

Plum Pudding ~ 2019

In accordance with the State of Michigan Food Requirements this is the required list of food items that can be made for Plum Pudding:

Breads - not frozen

Similar baked goods

Vinegar & flavored vinegar

Cakes - not refrigerated

Muffins

Cooked fruit pies

Jams & Jellies

in glass jars that can be stored at room temperature.

Cookies

Dry herbs and dry herb mixes

Dry baking mixes

Dry dip mixes

Dry soup mixes

Dehydrated vegetables or fruits

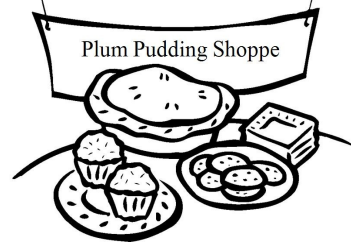
Popcorn

Chocolate covered pretzels, marshmallows, graham crackers, rice krispie treats

Coated or uncoated nuts

Dried pasta made with eggs

Roasted coffee beans or ground roasted coffee



The First Congregational Church



All food items have to be labeled with a list of ingredients with your FIRST name, The First Congregational Church 231-924-4710 on the label.

Thank you for your cooperation,
Mary Butterick, Plum Pudding Coordinator

First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 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

Welcome

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn**

Blue Hymnal #244

“Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Advent Candle - “Hope”

Story Bell

Mat & Deb Emerick

“The Miner”

Scripture Reading

Message

Mat Emerick

“Gold Rush”

***Hymn**

Blue Hymnal #399

“Come to the Table”

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Music for Communion

Sylvia Lee

***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

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 #401

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His Name is called Emmanuel;
God with us, revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing**

Blue Hymnal #243

Benediction

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

***Postlude**

Sylvia Lee

“I was glad when they said to me ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord!’”

May we, too, find joy in worshipping God.

*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 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:	Jim Rynberg
Altar Flowers:	Poinsettias(today) Poinsettias(next week)
Greeters:	(today) (next week)
Ushers:	(today) (next week)
Compassion:	All Deacons
Keyboard:	Sylvia Lee
Sound System:	Rick St. Peter
Coffee Hosts:	Jack & Mary Butterick(today) (next week)

Celebrating this week:

Happy Birthday to ~

Robin DeKleva, Bonnie Erber (2), Judy Clapp (3), Dick Ramm (5), Jerry Miller(7)

Prayer Requests ~

John Tarelibono (friend of Ted & Jeannie Caris) - serious health concerns

Jerry Miller - now residing at Fountain View

Our shut-ins: Frank Blain, Bob Erber, Doug & Ann Jeannero, Barb Lindner, Jean Morse, Pat Peccia, Siria Pinnick, Don Potter, Norma Purvis, Karen Zick

This Week’s Calendar

Sunday, December 1

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

Monday, December 2

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

Tuesday, December 3 - *Church Office Closed*

1:00 p.m. Woodshop Open

Wednesday, December 4

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

Thursday, December 5 - *Church Office Closed*

Friday, December 6

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

Saturday, December 7

10:00 a.m. Christmas Shopping & Home Tour

Sunday, December 8

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

Our Church News

Today, December 1 our own Mat Emerick will be leading us in worship.

Next Sunday, December 8 we welcome Daniel Unekis. Daniel was born and raised in Iowa and felt called to ministry from an early age. He received his Masters of Divinity from Western Theological Seminary and served as associate pastor to a rural congregation in Hudsonville, MI before moving to his current position at Community Action House. He now works with people experiencing food insecurity and homelessness in Ottawa county. Daniel is consistently blessed by the way his clients demonstrate God's love and grace even as they live on the edges of society. Daniel lives with his wife, Kari, in Hamilton enjoying the rhythms of the seasons, their cats, chickens, and weekend carpentry projects.

Friends and Members: The Home Tour is just around the corner. Decorative containers, glass jars, plastic bags and containers, etc. for Plum Pudding Shoppe are on display in Fellowship Hall. Please take some home and fill them up with goodies and return them to the church by Friday, December 6. You will find recipes, cook books and a sample of the information that must be included on your items. If you have any questions, please contact me. Mary B. Plum Pudding Coordinator 231 924 4581.

Attention Ladies: The Holiday Shopping & Home Tour will be here soon. I will be hosting the Complimentary "Tea, Coffee & cookies" and am asking for your help in providing whatever delicious treat you could. If you make a bar type dessert, it is helpful if they are pre-cut in the pans. Please have them to the kitchen by Friday, December 6. Thank You so much! Shelli Waldo

Thanksgiving is a wonderful holiday for our families but there are many needy brothers, sisters just beyond our walls. Please search your pantry for duplicates of canned goods and items you won't be using, or buy a few cans from on sale displays at Bill's, and put them in the basket in the narthex near the east aisle. Or, write a check to True North and put it in the offering plate. Thanks for caring, Jack B

SCRIP is available for purchase in Fellowship Hall following worship. It's December and you might be looking for a gift in the way of a gift card. SCRIP has many to choose from. See Susan Stewart.

Lorene will be out of the office on Monday, December 2. If you need to reach me please call 231-282-0515.

Requested Announcements

United Way – Newaygo County's Annual "Mistletoe & Music" luncheon is scheduled for Friday, December 6, 2019, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., at the Dogwood Center for the Performing Arts. In addition to a holiday lunch served by Executive Chef, Whitney Saylor, of Ridge Specialties, there will be interim music by pianist, Bernadine Johnson, with singer, Jean Howarth, and a seasonal-music program presented by members of Opera Grand Rapids. In addition, a variety of silent auction items will again be available – we have a Coach purse with the price tag still attached for auction! Tickets are \$40.00 per person or a table of eight (8) for \$300.00. Reservations can be placed by calling Jim Rynberg at Fremont City Hall, 924-2101, or at home, 924-6345.

The River Country Community Christmas Choir directed by Barb Boss, totals over 55 singers and invites **YOU** to a wonderful evening of sacred Christmas Music. The concert will be held at Grant Fine Arts Center, Sunday, Dec. 8 starting at 6 p.m. A freewill offering will be taken for Love in the Name of Christ. Come and celebrate the birth of Jesus! Following the concert, there is a time of refreshments and fellowship. Admission is free. Singing from our church are Bill Black, Sylvia Lee, Al Smalligan and Dave White.

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

Creative Ministries Players present

"Help! It's Christmas!"

- a special drama for worship with a fun and poignant look at the stresses and strains that many feel at this festive time. We sing "Peace on Earth" but often lack it in our souls. But there is Hope! We will find it! To include a special Children's presentation of the Christmas Story as well as special and uplifting music.

Sunday, Dec 15, 10:00am.



*Fremont First Congregational Creative Ministries
presents:*

Sunday, Dec 15, 5:30pm: Congo Carols and Cookies!

Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long led
by Louise Slager (Organ) and
Sylvia Lee on Piano.

Come and give praise to God in
this glorious season with the carols
that help us remember that "Jesus is
the Reason for the Season!"



Afterwards cookies, coffee and punch will be served in
the church fellowship hall.

Fremont First Congregational Creative Ministries
presents:

Congo Kids Christmas Party!

All kids and families are invited!

Games, Christmas Cookies and Punch,
as well as a...



Special Christmas Show with
Juggling, Mime, Clown and
Storytelling of the Birth of
Jesus!

Then it's time for Santa
who will give each child a
fun gift and tasty treat!

**"Let's go Ho, Ho, Ho, in the
ConGo, Go, Go!"**

Each child must be
accompanied by an adult.

Saturday, Dec 21,
11:00am-12:00pm

In the Church Fellowship Hall.

