

# The First Congregational Church



**WORLD**  
**COMMUNION**  
**SUNDAY**

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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

*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**October 6, 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**

**Welcome**

**Opening Prayer**

**Call to Annual Meeting**

**Bill Black, Clerk**

**\*Opening Hymn**

**Blue Hymnal #221**

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (verses 1,2,3,5)

**Story Bell**

**Deb Emerick**

He’s Got the Whole World in His Hand

**Scripture Reading**

I Corinthians 12

**174 N.T.**

**Message**

**Pastor Ray Dekker**

*Common Source for Life*

**\*Hymn**

**Blue Hymnal #464**

“Come to the Table”

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Music during Communion**

**Chancel Choir**

“How Beautiful” by Twila Paris & Lloyd Larson

**\*Apostle’s Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen

**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**

“In Christ There is No East or West” selection #428 Celebration Hymnal

**\*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**

*Welcome to this holy gathering, that we may learn and grow, confess and repent, praise and worship, love and be loved - together.*

\*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:	Bible/Communion(today) (next week)
Greeters:	Ted Caris(today) (next week)
Ushers:	Georgia Paxton & Don McKivitz(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 ~*

### **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 6**

8:45 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal - sanctuary
9:40 a.m.	Prayer Time - Library
10:00 a.m.	Worship with communion
11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall SCRIP is available for purchase
6:00 p.m.	Concert by Louise Slager & Mary Jane Mack - sanctuary

#### **Monday, October 7**

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

#### **Tuesday, October 8 - 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
7:00 p.m.	Special Trustees Meeting - Library
7:30 p.m.	Library Reserved

#### **Wednesday, October 9**

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Flu Shots - Fellowship Hall
9:00 a.m.	Woodshop Open
10:00 a.m.	Library Reserved
6:15 p.m.	Praise Group Rehearsal
7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall

#### **Thursday, October 10 - Church Office Closed**

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

#### **Friday, October 11**

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

#### **Saturday, October 12**

#### **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

## 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**

**Join us TODAY** at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary for a Concert by Louise Slager and Mary Jane Mack. A free will offering will be received. Proceeds go to "Wellspring." Coffee and cookies will follow the concert in Fellowship Hall. Sponsored by the Congregational Women's Fellowship. All are Welcome!!

**Annual Reports are PAST DUE!!** Have you turned in your report?

**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

**Hay Art** - Have you noticed our Hay Art? Thank you men for handling this project. If you would like to add financial support to the project to insure a great successful harvest, see farmer Dean. The Hay Art Competition is in full swing. *Please vote for our church's hay art by bringing a canned good to the Chamber of Commerce office on Main Street. Voting is through October 11.*

**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

**Flu Shots will be** administered here in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, October 9 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. No appointment needed this is a walk-in flu clinic.

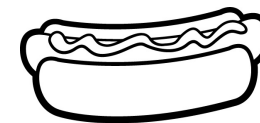
**Play for United Way - Newaygo Go County** - Hosted by Newaygo County Community Committee, Thursday, October 17, 10:15 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Stone Lodge. Cost \$35 per person. If attending lunch only \$25. Salad luncheon served at 12:30 p.m. Guest speaker, Emilee Syrewicze, Ex. Direction - Opera Grand Rapids. Outstanding prized! RSVP by October 10 by calling Jim Rynberg 924-2101 or 924-6345.

## 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!