

The First Congregational Church



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

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 20, 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

Opening Music

Praise Group

“Build Your Kingdom”

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Call to Annual Meeting

Bill Black, Clerk

***Opening Hymn**

Blue Hymnal #403

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” (verses 1,2,4)

Invitation to Prayer

Praise Group & Congregation

“Broken Vessels”

All these pieces broken and scattered in mercy gathered mended and whole empty handed but not forsaken I've been set free, I've been set free.

Prechorus: Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost but now I am found was blind but now I see.

Chorus: Oh I can see You now, Oh I can see the love in Your eyes laying Yourself down raising up the broken to life.

Your take our failure you take our weakness You set Your treasure in jars of clay. So take this heart, Lord I'll be Your vessel the world to see your life in me. *Repeat to Prechorus & Chorus*

Prayer of Confession

Response (remain seated)

Praise Group

“Mighty to Save”

Story Bell

Mat Emerick

Hymn of Preparation

Blue Hymnal #562

“Be Thou My Vision” (verse 1)

Be thou my vision O lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art -
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4:1-16

193 N.T.

Message

Pastor Ray Dekker

There is no “I” in Church

***Hymn**

Blue Hymnal #526

“The Solid Rock”

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

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)

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

Welcome to worship this morning. It is good to be here together in the presence of the God whose name is Love.

*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 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.

*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:

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| Altar Rep: | Fran Stewart |
| Altar Flowers: | Gary Deuling & Judy Halma(today) (next week) |
| Greeters: | Jack & Mary Butterick(today) (next week) |
| Ushers: | Jean Morehouse & Shelli Waldo(today) (next week) |
| Compassion: | All Deacons |
| Keyboard: | Sylvia Lee |
| Sound System: | Rick St. Peter |
| Coffee Hosts: | Jack & Mary Butterick(today) (next week) |

The flowers on the altar today are given by Gary Deuling & Judy Halma in honor of their wedding coming up on October 25 in Arizona.

Celebrating this week:

Happy Birthday to ~

Gordon Oosterhouse (21), Pat Dekleva (22)

Prayer Requests ~

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 20

8:45 a.m. Praise Group 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
SCRIP is available for purchase
5:30 p.m. CongoEnJoyMeant - Fellowship Hall

Monday, October 21

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

Tuesday, October 22 - Church Office Closed

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

Wednesday, October 23

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

Thursday, October 24 - Church Office Closed

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

Friday, October 25

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

Saturday, October 26

Sunday, October 27

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
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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 in Fellowship Hall. The financial section is also ready. It is separate from the Annual Report.

LADIES - Your Home Tour Tickets are ready for you. They are in the basket on the table by the church office. Or see Jean Morehouse or Gale Cooper during coffee hour.

Thank you for all the cards, prayers and condolences I received when my brother passed. They are appreciated so very much.

Linda & Gordon Oosterhouse

Thank you to ALL who were involved with the CROP Walk. Whether you walked or pledged you are appreciated. Special thanks to walkers Kelly Parks, Mat & Deb Emerick, Jack & Mary Butterick, Don, Leah & Lauren McKivitz, Guy & Raene` Redinger, to our coordinator Ann Werner and assistant Raene` Redinger, to the water station keeper, Dick Ramm, to Tim Rogattz for providing soup and to Troy Redinger for providing the rolls. We couldn't have done it without YOU!! We collected \$715.00.

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.

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!

