

## 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”:

### **TONIGHT - Lasagnarama and Hymn Sing,**

5:30-7:00pm- Let's come together and warm our bodies and bellies with some delicious lasagnas and warm our souls and hearts with some inspiring hymn singing... or just listening! Three different lasagnas offered - tradition, chicken and spinach! Also garlic bread, salad and dessert! If you have questions give Mat a call at 231-414-7501.



**Sunday, February 9 - Chillirama and Charades!** 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. We've got some great chilis starting with Dave's Tasty Traditional, Deb's Sweet Cincinnati and Jim's Wonderful White Chicken! **More chilis needed!** We are looking for a variety of types so if you can make an unusual chili please bless us with it! Also charades is a game some just like to watch. If that's you then that's okay! Participation is optional. If you have a question or a chili give Mat (who loves spicy) a call, 231-414-7501

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**Welcome Guest, We are so happy that you are here today. If you would like more information about the First Congregational Church, please fill out the note below and place it in the offering plate.**

**Your Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone number and or email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments/Prayer Request** \_\_\_\_\_

**Would you like someone to contact you?** \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

## The First Congregational Church

*He has also set eternity in  
the human heart, yet no one can  
fathom what God has done from*



**ECCLESIASTES 3:11, NIV**

## *The First Sunday after Epiphany*

**January 12, 2020**

**10:00 a.m.**

As you enter the sanctuary, please be mindful of those already seated who want a quiet place to pray.

### **The Order of Worship**

\* those who are able, please stand

#### **Prelude**

**Sylvia Lee**

#### **Call to Worship**

Leader: O Lord, be to us a Rock of Refuge, a strong fortress to save us;

**Congregation: for you are our Rock and our Fortress**

Leader: You, O Lord, are our hope and our trust,

**Congregation: Our praise, O lord, is continually before you.**

#### **Welcome**

#### **Opening Prayer**

Praise be to the God and Father our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never parish, spoil or fade, kept in heaven for each one of us.

#### **Opening Hymn**

**Blue Hymnal #560**

“More About Jesus”

#### **Invitation to Prayer**

#### **Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

**Almighty God, who enlightens all people of the Earth: we pray that you will set our hearts on fire with the brightness of your glory, that we may always acknowledge our Savior and proclaim our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God in Glory everlasting. Amen.**

#### **Special Music**

**Choir**

“Guide My Wayfaring Feet”

#### **Story Bell**

**Jim Tanis**

The Power of a Compliment

#### **Hymn of Preparation**

**Blue Hymnal #522**

“I Am Thine, O Lord” (verses 1 & 2)

## **Scripture Reading**

Ecclesiastes 3:11

**616 O.T.**

I Corinthians 2:9

**167 N.T.**

I John 2:17

**239 N.T.**

Hebrews 13:14

**228 N.T.**

## **Message**

**Jim Tanis**

*“This Life is Not All There Is”*

## **Hymn**

**Blue Hymnal #554**

“Give Me Jesus” (verses 1 & 2)

## **Prayers of and for 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**

**Choir**

“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”

## **\*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 #258**

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain!”

Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere;

Go, tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born!

Down in a lowly manger The humble Christ was born

And brought us God’s salvation That blessed Christmas morn.

Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere;

Go, tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born! *Continued*

## **Benediction**

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

## **\*Postlude**

**Sylvia Lee**

*In Jesus, the beloved Son of God, we are all children of the Most High.*

*Welcome to worship!*

\*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 and 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 worshiping 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 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:	Bark Clark
Altar Flowers:	(today) (next week)
Greeters:	Ted Caris(today) (next week)
Ushers:	Jeff & Susan Stewart, Steve Johnson(today) (next week)
Compassion:	All Deacons
Keyboard:	Sylvia Lee
Sound System:	Rick St. Peter
Coffee Hosts:	(today) (next week)

***Celebrating this week:***

*Happy Birthday to ~*

Collin Zeerip (13), Nathan McKivitz, Terri Wahl (14), Lauren Stroschin (15)

*Happy Anniversary to ~*

***Prayer Requests ~***

The family of Doug and Ann Jeannero - Doug & Ann have both passed away. Funeral arrangements forthcoming

*Our shut-ins:* Bob Erber, Barb Lindner, Jean Morse, Pat Peccia, Siria Pinnick, Don Potter, Norma Purvis

**This Week's Calendar**

**Sunday, January 12**

10:00 a.m.	Worship
11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall SCRIP is available for purchase
5:30 p.m.	ConGo EnJoyMeant - Fellowship Hall

**Monday, January 13**

9:00 a.m.	Woodshop Open
6:30 p.m.	Technology Board - Library

**Tuesday, January 14 - *Church Office Closed***

1:00 p.m.	Woodshop Open
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**Wednesday, January 15**

6:15 p.m.	Praise Group Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall

**Thursday, January 16 - *Church Office Closed***

10:00 a.m.	Crafters - Fellowship Hall
1:00 p.m.	Woodshop Open

**Friday, January 17**

9:00 a.m.	Woodshop Open
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**Saturday, January 18**

**Sunday, January 19**

10:00 a.m.	Worship
11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall SCRIP is available for purchase

### **Our Church News**

**In our pulpit today, Jim Tanis** - My wife and I have been married for 56 years and have lived in the White Lake Area most of that time. We have 2 grown children and 6 grandchildren. As an active member of the White Lake United Methodist Church for nearly 50 years, I have done clowning, taught Sunday school and witnessed to my faith as a licensed Lay Speaker in many churches. Other opportunities to speak include being the commencement speaker, Memorial Day speaker, and other special occasions. After finishing my 36 year career as a Junior High Woodshop teacher at Mona Shores Public Schools, I continue to be active in my church as a lay speaker, a parish visitor, and have recently been a vital part of combining Whitehall United Methodist with the Montague United Methodist Church. I love the Lord, I love life, and I love my family. I truly believe God has richly blessed me in so many ways. At 81 years of age, I feel blessed to have the gift of good health to continue doing the Lord's work.

**In our pulpit next week, January 19, Arriel VanSingel** - Arriel is a graduate of Grant High School and Central Michigan University (CMU) in Mt. Pleasant. She was employed by His House of Christ Church on Central Michigan's campus as an Event Coordinator until 2015 when she began working for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). She was an FCA Area representative for Newaygo and Kent Counties until 2018. She returned to CMU in 2018 to be the FCA Campus Representative. Her main responsibility is to be invested in the lives of the athletes on CMU's campus.

**The 2020 Greeter, Usher, Coffee Host and Altar Flowers calendars** are located in the narthex. Take a moment and fill in a Sunday where you are willing to serve

**Looking Ahead:** Women's Fellowship will be hosting a lunch for Guatemala following worship on January 26. Tim Roggatz will be cooking. A free-will offering will be received. Women's Fellowship will match donations up to \$500. The money received will be brought to Guatemala to purchase food and medical supplies for the village. On February 14 at noon Women's Fellowship will be hosting their annual Valentine Luncheon. A sign up sheet is located on the bulleting board in Fellowship Hall. More details to come. Mark your calendar for a Soup Supper on Friday, March 20 from 5-7 p.m. More information to follow.

**Christmas Crafts** - a very huge Thank You to all of you who have participated in this project for the Women's Fellowship event. Thank you to all who came each week all year long. Not only did we enjoy everyone's company, but we all worked at making items for the Craft Sale.

Thank you to those in the Wood Shop who assisted in creating the items that we wanted for the sale. I have very much appreciated having this expertise to lean on when we were working on projects and hit a bump in the road. Thank you to all of those who came out to help-out the day of the Craft Sale. So many are needed to cover all of the areas: cash table, baggers, carryout, and room watchers. We could not have accomplished this event without all of you. You are all a very important part of the event. Now that the New Year is here, we will start all over working towards the first Saturday in December, December 5, 2020. Please know that you are all appreciated. Gail Cooper.

**For a number of years, Gary Hooker** has gone to Guatemala to help the people there with home building and other helpful activities. To help fund the Guatemala trip, the Deacons and Women's Fellowship have agreed to sponsor Gary. To help support the trip, Tim and Karen Roggatz have agreed to prepare Chicken or Beef Tacos and Nachos along with a buffet salad bar in our fellowship hall on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> following worship. Donations on Taco Day will support the trip. The Womens' Fellowship will provide all the ingredients for the meal and in addition have agreed to match the donations up to the \$500 level. Please plan on attending this event on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> for a wonderful time and to help send Gary off on his trip.

**Photos** - We are learning how to do more and more with our new projector including adding photos. As you attend CONGO functions, worship, meetings and activities I encourage you to snap a few photos. I won't be able to use all of your photos but I will do my best to capture the essence of each event etc. in a slide presentation to be played before worship on Sunday mornings. I won't be able to edit hundreds of photos so Please only send me a few of your best shots, from each event. Please text your photos to 231-924-9558. This is my cell phone. Thank you, Deb

### **Requested Announcements**

**The January series of Calvin University** will be video streamed live at the Dogwood Center, from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. beginning January 8-28. The lectures are free and open to the public Both the Black Box and main Stage areas will be available for seating. Attendees may bring their lunch or order a lunch for \$5 by calling 924-8885 at least 24 hours prior to the date. A list of the speakers is posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.