

All members of the First Congregational Church of Fremont, Michigan are called to come together following worship on Sunday, October 20, 2024 for our annual congregational meeting. We will review the reports of officers, boards and committees concerning the work they did for God in 2024, elect officers, board and committee members for terms commencing in the year 2025 and adopt a budget to provide for the work we will do in Christ's name A.D. 2025. We will also deal with any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

Carrie DeMull, Clerk

Absentee ballots are available in the church office if you will not be able to attend and would like to vote on the proposed 2025 budget and the bylaw change.

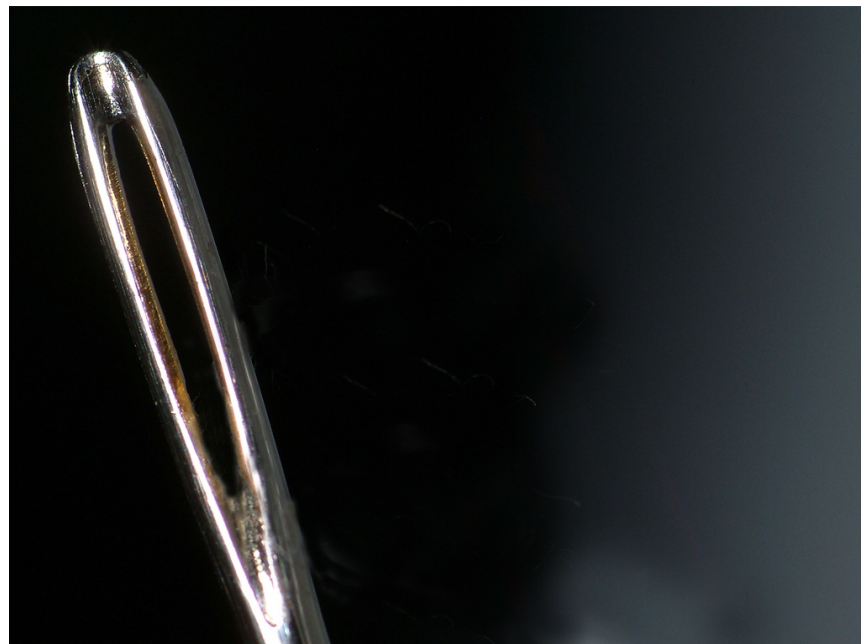


Deeply Rooted ~ Future Focused

Pastor Luke Schmalz 920-428-0030
Office Hours - Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Please call the church office to meet with the Pastor
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Offering plates are located in the narthex.

The First Congregational Church

Your Independent Worship Center



“Through the Eye of a Needle”

October 13, 2024

The Order of Worship
**please stand, if you are able*

Prelude: Rachel Poches

Welcome

Announcements

Call to the Annual Meeting - Carrie DeMull, Clerk

Call to Worship (from Revelation 15:3-4)

Pastor: Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty!

All: Just and true are your ways, King of the ages.

Pastor: Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name?

All: For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you!

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn** - "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" - **Blue Hymnal #539** vs. 1,2,3

Prayer of Confession

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayer

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Hear the good news: This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

***Response - 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.

JeLy Bell! All kids are invited to go to the JeLy Room for JeLY Church!
(JeLy ~ Jesus Loves You)

Scripture:

Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message: "Through the Eye of a Needle" - **Pastor Luke Schmalz**

***The Apostles' Creed** (words projected)

***Hymn** - "Trust and Obey" - **Blue Hymnal #571** vs. 1,3,4,5

Moments of Praise & Prayer Requests

Prayers of the Congregation

The Lord's Prayer (words projected)

***Doxology (As the offering is brought forward)**

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** - "When We All Get to Heaven" - **Blue Hymnal #772**

Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

All: Amen.

***The Peace of Christ**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

***Sending**

Pastor Luke Schmalz

***Postlude:** Rachel Poches

Altar Rep: Mary Butterick

Greeting us today: Jack & Mary Butterick

Next Sunday: Ted Caris

Song Leader: Stacey Church

Tech Booth - Thank you volunteers!

Happy Birthday to ~

Miles Cowles Sr (14)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Prayer Requests ~

This Weeks Calendar

Sunday, October 13

10:00 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall
5:00 p.m. "The Chosen" season 4 - Fellowship Hall

Monday, October 14

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open - when two or three are gathered
6:30 p.m. Technology Board - Library

Tuesday, October 15 - Church Office Closed

Wednesday, October 16 - Church Office Closed

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open - when two or three are gathered

Thursday, October 17 - Church Office Closed

10:30 a.m. Christmas Crafters - Fellowship Hall

Friday, October 18

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Library
10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open - when two or three are gathered

Saturday, October 19

Sunday, October 20

9:30 p.m. Walk up Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall
5:00 p.m. "The Chosen" season 4 - Fellowship Hall

Our Church News

Welcome to worship! We are grateful for your presence - whether you are a visitor or a member. Friends and guests, welcome to worship in the name of Jesus, who is both Savior and Friend and who welcomes all.

Annual Reports are available for you to pick up. They are located on the tables in the narthex. Please bring your report with you to the Annual Meeting on Sunday, October 20 following worship.

CROP Hunger Walk was successful again this year, thanks to you! We earned \$1,405 for CROP World Service and they'll share 25% with Newaygo County. First Congregational's stellar performance is appreciated by the leaders of CROP Walk in Fremont, by hungry people in Newaygo County and countries around the world. Thank YOU, Ladies of Women's Fellowship for hosting the scrumptious Spaghetti Dinner and to those of you who participated in person and/or financially. Thank YOU! all for lending a hand to this worthy cause. For the Board of Charitable Giving, Barb V and Jack B.

Walk Up Choir will be singing next Sunday. The hymns are Softly and Tenderly #479 and Children of the Heavenly Father #719. Rehearsal at 9:30 a.m. or just "Walk Up".

Harvest InGathering - October 13 - November 10 - bring your pantry items to the table by the office. Checks are welcome - made out to TruNorth

On October 29, Sally DeShetler will be 102 years old. If you would like to send her a greeting her address is:

Sally DeShetler
The Inn at Coal Ridge
1300 CoalRidge Pkwy #401
Wadsworth OH 44281

Lorene will be out of the office on Wednesday, October 16 in order to attend grandparents day.

