

## 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.

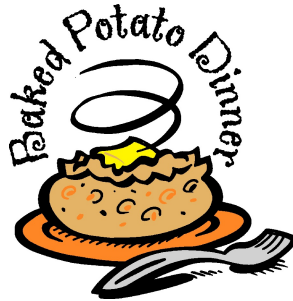
Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

Neh. 8:10

“Go and enjoy”:

**Sunday, March 25 - 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. -**

Baked Potato Bar and a Hymn Sing. More details TBA



# The First Congregational Church

United Church of Christ



## FOURTH SUNDAY

*In Lent*

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**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**March 11, 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**

Poor Wayfaring Stranger

Passion Chorale

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Aus tiefer not Schrei

Out of the depths I call to Thee

**Jack Brooks**

Mark Hayes

Max Reger

Max Drischner

**Chimes**

**Call to Worship**

**Welcome**

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Opening Hymn**

“Name of All Majesty”

**Blue Hymnal #116**

**Invitation to Prayer**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Choral Response**

“Jesus Lover of My Soul”

**Chancel Choir**

Mark Hayes

**Story Bell**

“Shout!”

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

**Mat Emerick**

**Hymn of Preparation**

“Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus”

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full I His wonderful face;

And the things of earth will grow strangely dim

In the light of His glory and grace.

**Blue Hymnal #340**

**Scripture Reading**

Acts 23

**144 N.T.**

**Message**

*Giving Up on Religion*

**Pastor Ray Dekker**

**\*Hymn**

“What Wondrous Love is This” (verses 1,2,3)

**Blue Hymnal #314**

**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**

“Once Upon a Tree”

**Chancel Choir**

Pepper Choplin

**\*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 Response**

“Make Me a Blessing” (verses 1 & 2)

Out in the highways and byways of life,

Many are weary and sad.

Carry the sunshine where darkness is rife,

Making the sorrowing glad.

*Refrain:* 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.

**Blue Hymnal #670**

Tell the sweet story of Christ and His love;

Tell of His pow’r to forgive.

Others will trust Him is only you prove

True every moment you live. (*Refrain*)

**\*Benediction**

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

**\*Postlude**

Postlude on “Ellacombe”

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

**Jack Brooks**

J. Wayne Carr

Welcome to worship! "By grace you have been saved...as a gift from God". Let us worship together.

**\*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. **Guests** ~ please take a "Book Mark" and/or "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 missed pages in your book or burnt fingers or potential electrocutions by fork in your future now!! Anyone who would like a "Book Mark" or 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

**\*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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:	Jim Rynberg
Altar Flowers:	Karla Johnson(today) (next week)
Greeters:	Guy & Raene` Redinger(today) Ted Caris(next week)
Ushers:	Georgia Paxton, Barbara Blass-Frisbey(today) Barb Veldman(next week)
Compassion:	Steve & Karla Johnson
Organist:	Jack Brooks
Sound System:	Rick St. Peter
Coffee Hosts:	Max & Yvonne Lee(today) (next week)
March Towel Washer:	Margie Ekkel

The flowers on the altar this morning are given by Karla Johnson.

#### **Celebrating this week:**

*Happy Birthday to ~*

Maggie Sweet (13), Stacey Church, Karla Johnson (14)

*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)

#### **This Week's Calendar**

##### **Sunday, March 11**

8:45 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - sanctuary
10:00 a.m.	Worship & Sunday School
11:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
11:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall
	Website walk-through with Jeff Stewart

##### **Monday, March 12**

**Tuesday, March 13** - *Church Office Closed*

3:00 p.m.	Violin Lessons - Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m.	Technology Board - Library

**Wednesday, March 14** - *Church Office Closed*

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

##### **Thursday, March 15**

9:00 a.m.	Woodshop Open
10:00 a.m.	Christmas Crafters

##### **Friday, March 16**

7:00 a.m.	Men's Lenten Breakfast - 1 <sup>st</sup> Christian Reformed Church
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##### **Saturday, March 17**

9:00 a.m.	Woodshop Open
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##### **Sunday, March 18**

8:45 a.m.	Praise Group Rehearsal - sanctuary
10:00 a.m.	Worship & Sunday School
11:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
11:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall

Our Church News

**The Men's Lenten Breakfast** will be held at the 1<sup>st</sup> Christian Reformed Church this week, March 16 beginning at 7:00 a.m.

**Following worship today** Jeff Stewart will be presenting a walkthrough of the new church website in Fellowship Hall following worship. If you have an opportunity to go to the site prior to this that would be encouraged and please come with your questions. Also, if you would like please bring your smartphone or laptop so that you can follow along. The website is: [www.fremontfcc.org](http://www.fremontfcc.org)


**Lorene** will be in the office on Thursday this week and not Wednesday.

**Book Circle will begin** meeting again this month. There will be an organizational meeting at 10 a.m. on March 20 at the home of Ann Werner. Please inform others who perhaps can not see this notice. I will also send an email. If you have not attended a meeting in the past but would like to come you are welcome. Please call Ann if you need directions. If you are reading a book that you would like to share, please bring it along. Ann will have the sign-up sheet prepared. All readers are welcome.

**Women's Lenten Breakfast** will be held at the Fremont Christian Church on Saturday, March 24 at 10:00 a.m. All women are invited to join together in Christian fellowship for this pre-Easter event. Our speaker this year will be April (Ruth) Zeller. Breakfast of tea breads, muffins, fruit cup and beverages will be served and a free will offering will be taken. Reservations are not necessary.

**SCRIP is available** in Fellowship Hall following worship.

**An order for Easter Flowers** was received last week for 1 pink tulip in honor of our children with no name. Please contact the church office if you ordered a tulip so proper recognition can be given.

 <p><b>Church Cleanup</b></p>	<p><b>SPRING INTO ACTION</b> for our Church interior Spring Cleanup. Saturday, April 14 from 9:00 - 12:00 noon. There will be a chore list (bring your cleaning rags). If we have enough people we may also start on some outside work. Lunch will be served!!</p>
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Requested Announcements

**American Decency** invites you for a free showing of "The God Who Speaks on Friday, March 16 at 1:00 and 7:00 p.m. There is a war raging around us - it's a battle for truth. Is God real? Does He speak, and if so how would we know?"

**Circles Newaygo County** invites you to join us for a presentation from BRAINS: The Great Disconnect, MegaHERTZ to MegaHURTS on Thursday, March 29 at 6:30 p.m. at the Dogwood. This is a community discussion regarding the science, addiction and brain development under the influence of technology. This is open to the public so please feel free to share with your contacts. There is a need to RSVP as space is limited.

EASTER FLOWER ORDER

- \_\_\_\_\_ **6" Pot Easter Lilies (5+ blooms): (\$8.00)**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **8" Pot Easter Lilies (10+ blooms): (\$16.00)**

- 6" Tulips: (\$7.00)**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Lavender
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Yellow
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Red
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Pink

- 6" Hyacinths: (\$7.00)**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Blue
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Pink

**6"Daffodils: (\$7.00)**



\_\_\_\_\_ to be used in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018

\_\_\_\_\_ Following the worship service, I/we will pick up our flower(s).

\_\_\_\_\_ Following the worship service, the Altar Committee may take care of my/our flowers in an appropriate way.

**Given by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Memory of** \_\_\_\_\_

*or*

**In Honor of** \_\_\_\_\_

This completed form, along with your payment for each flower ordered may be placed in the offering plate, or in the church office by **March 16, 2018**

