

FINAL GATHERING AT THIRD AVENUE

On Sunday, October 26, we will gather at Third Avenue for a time of worship and reflection. This will be our final service in this space — a place that has held so many sacred moments of prayer, music, friendship, and faith.

We know this day will carry mixed emotions for many — sadness, gratitude, anger, maybe even a bit of all three. As we come together, we'll remember what this community has meant and give thanks for the ways God's Spirit has been present here through the years.

After worship, we'll share a potluck luncheon — a simple way to sit together, tell stories, and support one another as we mark this important moment in the life of our church.

You're invited to come, to bring your memories, and to be part of this time of worship and fellowship as we honor all that Third Avenue has been and continues to mean in the story of United Methodist Ministries of Mecosta County.

NEED A RIDE TO WORSHIP?

We know that some of our Third Avenue friends and neighbors don't drive and may be wondering how to stay connected for worship in the weeks ahead. You are an important part of our church family, and we want to make sure transportation isn't a barrier to your participation. If you would like a ride to one of our other campuses for Sunday worship, please call the church office at 231-796-7771. We'll be glad to help coordinate a ride so you can continue to worship, connect, and be part of the life we share together.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS PARADE - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Festival of Lights Parade is Saturday, November 22, 6-8 PM in downtown Big Rapids, and UMMMC will have a float! We need volunteers to help build the float and to join us the night of the parade. Julie Setlock, Director of Family Ministries, is coordinating. If you'd like to help, please contact Julie or Barb in the church office.

SAVE THE DATE: CHILI & CORNBREAD COOK-OFF

Sunday, November 2, 11:15AM @ First Church! Bring your best pot of chili or pan of cornbread—or just come ready to taste and vote! Family-friendly, free to attend. Bowls, tasting cups, and drinks provided.

Happening This Week

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

9AM - Worship @ Paris Campus
10:00AM - Worship @ First Church Campus
Fellowship & Coffee immediately After Worship, Fellowship Hall
11AM - Worship @ Third Ave Campus

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

12PM - Alcoholics Anonymous @ Third Ave
12PM - Red Cross Blood Drive @ First

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

12PM - Alcoholics Anonymous @ Third Ave
6:30PM - SOUL Circle Gathering @ First
7PM - Alcoholics Anonymous @ Paris

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

10AM - SOUL Circle Gathering @ First
11:30AM - Community Lunch @ Third Ave
4-7PM - Community Resource Coat Drive @ First
6:30PM - Book Study "Unoffendable" @ First

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

11:00AM - Book Study "Unoffendable" @ First
5:30PM - Community Dinner @ First
7PM - Alcoholics Anonymous @ Paris

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

12PM - Alcoholics Anonymous @ Third Ave

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

11AM - Alcoholics Anonymous @ Paris
11:30AM - Community Lunch @ Third Ave

FALL PERSONAL HYGIENE PANTRY NEEDS LIST:

Donated items can be put in the basket in Fellowship Hall,
under the bulletin boards.

- Deodorant
- Paper Towel
- Toilet Paper
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Shampoo & Conditioners
- Body Wash
- Cleaning Products
- Laundry Detergent
- Adult Toothpaste

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Pastor Jeremy's office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9-11:30AM and 1:30-4PM. Appointments are highly recommended and can be booked by contacting either Barbara Erb, Pastor Jeremy, or by visiting: calendly.com/jeremy-ummecosta .

Week of October 19 - October 25, 2025

Family News



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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE HOURS: TUES - FRIDAY, 9AM - 3PM
PASTOR OFFICE HOURS: TUESDAY & THURSDAY, 9AM - 11:30AM & 1:30PM - 4PM

PARIS CAMPUS

109 Lincoln St
Paris, MI 49338
ummecosta.org/paris

Worship Gathering
Sundays @ 9AM

FIRST CHURCH
CAMPUS

304 Elm Street
Big Rapids, MI 49307
bigrapidsfirst.org

Worship Gathering
in-person and online
Sundays @ 10AM

THIRD AVE CAMPUS

226 North Third Ave
Big Rapids, MI 49307
ummecosta.org/third

Worship Gathering
Sundays @ 11AM

Order of Worship - October 19, 2025

Welcome & Announcements

* Call to Worship (Leader / *People*)

Lift praises to the name of our God; bless God's name forever!
How great is our God!

From generation to generation we will sing Your praises and
speak of Your goodness!
Great is our God and worthy of praise!

God, you are just and kind in all Your doings!
Great is our God and worthy of praise!

God, you watch over us in love and hear the desperate
cries of those who call to You!
How great is our God! How great is our God!
Bless God's name forever!

* Hymn - "Morning Has Broken", UMH #145

Praises and Prayers

Prayers and Praises of the People
Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer - UMH #895

Scripture Reading - Genesis 13: 1-12 (NIV)

The word of God, for the people of God. *Thanks be to God!*

Hymn - "What a Friend We Have in Jesus", UMH #526

Message - "Lot's Choice", Kate Hanna

Offering

* "The Doxology", UMH #95

* Hymn - "Take My Life, and Let it Be", UMH #399

* Benediction

*PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR SPIRIT

NOTES:



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THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power,
and the glory forever.
Amen.

THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 13:1-12, New International Version

13 So Abram went up from Egypt to the Negev, with his wife and everything he had, and Lot went with him. 2 Abram had become very wealthy in livestock and in silver and gold.

3 From the Negev he went from place to place until he came to Bethel, to the place between Bethel and Ai where his tent had been earlier 4 and where he had first built an altar. There Abram called on the name of the Lord.

5 Now Lot, who was moving about with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents. 6 But the land could not support them while they stayed together, for their possessions were so great that they were not able to stay together. 7 And quarreling arose between Abram's herders and Lot's. The Canaanites and Perizzites were also living in the land at that time.

8 So Abram said to Lot, "Let's not have any quarreling between you and me, or between your herders and mine, for we are close relatives. 9 Is not the whole land before you? Let's part company. If you go to the left, I'll go to the right; if you go to the right, I'll go to the left."

10 Lot looked around and saw that the whole plain of the Jordan toward Zoar was well watered, like the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt. (This was before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.) 11 So Lot chose for himself the whole plain of the Jordan and set out toward the east. The two men parted company: 12 Abram lived in the land of Canaan, while Lot lived among the cities of the plain and pitched his tents near Sodom.