

The First Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

“The Legend of Sleepy Hollow”
by Washington Irving



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*“Yea, though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death....I will fear no evil....”*

The classic American talk of Ichabod Crane’s encounter with the Headless Horseman is presented as a comedy-drama for worship with a message of overcoming fear through faith.

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 29, 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

Toccata & Finale in d

Chorale

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

tune: Mit freuden Zart

Jack Brooks

J.S. Bach

Joseph Jongen

Emma Lou Diemer

Chimes

Call to Worship

Welcome

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn**

Blue Hymnal #682

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” (verses 1, 2, 3)

Invitation to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Drama ~ “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow” by Washington Irving

Cast:

Narrator - Ted Caris

Icabod Crane - Mat Emerick

Katrina Van Tassel - Sarah Huizenga

Brom Van Brunt - Chris Huizenga

Headless Horseman - ?

Ghosts and Goblins - ??????

Music - Jack Brooks

Psalms - Chancel Choir

Sound - Rick St. Peter

***Hymn**

Blue Hymnal #151

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

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

Funeral March of a Marionette

Jack Brooks

Ch. Gounod

***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**

Blue Hymnal #670

“Make Me a Blessing”

Out in the highways and byways of life,
many are weary and sad.

Carry the sunshine where darkness is rife,
Making the sorrowing glad.

Make me a blessing; make me a blessing.

Out of my life may Jesus shine.

Make me a blessing, O Savior, I pray.

Make me a blessing to someone today.

***Benediction**

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

***Postlude**

Trumpeting Organ Morgan

Jack Brooks

Karl Jenkins

Welcome to worship! In a world - and a church - that is always changing and reforming, we trust in the constant and sure love of God.

*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:	Bob & Bonnie Erber(<i>today</i>) (next week)
Greeters:	Pat Krehn(<i>today</i>) Ted Caris(next week)
Ushers:	Yvonne Lee, Wendy St. Peter(<i>today</i>) Steve & Karla Johnson(next week)
Compassion:	Jon & Judy Clapp
Organist:	Jack Brooks
Sound System:	Rick St. Peter
Coffee Hosts:	Colleen Conant(<i>today</i>) Steve & Karla Johnson(next week)

The flowers on the altar are given by Bob & Bonnie Erber in honor of their anniversary.

Celebrating this week:

Happy Birthday to ~

Sally DeShetler (29)

Happy Anniversary to ~

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 29

10:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School

11:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School

11:30 a.m. Chili & Soup Lunch - Fellowship Hall

Monday, October 30

Tuesday, October 31 - Church Office Closed

3:00 p.m. Violin Lessons - Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study - Lounge

Wednesday, November 1

8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast - Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m. Praise Group Rehearsal - sanctuary

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - choir loft

Thursday, November 2 - Church Office Closed

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

10:00 a.m. Christmas Crafters - Fellowship Hall

Friday, November 3

Saturday, November 4

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

Sunday, November 5

10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion & Sunday School

11:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School

This morning we welcome Mat Emerick who is filling in for Pastor Ray while he is on vacation. Next week Rev. John Koedyker from Grand Haven will be our guest pastor.

Our Church News

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.

Bonnie Erber, Colleen Conant and Sherri Keleghan will be hosting a Chili and Soup **TODAY** following the service. Everything will be provided - come for a delicious bowl of soup following worship. Donations will be welcome to help fund the Guatemala Mission Trip in February 2018.

Great thanks to Sarah and Chris Huizenga for hosting last night's Halloween Party! A great time was had by all who came!

It's time for the Christmas Shopping & Home Tour preparations to begin. Shelli will be passing out your tickets to sell. Please see Shelli for your envelope or check the basket by the church office.

Women's Fellowship is sponsoring our Harvest Ingathering once again. Please 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!!

On Sunday, November 12 we will be remembering those who passed this year by lighting a candle in their memory. We will also be lighting one candle for all those who have passed in the time Pastor Ray has been here. Please pass this on to those who have lost a loved one. We would encourage them to attend All Saint's Sunday with us on November 12.

Christmas is right around the corner! Make your gift giving easy by ordering SCRIP for your loved ones! We have over 400 companies for you to choose from, including Amazon, clothing stores, restaurants, gas

cards, Best Buy, Target, LL Bean, etc. Many companies are found across the country! Talk with us to look at and/or receive a complete list of participating companies.

Save the date - Women's Fellowship will be having a Lunch following worship on Sunday, November 12. Karla & Jaime will be making pulled pork bbq sandwiches, baked beans, pasta salad and dessert. Donations will be given to the Board of Charitable Giving.

Requested Announcements

TrueNorth Community Services 2017 Coats for Kids (& Adults) collection is October 2 to November 3. Donations of new or gently used coats are sought to ensure every child and adult are safe and warm this winter. The Coats for Kids (& Adults) distribution day is Saturday, November 11, from 9 AM to noon at TrueNorth's Service Center, 6308 South Warner Avenue in Fremont. Each individual (children and adults wanting to receive a coat) must be present in person and be a Newaygo County resident. Participating adults must bring a photo ID. Volunteers are needed for the distribution from 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM November 11. For more details or to register, contact Phil Gabel at (231) 924-0641, ext. 119, or pgabel@truenorthservices.org.

Save the date- Sunday, December 3 - Fremont Wesleyan Church will host a concert with Jason Gray, Chris August and Hanna Kerr sponsored by CureUs.

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!



Please RSVP with Mat, 231-414-7501

