

Announcing “ConGo Enjoy-Meant” Events

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

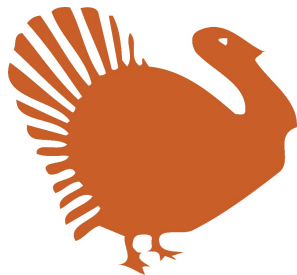
“Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

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



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The First Congregational Church

United Church of Christ



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 8, 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

Reverie at Sunset Hill	Jack Brooks
from "An Autumn Pilgrimage in the White Mountains"	Arthur Hinton
Gaelic Morning	Dan Forrest
Thou Art Worthy	Fred Bock
Swing Low Sweet Chariot	Rebecca Bonam

Chimes

Call to Annual Meeting

Barbara Blass-Frisbey, Clerk

Call to Worship

"With a Voice of Singing"

Chancel Choir

Welcome

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn**

"Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him"

Blue Hymnal #82

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.

Anthem

"Cradle Me Lord"

Chancel Choir

Story Bell

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

Mat Emerick

Hymn of Preparation

"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

Blue Hymnal #384

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.

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Scripture Reading

Acts 12

131 N.T.

Message

"When People Pray"

Pastor Ray Dekker

***Hymn**

"God Has Spoken by His Prophets"

Blue Hymnal #407

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

"Heavenly Love Medley"

Chancel Choir

***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**

"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.

Blue Hymnal #670

Make me a blessing; make me a blessing.
Out of my life may Jesus shine.
Make me a blessing a 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**

March

from Kaleidoscope

Jack Brooks
Mikloas Rozsa

“Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy” (Exodus 20:8). Welcome to God’s gift of rest and freedom!

*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:	(today) Gary & Jamie Deuling(next week)
Greeters:	Ted Caris(today) Deb & Mat Emerick(next week)
Ushers:	Kendra Lachniet, Barb Veldman(today) (next week)
Compassion:	Jon & Judy Clapp
Organist:	Jack Brooks
Sound System:	Rick St. Peter
Coffee Hosts:	Barbara Blass-Frisbey(today) Jack & Mary Butterick(next week)

Celebrating this week:

Happy Birthday to ~

Jonathan Tuuk (13), Miles Cowles Sr., Miles Cowles Jr., (14)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Guy & Raene` Redinger (8)

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 8

8:45 a.m. Choir Rehearsal - sanctuary

10:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School

11:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School

Monday, October 9

5:15 p.m. Trustees Meeting - Library

6:30 p.m. Faith Fishman pictures on Antarctica - Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 10 - Church Office Closed

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

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

Wednesday, October 11

9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Flu Shots - Fellowship Hall

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

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

Thursday, October 12 - Church Office Closed

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

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

Friday, October 13 - Lorene out of the office

Saturday, October 14

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

Sunday, October 15

8:45 a.m. Gospel Singers Rehearsal - sanctuary

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

Absentee ballots for the proposals to be put forth at the Annual Meeting on October 15, 2017 will be available for eligible First Congregational Church members from Barbara Blass-Frisbey, Clerk, beginning Friday, September 29th. Please call 231-519-1206 or the church office to obtain a ballot. The deadline to return absentee ballots is 6:00 p.m. Friday, October 13, 2017 and may be returned to the church office or the clerk. Absentee ballots received after the deadline date and time will be destroyed and not included in the vote tally. Signed absentee ballots from First Congregational Church members eligible to vote that have been received on or before the established deadline shall be counted when constituting a quorum at the meeting. **Barbara Blass-Frisbey, Clerk**

Today we welcome the Chancel Choir presenting music for the service. Next Sunday music will be presented by the Gospel Singers Group. Anyone who enjoys singing is welcome to sing with this group. They rehearse on the Sunday they sing. So join us next Sunday the 15th at 8:45 a.m.

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

Our organ is in need of some repair and will be out of commission for the next few weeks. Jack will be using the keyboard until the organ is repaired. Thanks Jack for being so flexible!

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.

Beginning TODAY, 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!!

On Monday, October 9 at 6:30 p.m. Faith Fishman will share experiences and pictures of her trip to Antarctica. This should be an interesting armchair trip to a part of the world that not many people travel to. Please join us in Fellowship Hall for cider and donuts, and find out about life on this continent at the bottom of the world. Bring your friends!

Flu Shots will be given in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, October 11 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Lorene will be out of the office on Friday, October 13. The bulletin will be printed on Thursday evening or Saturday. Thank you!

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.

The Annual Report is available for pick up. The financial portion will be available next Sunday.