

## 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



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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

Your Independent Worship Center



## *Third after Epiphany*

**January 26, 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**

#### **Musical Call to Worship**

**Praise Group**

“All the Heavens”

#### **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 perish, spoil or fade, kept in heaven for each one of us.

#### **\*Opening Hymn**

**Blue Hymnal #416**

“We’re Marching to Zion”

#### **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.**

#### **\*Response**

**Praise Group & Congregation**

“Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone”

#### **Story Bell**

**Jim Tanis**

“The Power of a Compliment”

#### **Hymn of Preparation**

**Praise Group & Congregation**

“One Day” (When We All Get to Heaven)

## **Scripture Reading**

Ecclesiastes 3:11

I Corinthians 2:9

I John 2:17

Hebrews 13:14

**616 O.T.**

**167 N.T.**

**239 N.T.**

**228 N.T.**

#### **Message**

**Jim Tanis**

*“This Life Is Not All There Is”*

#### **\*Hymn**

**Blue Hymnal #778**

“In the Sweet By and By”

#### **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 #670**

“Make Me A Blessing” (verse 1 & refrain)

Out in the highways and byways of life,

Many are weary and sad. Carry the sunshine where darkness is rife  
Making the sorrowing glad.

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.

#### **\*Benediction**

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

#### **\*Postlude**

**Sylvia Lee**

*In the name of the Holy Trinity, who hold darkness and light, night and day, rest and activity all in one loving embrace, we celebrate our diversity as we worship in unity. Welcome to all.*

\*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 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 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:	Ted & Jeannie Caris(today) (next week)
Greeters:	Bill Black(today) Ted Caris(next week)
Ushers:	Jeff & Susan Stewart, Jean Morehouse(today) Kendra Lachniet(next week)
Compassion:	All Deacons
Keyboard:	Sylvia Lee
Sound System:	Rick St. Peter
Coffee Hosts:	Guatemala Luncheon(today)

Kendra Lachniet & Barbara Blass-Frisbey(next week)

The flowers on the altar today are given by Ted & Jeannie Caris and family in memory of our Son, Brother and Uncle who passed away tragically in 2007.

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

*Happy Birthday to ~*

Barbara Blass-Frisbey (29), Millie Sherman (1)

*Happy Anniversary to ~*

Jack & Mary Butterick (29)

### ***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 26**

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

#### **Monday, January 27**

9:00 a.m.	Woodshop Open
6:30 p.m.	Executive Council - Library

#### **Tuesday, January 28 - *Church Office Closed***

1:00 p.m.	Woodshop Open
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#### **Wednesday, January 29**

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

#### **Thursday, January 30 - *Church Office Closed***

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

#### **Friday, January 31**

9:00 a.m.	Woodshop Open
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#### **Saturday, February 1**

#### **Sunday, February 2**

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

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## **Our Church News**

**This morning we welcome** back Jim Tanis. Jim & Mat exchanged Sundays last week due to the uncertainty of the weather. 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.

**Next Sunday Michele Zimmerman**, Executive Director of Love In the Name of Christ of Newaygo County will be our worship leader. Michele has been the Executive Director of Love INC for the past 15 years. Though her educational background is in environmental studies and business, several years ago, God began shifting the desires of her heart to align with His - directing her toward missions and her community. She is passionate about helping the Church live out its call to invest in people biblically and holistically. She believes Love INC is an excellent ministry model for bringing local churches together to address brokenness and chronic need within the community. Michele is married to Sheldon and together they have five married children and 15 grandchildren.

**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 TODAY 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. Join us TODAY for a wonderful time and to help send Gary off on his trip.

**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

**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: Philippines 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!

**Upcoming Worship Leaders:** February 2 Michele Zimmerman  
February 9 Tim Roggatz                      February 16 Reverend Daniel Unekis  
February 23 Mark Jarvie                      March 1 Mark Jarvie

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**Requested Announcements**

Pastor		
Keyboard	Sylvia Lee	
Creative Ministries	Mat Emerick	231-414-7501
Facilitator	(e-mail) <a href="mailto:matemerick@fremontfcc.org">matemerick@fremontfcc.org</a>	
Music Facilitator	Deb Emerick	924-9558
Secretary	Lorene Witte	924-4710
	(cell) 231-282-0515	
Website:	<a href="http://www.fremontfcc.org">www.fremontfcc.org</a>	email: <a href="mailto:congo@fremontfcc.org">congo@fremontfcc.org</a>
Church:	231-924-4710	714 Hillcrest Drive
		Fremont, MI 49412

**in Song**

“As It Is In Heaven” (Matt Maher)  
Our Father, who art in Heaven Hallowed be thy name  
Come and let Your glory, Come and let Your glory fall.

Our Father, who art in Heaven The rocks cry out Your fame  
Come and let Your glory, Come and let Your glory fall.

**Chorus:**  
**I will sing, sing a new song I will sing, sing a new song**  
**I will sing, sing a new song to the Lord**  
**Let your kingdom come Let your will be done**  
**On earth as it is in heaven Every heart proclaim**  
**The mercy of Your name On earth as it is in heaven.**

God give us new every morning Mercy his daily bread  
In the name of Jesus In the name of Jesus we pray  
And lead us, not to temptation But deliver us with Your hand  
In the name of Jesus In the name of Jesus we pray  
Father we pray

**Chorus:**  
Ending-Praise Group

**Praise Group & Congregation**











