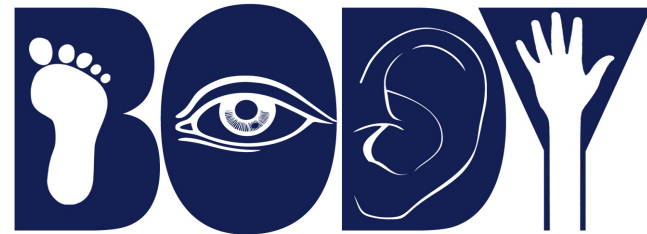


# The First Congregational Church

Now  
you are the



of Christ and  
individually  
members of it.

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Tear Here

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 or email \_\_\_\_\_

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

Would you like someone to contact you?  Yes  No

1 Corinthians 12:27, NRSV

*Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

October 13, 2019

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** Choir  
"Majesty"

**Welcome**

**Opening Prayer**

**Call to Annual Meeting** Bill Black, Clerk

**\*Opening Hymn** Blue Hymnal #33  
"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (verses 1,3,4)

**Invitation to Prayer**

**Prayer of Confession**

**\*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

**Story Bell** Mat Emerick  
"The Gifted Screwdriver"

**Special Music** Choir  
"Holy"

**Scripture Reading** 174 N.T.  
I Corinthians 12

**Message** Pastor Ray Dekker  
*Who Wants to Be a Waterboy?*

**\*Hymn** Blue Hymnal #225  
"Come, Christians Join to Sing"

**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** Choir  
"He's Everything to Me"

**\*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 #438  
"Jesus Saves" (verse 1)  
We have heard the joyful sound: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!  
Spread the tidings all around: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!  
Bear the news to every land; Climb the steeps and cross the waves.  
Onward! 'tis our Lord's command. Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

**Benediction**

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

**\*Postlude** Sylvia Lee

*The psalmist invites us: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.” 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, 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.

\*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.

\*The Deacons invite you to join us for a few moments of prayer in the library at 9:40 a.m. each Sunday morning. We want to ask God to prepare our hearts for worship, to guide those leading worship in word and song and invite the Holy Spirit to minister to our church family and visitors. Please come and pray!

*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:	Fran Stewart
Altar Flowers:	Bill & Jan Fries, Sr.(today) Gary Deuling(next week)
Greeters:	(today) Jack & Mary Butterick(next week)
Ushers:	Georgia Paxton & Don McKivitz(today) Jean Morehouse & Shelli Waldo(next week)
Compassion:	All Deacons
Keyboard:	Sylvia Lee
Sound System:	Rick St. Peter
Coffee Hosts:	Jon & Judy Clapp(today) Jack & Mary Butterick(next week)

The flowers on the altar today are given by Bill and Jan Fries, Sr.

### **Celebrating this week:**

*Happy Birthday to ~*

Jonathan Tuuk (13), Miles Cowles (14), Leah McKivitz (16)

### **Prayer Requests ~**

Linda & Gordon Oosterhouse - loss of Linda’s brother, Jim  
*Our shut-ins:* Frank Blain, Bob Erber, Barb Lindner, Jean Morse, Siria Pinnick, Don Potter, Norma Purvis, Karen Zick

Health Concerns - Jerry & Helen Miller, Jan Stone, Briann & Zack Meeuwenberg and their unborn baby (Guy & Renae` Redinger’s daughter)

### **This Week’s Calendar**

#### **Sunday, October 13**

8:45 a.m. Choir Rehearsal - sanctuary  
9:40 a.m. Prayer Time - Library  
10:00 a.m. Worship  
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall  
SCRIP is available for purchase

#### **Monday, October 14**

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

#### **Tuesday, October 15 - Church Office Closed**

9:00 -10:00 a.m. Working on Soup & Dessert Jars - F. Hall  
10:00 a.m. Book Circle - Trillium Springs Blue Room  
1:00 p.m. Woodshop Open  
3:00 p.m. Violin Lessons - Fellowship Hall  
6:30 p.m. Women’s Bible Study - Lounge  
6:30 p.m. Men’s Gathering (Tim Tebow Series)- F. Hall  
6:30 p.m. Special Executive Council Meeting - Library

#### **Wednesday, October 16**

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open  
6:15 p.m. Praise Group Rehearsal  
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall

#### **Thursday, October 17 - Church Office Closed**

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

#### **Friday, October 18**

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

#### **Saturday, October 19**

#### **Sunday, October 20**

8:45 a.m. Choir Rehearsal - sanctuary  
9:40 a.m. Prayer Time - Library  
10:00 a.m. Worship  
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall  
ANNUAL MEETING - Fellowship Hall  
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## Our Church News

**All members of the First Congregational Church of Fremont, Michigan** are called to come together following worship on Sunday, October 20, 2019 for our annual congregational meeting. We will review the reports of officers, boards and committees concerning the work they did for God in 2019, elect officers, board and committee members for terms commencing in the year 2019, vote on the church name, and adopt a budget to provide for the work we will do in Christ's name A.D. 2020. And we will deal with any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

**Bill Black, Clerk**

**Annual Reports** are ready for you to pick up.

**On Tuesday, October 15** from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Women's Fellowship is putting together dried soup and dessert mixes for the Home Tour Plum Pudding Shoppe. Anyone is invited to come and help put them together.

**Thank you to all who** attended our concert last Sunday evening. About 160 people were in attendance. Our offering for the benefit of Wellspring Respite Care amounted to \$1,040.75 which will be matched by the Foundation.

**Please do not delay in personally requesting** your building access credential from Lorene. Without it you may be inadvertently locked out of the church building. The credential consists of either a proximity card, (similar to those used by hotels), or an easy to use smart phone application. In order to get your own credential you must personally request our church secretary, Lorene, to issue one to you. If it is inconvenient for you to stop by the church office to pick it up, a proximity card can be mailed to you. A smart phone application must be activated by personally bringing your phone to Lorene.

**The pathology** from my surgery on Sept. 19th came back as 'benign', so we are very grateful! I am thankful to God and to everyone in my church family for their thoughts and prayers!!

Stacey Church

**New Men's Group** (not bible study per se) will be starting at the same time as the Women's Bible Study (6:30 p.m.) We also will be using a video series by Tim Tebow. Come join us!!!

**We will be having a Life Expressions/Sign Party** on Saturday, October 26 at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The money is raised in this way: A 4X24" Make & Take Sign costs \$25. For every adult sign made there is a \$10 profit. Please mark your calendars for this fun event. Everyone is invited including friends, neighbors and family! Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board. Questions? Talk to Pat Krehn 231-414-7256

**SCRIP is available for purchase** in Fellowship Hall following worship. See Susan Stewart.

## Requested Announcements

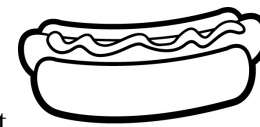
**Holiday Harvest Craft & Bake Sale** - Saturday, November 9, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the New Community Church 409 S. Mundy, Newaygo. See flyer on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

## 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, Oct 20, 5:30-7:30- Hot Dogs and Hot Hymns!- Three classic hot dogs- the Chicago, the Detroit and the New York! The New York dog features sauerkraut and spicy brown mustard. The Detroit dog is also called the "Coney Island" and is a chili dog with shredded cheese. The Chicago dog features pickles and relish. Of course, anyone can create their own dog. The dogs will be all beef and cut in half so you can try more than one without getting stuffed! Afterwards we'll heat up our souls with a hot hymn sing-along! Bring a friend!