

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

Chancel Choir

Welcome

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn**

Blue Hymnal #245

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Advent Candle - “Peace”

Jack & Mary Butterick

Prayer of Confession

Special Music

Chancel Choir

“Celtic Advent”

Story Bell

Hymn of Preparation

Blue Hymnal #274

“O Hearken Ye”

Oh hearken ye who long for peace,
Your troubled searching now may cease.
Gloria, gloria, In excelsis Deo.
For at this cradle you shall find
God’s healing grace for all mankind.
Gloria, gloria, In excelsis Deo.

Scripture Reading

631 O.T.

Isaiah 2:1-5

Message

Dan Unekis

“A Vision Worth Waiting For”

***Hymn**

Blue Hymnal #282

“O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful”

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

Chancel Choir

“Come Emmanuel”

***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

Welcome! As John the Baptist urged people to “prepare the way of the Lord”, let us prepare our heart for Jesus’ coming.

*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:	Barb Veldman & Jack Butterick(today) (next week)
Ushers:	(today) (next week)
Compassion:	All Deacons
Keyboard:	Sylvia Lee
Sound System:	Rick St. Peter
Coffee Hosts:	Barb Veldman & Jack Butterick(today) (next week)

Celebrating this week:

Happy Birthday to ~

Jon Clapp (11), Wendy St. Peter, Rebecca Tuuk (14)

Prayer Requests ~

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

Jerry Miller - now residing at Porter Hills

The family of Doug Jeannero - Doug passed away on Wednesday

Ann Jeannero - Ann broke her hip on Sunday. 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, Karen Zick

This Week’s Calendar

Sunday, December 8

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

Monday, December 9

9:00 a.m.	Woodshop Open
6:30 p.m.	Technology Board -

Tuesday, December 10 - Church Office Closed

10:00 a.m.	Women’s Fellowship Board Meeting - Fellowship Hall
1:00 p.m.	Woodshop Open

Wednesday, December 11

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 12 - Church Office Closed

Friday, December 13

9:00 a.m.	Woodshop Open
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Saturday, December 14

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

Our Church News

This morning 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.

Thank YOU! for your contributions to True North: dollars given + food donated = 900 pounds of food for needy families. Merry Christmas. Jack

I spoke with Jane Jeannero Friday morning and her father, Doug Jeannero passed away on Wednesday. On Sunday her mom, Ann fell and broke her hip. They opted to not do surgery and she is under Hospice care. Doug and Ann are long time members of our church. They have been living in Portage to be near their daughter. No service arrangements have been made at this time as they anticipate a joint service possibly in January as Jane's son is in China and will be home in January and they promised him they would wait with arrangements for his return.

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.

Requested Announcements

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, **TODAY**, 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.

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!

Each child must be
accompanied by an adult.

Saturday, Dec 21,

11:00am-12:00pm

In the Church Fellowship Hall.

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

