthday

May 28th, remembering those who have died serving our country, given by Women's Fellowship

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



Please come help!

June 23rd–29th

Contacts

Mike Nelson 214-6846

Bob Linderman 214-2550

JUNE WORSHIP



June 3rd - Graduation Sunday -
One service this morning with communion

We will honor our graduates this morning.

Our sermon will use material from the recent film Black Panther. Themes include letting your light shine bright and from everyone to whom much has been given, much is required.

Scripture verses include: Leviticus 23:22, Mathew 5:14-15 and Luke 12:48b

June 10th – Summer Schedule Begins

Worship will be at 8:30 in the Chapel and 10:30 in the Sanctuary.

This Sunday we will look at the film Paddington Bear 2. Theme explored include always seeing the good in people and grace and kindness are needed in the world.

The scripture lesson is from 1 Peter 3:8-22

At the 10:30 service, those who are going on the Mission Trip to Haiti will be commissioned to represent our church. Fourteen people from here are going.

June 17th - The Rev. Mary Beth Moran Cross will be preaching as Pastor Dick and others are in Haiti.

June 24th - A report on activities in Haiti will be a part of worship this Sunday.

Scripture lessons from Mark 4:35-41 reminds us that putting our trust in God isn't always easy, as when rough waves threatened to swamp the disciples' boat. The storm is easily calmed by Jesus' words, "Peace! Be still!" This is a reminder to us not to be distracted by the turmoil of external events.

Tuesday Prayer Fellowship

The Prayer Fellowship meets on Tuesdays. This summer, they will be meeting every other week at 1:30 p.m. in the lounge. The dates of the meetings are as follows:

June 5 and 19
July 3, 17, 31
August 14 and 28

The group sends out a weekly list by email. If you would like to be added to that email list, please send a note to Shirley Sollman at sollman@comcast.net

All are welcome any Tuesday to join in a time of prayer. If you have a prayer request, please notify the church office.

Blessings.

Strengthen the Church Special Offering

The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill on its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities.

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.

You will find envelopes in the church pews and also the Narthex.

Join the Mission Board during fellowship on June 10th to help support **Strengthen the Church.**

From Pastor Dick, Evening Vesper Services

One of the highlights of attending church camp was the evening vesper service. These are informal worship services held outdoors. The other place I enjoyed these services was when our family went camping and often at national parks or in Canada, there would be an outdoor service.

I would love to hold 2 or 3 of these services this year. I am looking for 2 or 3 people who would like to help plan these. The services could take place here at the church in the garden, or at Pilgrim Haven or along the beach somewhere. I would also welcome if someone wanted to host one of these at their home.

If you are interested, please give me a call at 214-8924. Thank you.



SAVE THE DATE! Invite a friend!

BLAST is our new summer program for all ages. Based on the model of Messy Church, this is an intergenerational program. There will be three of these this summer here at First Congregational Church. The dates are June 27, July 25, and August 22. The evening begins with an opening activity, then a meal and a closing activity. There could be games, crafts, bible story, song and more. Each evening will have a theme.

The **June 27th BLAST** will be a Sports Night. The scripture for the evening is from 2 Timothy 4:7 "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

There will be some sport games for all ages (maybe even some pickleball!) as well as a picnic supper. There is no cost to attend. Invite a neighbor. All ages are welcome.

New Website

The new website is up and running. www.uccsouthhaven.com A lot of the information was copied from the old website so there may need to be some changes made on contents or contact people. Feel free to look around at the site for any changes that need to be made.

If you need to make an announcement, enter a blog, update the calendar or correct an error, please contact one of the following individuals who are now able to edit the website.

Marcia Claggett, Holly Cochran, Jeffrey Dick, Robert Gleason, Theresa Gleason, Dave Murphey, Sue Murphey, Adam Peterson, Janice Peterson, Jeff Reber or Shirley Sollman.

It's never too late

Have you occasionally heard music coming from downstairs? That's the sound of music lessons. Douglas Peterson has been teaching piano, guitar, and brass for nineteen years, and he currently has Tuesday openings at our church. Adults and children are welcome. If you're interested, you can give him a call at 269-349-3748.

Louise Wepfer and Elaine Fluck have both taken piano with him if you would like a reference.

Looking Ahead

During the first three weeks of July, pastor Dick will offer Part One of a sermon series on The Games we played. These three Sundays will focus on the person of David from the Hebrew scriptures and the board games of Life, Battleship and Sorry. An interesting mixture.

Anyone wanting to play some board games this summer can stay after worship!

The Domestic Violence Coalition in Paw Paw is having a Blue Jean Ball in August, here in South Haven, to benefit victims in Van Buren County. Our group is putting together a quilt for their raffle which will include a few blue jean squares. The quilt will need a total of 42 squares so we are asking for donations of 10 inch squares of fabric to help us complete this project, no sewing required!



You CAN create a square by sewing smaller pieces together or donating unused quilt squares you may have. Fabric needs to be heavy cotton, flannel, or corduroy similar in weight to denim and compatible in design. Left over or lighter weight squares will be included in a migrant children's quilt program so they have something of their own to snuggle with. You can't go wrong!

We plan to assemble the quilt(s) at our July meeting, which all are welcome to attend. All skill levels can help! Please submit your squares to Ann Gruber or Kris Ayers by Father's Day in June. There will be a collection box in the narthex as well. Help bring comfort to those in need.

Thanks from Women's Fellowship

Thank you for providing your church as the neutral pulpit for First Congregational Church, St. Joseph, Michigan.

Sincerely,
Ruth Beach
Search Committee

Looking at June

(all information below pertains to the 10:30 a.m. service only)

Lay Assistant

3– Camborley Gleason
10– Theresa Gleason

Acolytes

We do not schedule during the summer but if you come to a service, and would like to serve, please see Janice Peterson.

Usher Captain

8:30– Chuck Garber
10:30– Nancy Daugherty

Nursery

(sign up in the Narthex)

Hospitality

(sign up in the Narthex)

10– Mission Board
24– Jeff & Denise Muck

Financial Counters

3– Ted Guimond/Terry McGarr
10– Mike Nelson/Jeff Reber
17– Chris Valentine/Wes Stephens
24– Aaron Strebeck/Dave Daugherty



Birthdays

06/02 Deryck Gruber
06/05 Riana Rowles
06/07 Bree Alofs
06/09 Beth Ayotte
06/09 Griffin Larson
06/11 Jamie Popp
06/12 Bryce Campbell
06/15 Paul Stephenson
06/16 Art Ayers
06/17 Nathan Morey
06/21 Robert Gleason
06/24 Ann Raue
06/25 Michelle Strebeck
06/29 Jason Popp
06/30 Matthew Larson
06/30 Barb Musgrove

Anniversaries

6/06 Phil & Lynda Clemons
6/10 Robert & Lynn Gabel
6/13 Jeff & Barbara Reber
6/17 Matt & Jaquelyn Bennett
6/18 Jeffrey & Lynn Dick
6/19 David & Nancy Daugherty
6/22 Karl & Novella Barden
6/24 Troy & Beth Ayotte
6/28 Larry & Midge Lewis