

The First Congregational Church

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



Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 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

***Opening Hymn**

Blue Hymnal #270

“Joy to the World” (verse 1,2,4)

Advent Candle - “Joy”

Prayer of Confession

Response

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” (Christmas Version)
Joyful, joyful, We adore Thee, God of Glory, Lord of Light
Praise resounds as earth rejoices, In the birth of Christ, the King
In a manger lies the Baby, Child of Mary, Son of God
As with joy our hearts are lifted, joined in wonder, love and praise.

Christmas Program



Songs during the Program

“Silent Night” (verses 1 & 4)

Blue Hymnal #253

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

Blue Hymnal #251

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 #243

“Emmanuel”

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

Benediction

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

***Postlude**

Sylvia Lee

As the prophet says: "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God".

Welcome!

*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 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.

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:	(today) (next week)

Celebrating this week:

Happy Birthday to ~

Kelly Parks (18)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Rev. Ray & Sandy Deker (20)

Prayer Requests ~

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

Jerry Miller - now residing at Porter Hills

Jack Tittle - recovering from hip surgery

The family of Doug Jeannero - Doug passed away

Ann Jeannero - Ann broke her hip. She is under Hospice Care

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

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, December 15

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall

SCRIP is available for purchase

5:30 p.m. ConGo EnJoyMeant - Sanctuary

Monday, December 16

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

7:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting - Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, December 17 - *Church Office Closed*

1:00 p.m. Woodshop Open

Wednesday, December 18

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

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

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall

Thursday, December 19 - *Church Office Closed*

1:00 p.m. Woodshop Open

Friday, December 20

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

Saturday, December 21

10:00 a.m. Congo Kids Christmas Party - Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 22

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall

SCRIP is available for purchase

Crafts (not Rada or scrubbies) are 25% off today.

Stop in after worship and do some shopping!

Our Church News

Next Sunday, December 22 our friend, **Tim Roggatz** will be bringing the message to us. Here is a bio from Tim. We moved to Newaygo in 2014 to assist with my In-Laws. Karen grew up in Hesperia and Fremont. I was born in Minnesota and became a Michigander after my father accepted a call to be a parochial school teacher/administrator/music director on the east side of the state. I attended Lutheran school grade school and high school. I received B.A. in Communications from Adrian College. Karen and I have been married for 31 years this coming February. We have attended and served in different capacities at several churches on the east side of the state and more recently at Lakeshore Fellowship in Ferrysburg. I learned my love of music and the Lord from my parents and continued doing so after marrying Karen. We serve together as often as possible and have participated in various church choirs, small musical groups and other areas. We have two sons the oldest lives in Wisconsin and the youngest is in Heaven celebrating with other family members. My work experience has taken me through the food service and manufacturing industries. My most recent work venue was at Brew Works when it opened in 2015 as a cook, so yes the rumors are true I do cook. Last year God took me in another direction after suffering a couple of health issues and put me on a new path. My physical abilities have diminished but not my love for the Lord and for Karen. I have been truly blessed and look to God's guidance everyday to extend his kingdom.

THANK YOU to all of you ladies that provided a dessert for the "Tea Shoppe!" Special thanks to Sally DeShetler, Van Harden and Marj Salata for serving the coffee and tea. Shelli Waldo

We are planning to have a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, it will start at 7:00 pm. It will feature scripture reading about the birth of Jesus along with congregational singing of the corresponding hymn. Sylvia Lee will be playing, also she and Karla Johnson will be singing O Holy Night, Sue Vandenbelt on Cello accompanied by David Vandenbelt will lead the congregation in the singing of Silent Night during the lighting of the candles.

Mat Emerick has been working as a substitute teacher. With the Christmas break coming up he will be without work. If you have an odd job or a need for help with something feel free to give Mat a call at 231-414-7501.

Fremont First Congregational Creative Ministries presents:

TONIGHT ~ 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!

Each child must be accompanied by an
adult.

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

the Church Fellowship Hall.

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





*Thank you to each one who
donated poinsettias to help make
our sanctuary a lovely place in
which to celebrate our Lord's
birth.*



Bill & Carol Black in memory of Aunt Lucile Black.

Ted & Jeannie Caris in memory of our parents - Tony &
Gail Caris and Harold & Jerrie Hines and our son -
Christopher Robb Caris. (2-Red)

Sally DeShetler in memory of Bob DeShetler.

Arnie & Betty Dougan, Kelly & Kyle Parks, Holly & Lyle
Shepherd, Stacey, Brad, Dougan and Troyer Church
in memory of Carolyn Dougan. (White)

Pat Krehn in memory of my parents & grandparents. (Red)

Yvonne & Max Lee in memory of our son, Steven
Whitney Lee. (2-Red)

Peter & Nancy Lindner in memory of P.T. Linder.

Georgia Paxton in memory of Robert Paxton.

Heidi Y. Redding in memory of Harlow W. Redding.

James Rynberg in memory of Lila & John Rynberg &
David Rynberg.

Bill & Millie Sherman in memory of Violet Edlund and
Eva Sherman (2-Red)

Rick & Wendy St. Peter in memory of Chuck & Joan
Anderson and Dick St. Peter.



Bill & Carol Black in honor of our ten grandchildren.
John & Gail Cooper in honor of family.

Arnie & Betty Dougan in honor of family and friends.
(White)

Barbara Blass-Frisbey in honor of family. (White)

Max & Yvonne Lee in honor of our church families.

(2-Red)

Peter & Nancy Lindner in honor of Barbara Ann Lindner.

Dean & Jean Morehouse in honor of our church family and
all its potential.

Heidi Y. Redding in honor of dear and caring friends from
the Congregational Church.

James Rynberg in honor of Alicia Westfall, Allyse &
Adam Walker, and Danielle & David Wuebben.

Duane & Loretta VanDuzen in honor of our children.
(Red)

Jack & Mary Butterick to the Glory of God.

Jeff & Susan Stewart

Ann Werner (9-Red)

