

**Sermon Outline:**

***Discover the Fullness of Life in Christ through Fellowship***

**Question:** What role do other Christians play in a individual follower's growth in Christ?

**Answer:** The Christian walk is not a solo endeavor. A person called into relationship with Christ is simultaneously called into His family, the Church. Fellowship is being responsible for and accountable to others in the body of Christ.

**Message Outline:**

Christian Fellowship - Biblically defined.

What we share in together -

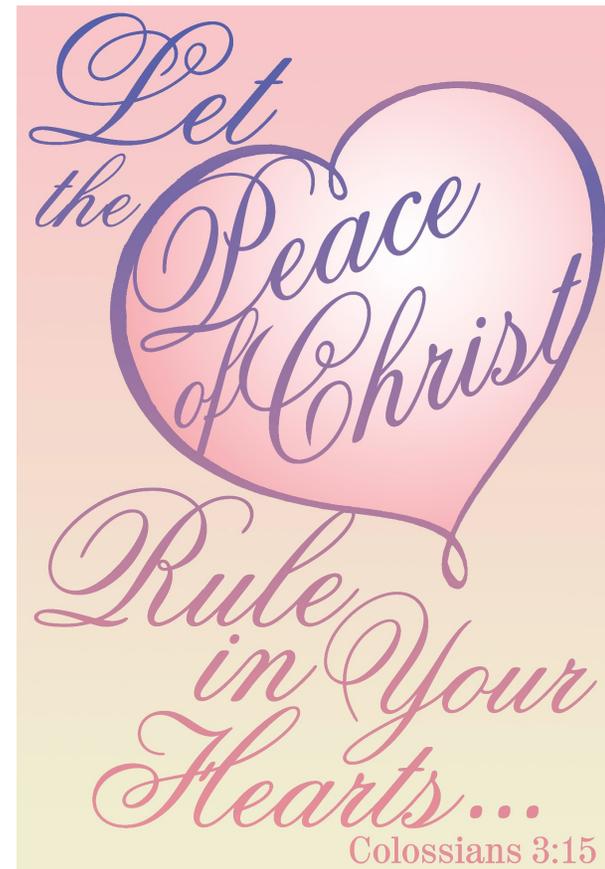
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Responsibility FOR and Accountable TO

**The First Congregational Church**

United Church of Christ



***Fifth Sunday after Epiphany***

**February 10, 2019**

**10:00 a.m.**

\* those who are able, please stand  
As you enter the sanctuary, please be mindful of those already  
seated who want a quiet place to pray.

**The Order of Worship**

**Prelude**

**Sylvia Lee**

**Chimes**

**Call to Worship**

“Jesus We Welcome Your Presence Here”

**Chancel Choir**

**Welcome**

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Opening Hymn**

“We’re Marching to Zion” (verses 1,2,4)

**Blue Hymnal 416**

**Invitation to Prayer**

**Prayer of Confession**

**\*Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, As  
it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen

**Anthem**

“They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”

**Chancel Choir**

**Story Bell**

"You + Me = We

**Mat Emerick**

**Hymn of Preparation**

“Change My Heart O, God”

Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true,  
Change my heart, O God, May I be like You.

\*\*You are the Potter, I am the clay;  
Mold me and make me, This is what I pray,  
Change my heart O God, Make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God, May I be like You. (Repeat \*\*)

**Blue Hymnal #654**

**Scripture Reading**

Colossians 3:12-17

**201 N.T.**

**Message**

*Life Together*

**Pastor Ray Dekker**

*(see outline on back page)*

**\*Hymn**

“The Servant Song” (all verses)

**Blue Hymnal #424**

**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 Blue Hymnal #428)

**Chancel Choir**

**\*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**

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above.

**Blue Hymnal #426**

**\*Benediction**

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

**\*Postlude**

**Sylvia Lee**

*As God called the prophets and as Jesus called the disciples the Holy Spirit has called us - to this time of worship and to life in God's love always. 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, 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 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 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:	Susan Zeerip
Altar Flowers:	Millie Sherman(today) Dean & Jean Morehouse(next week)
Greeters:	Ted Caris(today) Pat Krehn(next week)
Ushers:	Guy & Raene` Redinger, Yvonne Lee(today) Barb Veldman, Bill Black, Steve Johnson(next week)
Compassion:	Judy Clapp
Keyboard:	Sylvia Lee
Sound System:	Rick St. Peter
Coffee Hosts:	Deb & Mat Emerick(today) Carol Black & Karla Johnson(next week)

The flowers on the altar this morning are given by Millie & Bill Sherman.

### ***Celebrating this week:***

*Happy Birthday to ~*

Susan Stewart (11), Virginia Price (13), Dean Morehouse (14)

### ***Prayer Requests ~***

(Prayer requests will be printed for two weeks. The person or family requesting prayer must call the church office or Pastor Ray in order to have the request printed)

Barb & Ted Clark & family - death of Barb's mom, Pauleen Cousineau

Shelli Waldo - health concerns

Our shut-ins: Frank Blain, Bob DeShetler, Bob Erber, Barb Lindner, Jim & Jean Morse, Marge Peets, Siria Pinnick, Don Potter, Norma Purvis, Karen Zick

### **This Week's Calendar**

#### **Sunday, February 10**

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  
5:30 p.m. CongoEnJoyMeant - Fellowship Hall

#### **Monday, February 11**

6:30 p.m. Technology Board - Library

#### **Tuesday, February 12 - *Church Office Closed***

5:00 p.m. Violin Lessons - Fellowship Hall  
5:00 p.m. Double Classroom Reserved - RAYZ  
7:30 p.m. Library or Fellowship Hall Reserved

#### **Wednesday, February 13**

6:15 p.m. Praise Group Rehearsal - sanctuary  
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall

#### **Thursday, February 14 - *Church Office Closed***

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open  
12:00 noon Women's Fellowship Valentine Lunch-F.Hall

#### **Friday, February 15**

#### **Saturday, February 16**

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

#### **Sunday, February 17**

9:00 a.m. Praise Group Rehearsal - sanctuary  
9:40 a.m. Prayer Time - Library  
10:00 a.m. Worship  
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall  
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## *Our Church News*

**Pastor Ray is preparing** a series of messages to begin 2019 entitled: "Discovering the Fullness of New Life". In weeks 1-6 we will explore some ways that God delivers "New Life" to us.

**We are still looking for Deacon Handbooks.** If you are a past Deacon and have a book lying around please turn it in to the church office.

**Women's Fellowship Valentine Luncheon** will be held on Thursday, February 14. Cost is FREE! But you MUST SIGN UP. A sign up sheet is located in Fellowship Hall. Menu will include the Lunch Pail wraps, salad and cupcakes. A free will offering will be received with donations going to our Deacons Fund.

### *Requested Announcements*

**Appearing in Concert - 4One Quartet** Sunday, Feb 10, 5:30 - 7:00 pm Croton Trinity Bible Church, 8198 S Croton/Hardy Drive, Newyago.

**Fremont Christian Church (DOC) annual Soup & Pie Supper.** Friday, February 22 from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. Serving traditional soups: chili, chicken noodle, vegetable beef, broccoli & cheese. Fresh bread and crackers as well as an assortment of pies. Adults \$6.00 Children 3-11 \$3.50 Take Out Available

**Special Grief Share Session - The Loss of a Spouse.** Widowed? Help is here and hope is possible! Do you dread the lonely days and nights? Wonder what to do with your spouse's belongings? Feel like your brain is in a fog? Unsure of how you'll go on? At the Loss of a Spouse Seminar you'll discover the answers to these and much more. Please attend on Tuesday, February 26 from 6:30 pm. to 8:30 pm at First Fremont CRC, 721 Hillcrest. You can call ahead, but it's not mandatory, to register at 231-924-2460.

**Feed My Starving Children** would like volunteers for 2 hours sometime on March 22 and 23. Meeting at True North to put together "food packs" which will be sent to developing countries with starving children. Learn more at FMSC.ORG/MOBILE PACK or call Linda at 231-225-2469.

**Would you like to read to a patient** who can no longer see the pages? Play cards with someone who is lonely? Watch a Tigers game with a patient while their spouse goes out to get groceries? Document a life story for someone who wants to leave their stories behind for their loved ones? Spectrum Health Hospice is looking for additional volunteers in the

Fremont/Newyago area that are interested in supporting our patients through the compassionate donation of time and caring. We offer a flexible Volunteer Orientation program and there is no cost for the training. Volunteers are able to determine what geographic area they would like to serve patients in. Average time commitment is one hour per week after orientation is completed. Please contact us with your interest or for additional information! 616-391-4240 or [hospice.volunteers@spectrumhealth.org](mailto:hospice.volunteers@spectrumhealth.org)

**A Night to Believe with Russ & Tori Taff** - music, movie, q&a Saturday, March 23, 6 p.m. at the First Christian Reformed Church. Tickets are \$10 at the First Christian Reformed Church or online at [www.iTickets.com](http://www.iTickets.com)

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### **"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":

**TONIGHT - Feb 10- Hungarian Goulash and Hymn Sing 5:30-7:00-** The original Goulash is a delicious stew of meat. Its origin traces back to the 9th century to stews eaten by Hungarian shepherds. It is much different than our American goulash. Come and try it and sing some songs that will lift your soul!

**March 10- Tacorama and Hymn Sing 5:30-7:00pm-** A fully stocked taco bar will be provided as well as another inspiring hymn sing and of course trivia while we eat! If anyone would like to provide one of the food items for the taco bar that would be great!

**April 27- Vaudeville Show at the Dogwood 7:00pm-** Another fun outreach variety show from CONGO to the community.

**May 18- "Congo-Que" with Professional Barbequer Mark Wescott ("Smokin' Good Time BBQ")-** More details TBA but put it on your calendar!