

The First Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

... no one can lay any

FOUNDATION

other than
the one
that has
been
laid;
that
foundation
is Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:11, NRSV



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Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 4, 2018

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

Morning Prelude

Prelude on “Alle Menschen müssen sterben”

All must die

Andante Cantabile

(For Trumpet Concerto)

Fanfare - Improvisation on “Azmon”

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Jack Brooks

J.S. Bach

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Joseph Haydn

Alec Wyton

Chimes

Call to the Annual Meeting

Bill Black, Clerk

Call to Worship

Chancel Choir

“Jesus We Welcome Your Presence Here”

Welcome / Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn**

Blue Hymnal #210

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (verses 1,2,4)

Anthem

Chancel Choir

“Here’s One”

Story Bell

Mat Emerick

Jolly Holiday

Scripture Reading

167 N.T.

I Corinthians 3

Message

Church on the Way

***Hymn**

BLACK Hymnal #349

“I Come With Joy”

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Music for Communion

Jack Brooks

Communion

Richard Purvis

***Apostle’s Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

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

Chancel Choir

“Consecration”

***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**

Chancel Choir

“3 Fold Amen”

***Benediction**

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

***Postlude**

Jack Brooks

Minuet & Trio from Symphony in E flat

W.A. Mozart

“Come! Now is the time to worship. Come! Now is the time to praise our God. Come!”

*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.

*Children are an important segment of the living body of Christ, so we welcome them in our worship services and grant to them the blessing of worshipping along side their parents, siblings and family in Christ. Families with young nursery age children are also 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.

*The Deacons invite you to join us for a few moments of prayer in the library at 9:40 a.m. each Sunday morning. We want to ask God to prepare our hearts for worship, to guide those leading worship in word and song and invite the Holy Spirit to minister to our church family and visitors. Please come and pray!

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:

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| Altar Rep: | Carol Black |
| Altar Flowers: | Gary Deuling(today) (next week) |
| Greeters: | Jack & Mary Butterick(today) Pat Krehn(next week) |
| Ushers: | (today) Barb Veldman(next week) |
| Compassion: | Judy Clapp |
| Organist: | Jack Brooks |
| Sound System: | Rick St. Peter |
| Coffee Hosts: | Jack & Mary Butterick(today) Brunch for Jack(next week) |
| Towel Washer: | Barb Clark |

The flowers on the altar are given by Gary Deuling in honor of Jaime’s birthday which was November 8.

Celebrating this week:

Happy Birthday to ~

Sarah Huizenga, Brandon Zeerip (5), Jack Brooks, Sue Harrington, Gary Hooker (8)

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)

The family of PT Lindner. PT passed away on Wednesday, October 17. Services will be held here at the church on Monday, November 12 at 12:00 noon.

This Week’s Calendar

Sunday, November 4

9:40 a.m. Prayer Time - Library
10:00 a.m. Worship with communion
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time

Monday, November 5 - *Lorene will be out of the office*

10:00 a.m. Women’s Fellowship Board Meeting - Library
6:30 p.m. Executive Council - Library

Tuesday, November 6 - *Church Office Closed*

5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Violin Lessons - Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Women’s Bible Study - Lounge

Wednesday, November 7

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

Thursday, November 8 - *Church Office Closed*

Fellowship Hall Reserved
9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open
10:00 a.m. Christmas Crafters
7:00 p.m. Oasis - Lounge

Friday, November 9

Saturday, November 10

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

Sunday, November 11

9:40 a.m. Prayer Time - Library
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time - Brunch for Jack Brooks

Our Church News

All members of the First Congregational Church of Fremont, Michigan are called to come together following worship on **Sunday, November 18, 2018** for our annual congregational meeting. We will review the reports of officers, boards and committees concerning the work they did for God in 2018, 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. 2019. And we will deal with any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

Bill Black, Clerk

Absentee Ballots will be available for the Annual Meeting. Contact the church office (924-4710) congo@fremontfcc.org or email Bill Black - black815comcast.net

Mat wants to thank everyone involved with the "Rip VanWinkle" presentation especially Jack Brook's who worked hard to find and prepare the period music that made the drama so much better!

Gordon Oosterhouse is completing Jaime Deuling's term on the Board of Deacons. We are looking for the Deacon Handbook binders. Are you a former Deacon? Do you have a binder laying around collecting dust? Drop it off at the church office so we can pass it on to current Deacons.

In case anyone is wondering where Deb goes during part of the sermon each week...when we have children in the nursery she meets with them to sing Sunday School songs with movement and rhythm instruments and to pray with them.

Harvest Ingathering - 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 on 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! Food and checks will be delivered to True North in mid November. Thank you!!!

SCRIP is available in Fellowship Hall following worship.

Once again this year we will be making up gift baskets to be sold at the Home Tour, so it's time to check your cupboards and gift drawers. We need your like new items for the baskets, items like candles, jams, books, jewelry, cooking gadgets, lotions and shampoo, and slipper socks. This is not a complete list - just something to get you thinking. These baskets make good money for us and cost us almost nothing. Please bring your donations to Fellowship Hall with a note saying they are for the gift baskets. If you have questions, call Becky Tuuk (924-6069). Thanks!

Requested Announcements

With mixed emotions we regret that after 7 years, 360 boxes and many duffle bags and diaper bags we are shutting down Team Keagan. We appreciate the First Congregational Church and the people who have generously given of their time, talents and donations.

Bernie Denney and Team Keagan

Please joinus! Rehearsals for the annual River Country Community Christmas Concert start on Tuesday, November 6 at 6:30-8:30 p.m. All rehearsals will be held at Family of God Community Church, 90 Quarterline, Newaygo. Please join us and help prepare for the 30th Annual Christmas Concert for the Newaygo area. Although the choir has a new name, we will be singing songs that remind us of the "real reason for the season." Come, add your voice--last year's choir totaled 50 members and represented over 15 different congregations from Newaygo County and more! Rehearsals will be held on Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27 and Dec. 4. The concert date is Sunday, December 9, at 6 p.m For more information, please call Barb at 231-652-9380.

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 18, 5:30-7:00pm- "A Time of Thankssinging!"- Sloppy Joes, Chips, Salads and more! Let's gather together for a time of Fellowship, Food, Fun and an uplifting Hymn Sing!

Coming in December (Date TBA) "Chrismas Carolrama!"- More Fellowship, Food, Fun and Christmas Carol Sing! More info to come.

Please RSVP with Mat, 231-414-7501



Poinsettia Order



| | Red | White |
|-------------------------------------|------------|--------------|
| 6" pot - 4-7 blooms \$6.00 | _____ | _____ |
| 8" pot - 8-12 blooms \$15.00 | _____ | _____ |
| 10" pot - 16+ blooms \$24.00 | _____ | _____ |

_____ Total Amount Enclosed

Poinsettia(s) to be used during Advent.

_____ Following worship service, I/we will pick up our poinsettia(s).

_____ Following worship service, the Altar Committee may take care of my/our poinsettia(s) in an appropriate way.

Given by: _____

In Memory of _____

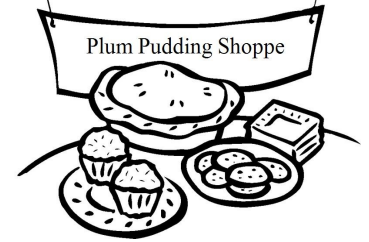
Or

In Honor of _____

This completed form, along with your payment for each poinsettia ordered may be placed in the offering plate, or turned into the church office no later than **November 18, 2018**

Plum Pudding ~ 2018

In accordance with the State of Michigan Food Requirements this is the required list of food items that can be made for Plum Pudding:



- Breads - not frozen
- Similar baked goods
- Vinegar & flavored vinegar
- Cakes - not refrigerated
- Muffins
- Cooked fruit pies
- Jams & Jellies

in glass jars that can be stored at room temperature.

- Cookies
- Dry herbs and dry herb mixes
- Dry baking mixes
- Dry dip mixes
- Dry soup mixes
- Dehydrated vegetables or fruits
- Popcorn
- Chocolate covered pretzels, marshmallows, graham crackers, rice krispie treats
- Coated or uncoated nuts
- Dried pasta made with eggs
- Roasted coffee beans or ground roasted coffee

All food items have to be labeled with a list of ingredients with your **FIRST** name, The First Congregational Church 231-924-4710

Thank you for your cooperation,
Mary Butterick, Plum Pudding Coordinator

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SATURDAY OCT 6 - 2nd Annual "Congo-Que" with Professional Barbequer Mark Wescott ("Smokin' Good Time BBQ")- A "Just for Fun" competition will be held for bar-b-queurs and grillers. The winner will receive the coveted "Congo-Q" statue. But others who come can partake of some delicious pulled pork bar-b-que prepared expertly by Mark. A donation will be taken to cover the cost of the meat. All extra will go to the church's outreach ministry (Benevolence Committee) to help those in need. Mark will begin the day with a bar-b-que tutorial for all interested. This event is open to the community. Those that would like to compete will need to bring your own grill and meat. Tutorial begins at 9:00am. Grilling begins at 10:00am. Eating starts at 1:00pm. For more info or to register call Mat Emerick at 231-414-7501.

