

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, February 9 - Chilirama and Charades! 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. We’ve got some great chilies 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

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

Your Independent Worship Center



TRUST IN THE LORD
WITH ALL YOUR
HEART,
AND DO NOT LEAN ON
YOUR OWN
UNDERSTANDING.

PROVERBS 3:5, ESV

Second after Epiphany

January 19, 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

Prelude

Praise Group

“Build Your Kingdom Here”

Call to Worship

Praise Group

“Even So Come”

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

Blue Hymnal #139

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Invitation to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

***Response**

Praise Group & Congregation

“Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone”

Story Bell

Mat Emerick

“The Solar Plexus Zone”

Hymn of Preparation

Blue Hymnal #712

“Be Still My Soul” (verse 2)

Be still, my soul! thy God doth undertake

To guide the future as He has the past.

Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;

As now mysterious shall be bright at last.

Be still, my soul! the waves and winds still know

His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Scripture Reading

Proverbs 3:5-6

586 O.T.

Message

Arriel VanSingel

“Trusting in God’s Timing”

Hymn

Blue Hymnal #11

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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

Sylvia Lee

***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 #526

“The Solid Rock” (verse 1 & refrain)

My hope is built on nothing less

Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;

I dare not trust the sweetest frame,

But wholly lean on Jesus’ name

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;

All other ground is sinking sand,

All other ground is sinking sand.

Benediction

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

***Postlude**

Sylvia Lee

We gather to praise “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” Because of Jesus, you may be a peace in the assurance of God’s forgiveness and love. Welcome!

*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 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:	Bark Clark
Altar Flowers:	Don Potter(today) (next week)
Greeters:	Dave White(today) Bill Black(next week)
Ushers:	Dave & Sue VandenBelt, Dick Ramm(today) (next week)
Compassion:	All Deacons
Keyboard:	Sylvia Lee
Sound System:	Rick St. Peter
Coffee Hosts:	Bill & Carol Black(today) Pat Krehn & Barb Veldman(next week)

The flowers on the altar today are given by Don Potter.

Celebrating this week:

Happy Birthday to ~

Don Potter (19), Marjorie Derks, Ann Werner (20), Mat Emerick (21), Fran Stewart (22), Garrison Frei(24)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Steve & Karla Johnson (22)

Prayer Requests ~

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

This Week’s Calendar

Sunday, January 19

8:45 a.m. Praise Group Rehearsal - sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall
SCRIP is available for purchase

Monday, January 20

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open
7:00 p.m. Trustees - Library

Tuesday, January 21 - *Church Office Closed*

1:00 p.m. Woodshop Open
6:00 p.m. Deacons’ Meeting - Library

Wednesday, January 22

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

Thursday, January 23 - *Church Office Closed*

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

Friday, January 24

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

Saturday, January 25

Sunday, January 26

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

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

Our Church News

Welcome 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

Next Sunday we welcome back Jim Tanis. Jim & Mat exchanged Sundays last week due to the uncertainty of the weather.

Looking Ahead: 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.

Dear Members of First Congregational Church, 2020 hopefully will be a year of growth and solidarity for our church. With God's help and the Holy Spirit working among us all, these passages will guide and direct us: Philippians 4:13, "I (We) can do all things through God who strengthens me (us)" AND Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths". The Executive Council had a very positive and productive meeting on December 30, 2019. All Boards were present and very productive.

For your information, The Executive Council voted at the December 30, 2019 meeting to use the name First Congregational Church of Fremont with the subtitle "Your Independent Worship Center" for immediate advertising purposes.

First Congregational Church of Fremont

Your Independent Worship Center

This does not change the name of our church which can only be done by a vote of the membership. It is intended to welcome everyone to our church as a place of worship. Blessing, Gary Hooker 2020 Moderator

A Big "Thankyourama!" to Pat Krehn, Karen and Tim Roggatz, Ruth Cowles, Deb Emerick, Kendra Lachniet, Karla Johnson and Jean Morehouse for all the time and effort spent in providing such great food

for last Sunday's "Lasagnarama!" Thanks also to Sylvia Lee for playing such great piano for the hymn sing. It was a night of truly good food, fun and fellowship! Please plan to join us for next month's "Chilirama" and Charades night, Feb 9!

We have changed our e-mail provider over the course of the last 2 weeks. We have been assured that all email will be delivered. The only guarantee they cannot provide is that it may show up in your "SPAM" or "JUNK" email box. PLEASE check those mailboxes if you feel that you are not receiving email. If you have any questions or concerns please let either Lorene or myself know. Happy emailing to all, Jeff

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 Roggatz have agreed to prepare Chicken or Beef Tacos and Nachos along with a buffet salad bar in our fellowship hall on Sunday, January 26th 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. The money received will be brought to Guatemala to purchase food and medical supplies for the village. Please plan on attending this event on Sunday, January 26th for a wonderful time and to help send Gary off on his trip.