

## 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 January 12-** Lasagnarama and Hymn Sing,  
5:30-7:00pm- Let's come together and warm our bodies and bellies with some delicious lasagnas and warm our souls and hearts with some inspiring hymn singing... or just listening! Volunteers needed to make the lasagna your family loves or maybe a different, unique, kind of lasagna? If you are willing to share give Mat a call at 231-414-7501.



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**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.**

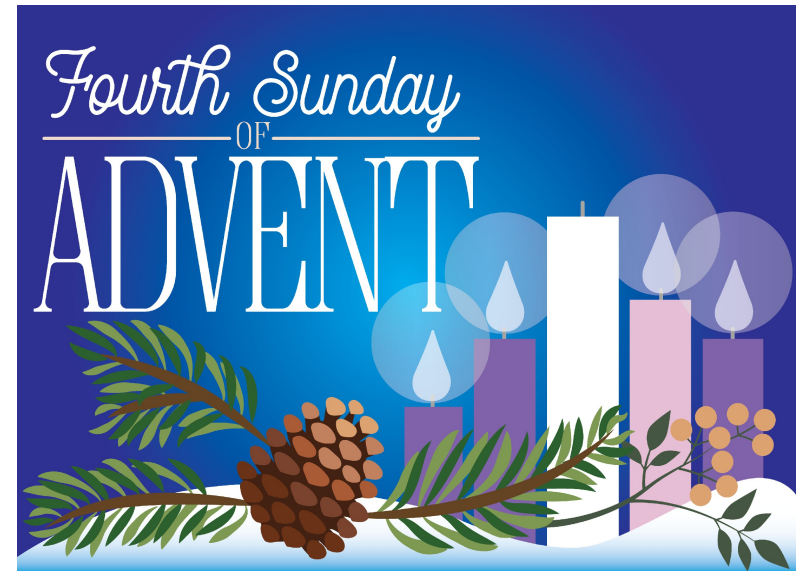
**Your Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone number and or email** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Would you like someone to contact you?** \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

## The First Congregational Church



***Fourth Sunday of Advent***

***December 22, 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**

“We Have a Savior”

**Praise Group**

**Prelude**

Sylvia Lee

**Welcome**

**Jack Butterick**

**Call to Worship**

“Sing Everybody Sing”

**Praise Group**

**Opening Prayer**

**Tim Roggatz**

**\*Opening Hymn**

**Blue Hymnal #277**

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” (verses 1 & 3)

**Invitation to Prayer**

**Tim Roggatz**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Tim Roggatz**

**\*Response**

“Angels We Have Heard on High” (refrain only)

Glo....ri a in excelsis De-o,

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**Story Bell**

“Goin Fishin”

**Mat the Mime**

**Advent Candle - “Love”**

**Hymn of Preparation**

**Blue Hymnal #274**

“O Harken Ye” (verse 3)

O harken ye who long for love And turn your hearts to God above  
Gloria, gloria, In excelsis Deo

The angel’s song the wonder tells:  
Now Love Incarnate with us dwells!  
Gloria, gloria, In excelsis De

**Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 7:14

Matthew 1:18-25

**Tim Roggatz**

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**Message**

*Trust in the Lord*

**Tim Roggatz**

**Hymn**

“Because He Lives” (verses 1 & 2)

**Blue Hymnal #358**

**Prayers of the People and Silent Prayers**

**Jack Butterick**

**Prayers for the People**

**Tim Roggatz**

**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**

“How Many Kings”

**Praise Group**

**\*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**

“Emmanuel”

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

**Blue Hymnal #243**

**Benediction**

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

**\*Postlude**

**Sylvia Lee**

*Amid these busy days, we pause for worship and to remember the hearts of this season. 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 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.

*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) (next week)
Greeters:	Jack & Mary Butterick(today) (next week)
Ushers:	Barbara Blass-Frisbey(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 ~*

Don McKivitz (22)

*Happy Anniversary to ~*

***Prayer Requests ~***

Jerry Miller passed away on Tuesday. A Celebration of Life service will be held in the Spring of 2020

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 22**

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

**Monday, December 23**

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

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

**Tuesday, December 24 - *Church Office Closed***

1:00 p.m. Woodshop Open

7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service - Sanctuary

**Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Day**

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 26 - *Church Office Closed***

1:00 p.m. Woodshop Open

**Friday, December 27**

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

**Saturday, December 28**

**Sunday, December 29**

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

**Crafts (not Rada or scrubbies) are 50% off today.**  
Stop in after worship and do some shopping!

### **Our Church News**

**Today in our pulpit, Tim Roggatz** - I was born in Minnesota, attended Lutheran schools and received B.A. in Communications from Adrian College. Karen was raised in Hesperia and Fremont. We have been married for 31 years and have served in different capacities at several churches, most recently at Lakeshore Fellowship in Ferrysburg. I learned my love of music and the Lord from my parents. Karen and I serve together as often as possible in church choirs, small musical groups. 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 manufacturing industries and food-service including working as a cook at Brew Works. Last year, after suffering a couple of health issues, God 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 every day to extend his kingdom.

**In our pulpit December 29 and January 5** - Rev. Mark L. Jarvie (semi-retired) received his initial training in pastoral ministry through the Lay Ministry Training Program of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches. While enrolled in this program he served a three-year internship as an associate pastor with the First Congregational Church of Vermontville. Upon his graduation from the LMTP Rev. Jarvie was hired and ordained as pastor of the First Congregational Church in Lake Odessa, where he has continued to serve since 2003. While working in Lake Odessa, pastor Jarvie has earned a Master's Degree in Spiritual Formation and Leadership from the Theology department of Spring Arbor University, which he followed with 2 years of formal training in Spiritual Direction through the Sustainable Faith School of Spiritual Direction. In preparation for full retirement this coming spring, pastor Jarvie has recently turned over the senior pastor position at Lake Odessa to the Rev. Dr. Marilyn Danielson. He is now just "helping out" in Lake Odessa until his wife, Kathryn, retires from Kellogg Community College in March. They will then make a permanent move to their beautiful lakeside home near Cheboygan Michigan, a place where they hope to find new ways to serve the Lord - and do a bit of fishing as well.

**Thank YOU! members and friends** so much for your contributions to Plum Pudding. We had a very successful year. Special thanks to my committee. I could not have done it without you. Christmas Blessings to all.  
Mary Butterick, Plum Pudding, coordinator.

**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.

**We recently purchased a new higher-powered projector** and a new Mac computer that will be used exclusively for files and programs used with the projector for visual projection in the sanctuary. Currently, Deb, Karen/Tim Roggatz along with Jeff Stewart's help, are learning how to do this. Karen has experience with the new program we purchased, however, what she has done is the past is put together all the visual projection from an existing library of information, scriptures, songs, special effects etc. We are starting from scratch with no library to draw from, so she is working on the input. There have been a few glitches in our program and Tim has spent a lot of time on the phone with the program help desk to work out the bugs, they also got in touch with the person at their past church who does all the data input, he has been a big help as well. After the holidays, we are going to Spring Lake to meet with him in hopes that he will teach us a few short cuts. Deb is working on the photos of our events and ways to input them for use. Our goal is to eventually be able to train others so that this will be a shared ministry. For now, we are working diligently to learn how to use the tools that we have as effectively and efficiently as possible. We appreciate your patients as we continue to explore this medium for worship. Special thanks to Jack and Jeff Stewart, Tim and Karen Roggatz and Deb for all the late nights, frustrating moments and extra time dedicated to this ministry. It will be awesome!



*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)

