

Announcing “ConGo Enjoy-Meant” Events

We are “ConGo” (Christians on the Go) and **meant** to **go** and **enjoy** good food and fun activities together!

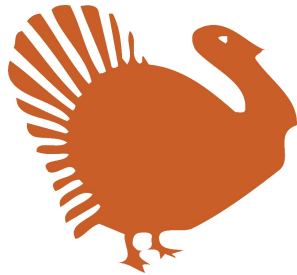
“Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

Neh. 8:10

“Go and enjoy”:

Sunday, November 19 - Thanksgiving Turkey Soup Supper, Treats and Trivia at the Church, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Karla makes a turkey soup that will make you thankful you came! Plus all new Thanksgiving trivia questions and may more interesting facts about Pilgrims, Turkeys and much more!

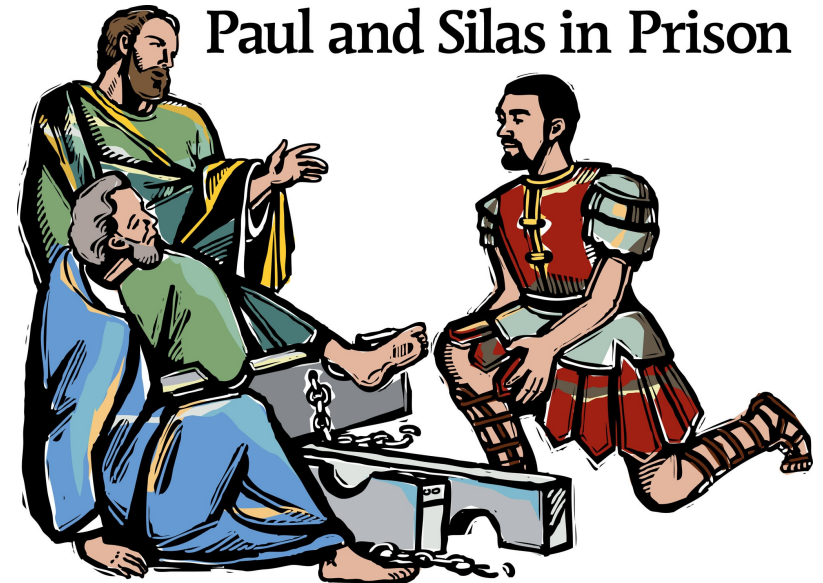
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The First Congregational Church

United Church of Christ



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 15, 2017

10:00 a.m.

* those who are able, please stand

As you enter the sanctuary, please be mindful of those already seated who want a quiet place to pray.

The Order of Worship

Prelude

Minuet from “Water Music”

Chorale (Blue)

Liberty March

Jack Brooks

Handel

David Raksin

Frank Frysinger

Chimes

Call to Annual Meeting

Barbara Blass-Frisbey, Clerk

Call to Worship

Gospel Singers

“I Woke Up This Morning” (selection #85 Black Hymnal)

Welcome

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn**

Blue Hymnal #12

“Praise Him! Praise Him!”

Invitation to Prayer

Gospel Singers

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” (selection #630 Blue Hymnal)

Prayer of Confession

***Congregational Response**

Black Hymnal #2

Glory, glory hallelujah, since I laid my burdens down.

Glory, glory hallelujah, since I laid my burdens down

I feel better, so much better, since I laid my burdens down.

I feel better, so much better, since I laid my burdens down.

Feel like shouting “Hallelujah!” since I laid my burdens down

Feel like shouting “Hallelujah!” since I laid my burdens down

Glory, glory hallelujah, since I laid my burdens down.

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Story Bell

Mat Emerick

(Following the Story Bell children are invited to Sunday School)

Hymn of Preparation

Blue Hymnal #384

“Spirit Song”

O let the Son of God enfold you with His Spirit and His love;

Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.

O let Him have the things that hold you, and His Spirit,

like a dove, Will descend upon your life and make you whole

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.

Scripture Reading

Acts 16

135 N.T.

Message

Pastor Ray Dekker

“Paul & Silas”

***Hymn**

Blue Hymnal #734

“Be Strong in the Lord”

Prayers of the People and Silent Prayers

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offertory

Gospel Singers

“Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn**

Blue Hymnal #670

“The Trees of the Field”

You shall go out with joy
and be led forth with peace;

The mountains and the hills with break forth before you.

There’ll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field

Will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;

The trees of the field will clap their hands;

The trees of the field will clap their hands

While you go out with joy.

***Benediction**

***Pastor:** The Peace of Christ be with you. **Congregation:** And also with you.

***Postlude**

Jack Brooks

La Rejouissance (from Royal Fireworks Music)

Handel

Creative God, thank you for filling the world with color - bright fall leaves and people of all shades of skin, eyes and hair who gather to praise you!

*Visitors ~ Welcome! There is a Welcome Packet in the pew rack for you. Please fill out the Guest Information insert, place it in the offering plate and take the packet home for review of the other information. We are thankful you are here and hope that your time here is a special blessing to you and your family. Please let us know how we can best serve you.

*Large print Bibles, bulletins, and Children's bulletins are available from the ushers. Quiet bags for children to use while they are in the worship service are available on the table in the narthex.

*Families with young nursery age children are welcome to use the "Family Room" in the balcony located on the 2nd floor.

*Our sanctuary is equipped with a T-Coil Hearing Loop. Please turn your hearing aid to the T-Coil position to access this feature. Other hearing devices are available at the sound booth upon request.

Following the worship service you are invited to join us in Fellowship Hall. Come meet new friends and have some refreshments. We look forward to meeting you.

Serving Us:

Altar Rep:	Carol Black
Altar Flowers:	Gary & Jaime Deuling(<i>today</i>) (next week)
Greeters:	Deb & Mat Emerick(<i>today</i>) Shelli Waldo(next week)
Ushers:	(<i>today</i>) Barb Veldman, Kendra Lachniet, Georgia Paxton(next week)
Compassion:	Jon & Judy Clapp
Organist:	Jack Brooks
Sound System:	Rick St. Peter
Coffee Hosts:	Jack & Mary Butterick(<i>today</i>) (next week)

The flowers on the altar today are given by Gary & Jaime Deuling in celebration of our 8 wonderful years of marriage.

Celebrating this week:

Happy Birthday to ~

Leah McKivitz (16)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Gary & Jaime Deuling (17)

Prayer Requests ~

(Prayer requests will be printed for two weeks. The person or family requesting prayer must call the church office or Pastor Ray in order to have the request printed)

Don Potter - medical concerns

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, October 15 - Annual Meeting

8:45 a.m. Gospel Singers Rehearsal - sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School

Monday, October 16

7:00 p.m. Friendship - Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 17 - Church Office Closed

10:00 a.m. Book Circle - Home of Christie Pollock
3:00 p.m. Violin Lessons - Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study begins - Lounge

Wednesday, October 18

6:30 p.m. Praise Group Rehearsal - sanctuary
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - choir loft

Thursday, October 19 - Church Office Closed

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open
10:00 a.m. Christmas Crafters - Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Deacons' Meeting - Library

Friday, October 20

Saturday, October 21

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

Sunday, October 22

10:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School

Our Church News

All members of the First Congregational Church of Fremont, Michigan are called to come together following worship on Sunday, October 15, 2017 for our annual congregational meeting. We will review the reports of officers, boards and committees concerning the work they did for God in 2017, elect officers, board and committee members for terms commencing in the year 2018 and adopt a budget to provide for the work we will do in Christ's name A.D. 2018. The following topics will be included in the agenda: whether or not to amend the Nominating Committee bylaws to establish a term limit of two years, whether or not to add a Technology Board to the bylaws and whether or not to reinstate a discipline policy formerly removed from the bylaws. And we will deal with any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

Barbara Blass-Frisbey, Clerk

Are you willing to coffee host, usher, greet, supply flowers? Sign up on the calendars in the narthex & the office window.

Guests - please take a "ToasterTong" home with you today as our gift to you for attending our service. You can find them on the Welcome Table at the entrance you came in. No more burnt fingers or potential electrocutions by fork in your future now!! Anyone who would like a "Toaster Tong" but is not a visiting guest, please make a contribution to the WOODSHOP. See Dean Morehouse, Bernie Denney, Bill Black or Pastor Dekker for more information.

Women's Fellowship will be sponsoring our Harvest Ingathering once again. Please plan to donate to this worthy cause in one of two ways: 1) Bring a check made out to True North with Food Pantry in the memo line. There will be a basket for checks on our food collection table in Fellowship Hall. True North will use your money to buy food in bulk and other less expensive ways. 2) Bring canned and boxed food items to Fellowship Hall and place them on the table provided. A good time to purchase some of these items is during the Spartan sale. Let's see if we can fill up our table to overflowing! Jack Butterick will deliver food and checks to True North in mid November. Thank you!!

Thank you to the contributors to the 2017 Crop Walk campaign. Our church collected \$883.00 Special thanks to Barbara Blass-Frisbey, Kurt & Morgan Harrington, David Vandenbelt, Jack & Mary Butterick for their special participation.

Book Circle will meet on Tuesday October 17 at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Christie Pollock. If you need directions call Christie or Bev Williams. Jill Sondeen will be reviewing "Pale Rider: The Spanish Flu of 1918" by Laura Spinney.

Bonnie Erber, Colleen Conant and Sherri Keleghan will be hosting a Chili Lunch on Sunday, October 29 following the service. We ask that you bring a salad or a dessert to share or if you would rather - just come and enjoy - there will be plenty of food for all. (Please note if you ingredients include something that people might be allergic to or not able to eat. Ex, nuts, onions, garlic, etc. Donations will be welcome to help fund out the Guatemala Mission Trip in February 2018.

Requested Announcements

Dear Churches, Choir members, friends, singers of the good news of Christmas - It is truly time for us to gather and get ready, once again, for the Newaygo Community Christmas Concert--however, there is going to be a NAME CHANGE!! It has been decided to call this ecumenical community Christmas choir by the name: RIVER COUNTRY COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CHOIR! We are hopeful that this will be less confusing as there is another community choir that meets in Fremont. This sacred concert has a very long history for our community and we hope that you will help us continue this tradition! As in the past, we will start rehearsals on the first TUESDAY in NOVEMBER. Our first practice will be at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 7 at the Family of God Community Church, 90 Quarterline, Newaygo. The concert will be on the second Sunday in December--6 p.m. on Dec. 10 (with our last rehearsal taking place that same afternoon). I am very hopeful that you will sing with us ... and that you will also help spread the word that we are starting to rehearse for yet one more year for this wonderful sacred concert to take place in our community. If you could share this invitation with other people in your church, with your friends, with any one that would enjoy singing of the miracle of Christmas--I would be very grateful. I look forward to seeing each of you ... and to singing with you! May the peace of Christ be with you ...Pastor Barb Boss (231-652-9380)