

Announcing "ConGo Enjoy-Meant" Event


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 Sunday Feb 16- Rescheduled Chillirama and Charades! 5:30-7:00pm- It's chilly outside so come for some hot chili! We've got some great chilies with Dave's "Tasty Traditional," Deb's "Sweet Cincinnati," Jim's "Wow Wow White Chicken" and Tim's "Taco Treat Beef!" But don't forget charades! Charades is a game some just like to watch. If that's you then that's okay! Participation is optional. If you have a question give Mat a call, 231-414-7501.



 **Sunday March 15- Tater Tot O'rama and Irish McTrivia!**
5:30-7:00pm- Tasty Tater Tot dishes needed! Tons of tot recipes on line (Irish ones too) and we crave some creative dishes to feast on! If you'd like to contribute we need you and that's no blarney!

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) _____

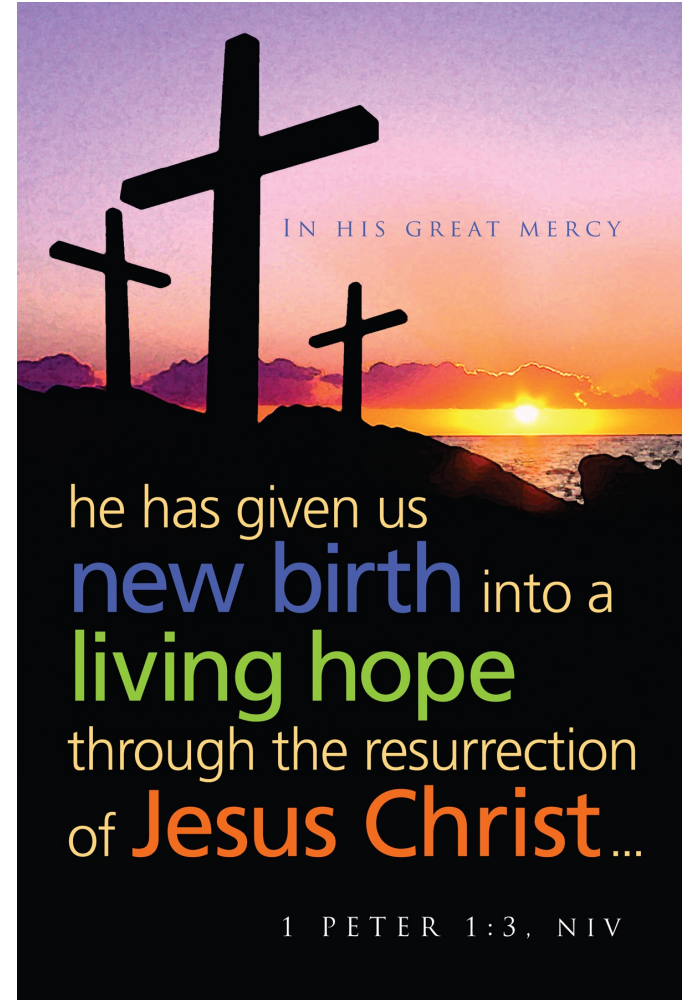
Phone number and or email _____

Comments/Prayer Request _____

Would you like someone to contact you? ___ Yes ___ No

The First Congregational Church

Your Independent Worship Center



IN HIS GREAT MERCY

he has given us
new birth into a
living hope
 through the resurrection
 of **Jesus Christ**...

1 PETER 1:3, NIV

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 16, 2020

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

“Our Great God”

Praise Group

Welcome

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn**

“Heaven Came Down”

Blue Hymnal #510

Invitation to Prayer

“The Power of Your Love”

Praise Group & Congregation

Prayer of Confession

***Response**

“Thank You Jesus”

Verse 1:

Grace that flows like a river Washing over me
Fount of heaven, love of Christ Overflow in me

Chorus:

Thank You Jesus, You set me free
Christ my Saviour You rescued me

Verse 2:

Take this life delivered A vessel of Your love
Wholly now devoted To see Your kingdom come

Chorus (2 times):

Thank You Jesus, You set me free
Christ my Saviour, You rescued me.

Praise Group & Congregation

Story Bell

“Everything is Broken”

Mat Emerick

Hymn of Preparation (please remain seated)

“The Gift of God”

Praise Group

Scripture Reading

I Peter 1:3-9

232 N.T.

Message

“*Now and Not Yet*”

Pastor Dan Unekis

***Hymn**

“He Leadeth Me”

Blue Hymnal #690

Prayers of and for 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**

“Jesus Saves”

We have heard the joyful sound: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Spread the tidings all around: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Bear the new to every land; Climb the steeps and cross the waves
Onward! ‘tis our Lord’s command. Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Blue Hymnal #438

***Benediction**

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

***Postlude**

Sylvia Lee

Exalt the Lord Our God and worship at his footstool; for he is holy” (Psalm

99:5) Welcome to worship!

*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:	Bark Clark
Altar Flowers:	Tim & Karen Roggatz(today) (next week)
Greeters:	Pat Krehn(today) Jeff & Susan Stewart(next week)
Ushers:	(today) (next week)
Compassion:	All Deacons
Keyboard:	Sylvia Lee
Sound System:	Rick St. Peter
Coffee Hosts:	(today) Pat Krehn & Barb Veldman(next week)

The flowers on the altar today are given by Tim & Karen Roggatz in celebration of our 31st wedding anniversary and in memory of Dad and our son, Ryan.

Celebrating this week:

Happy Birthday to ~

Jean Morehouse (17), Carol Black, Marjorie Salata (22)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Gordon & Linda Oosterhouse, Jack & Rosemary Tittle (17)

Prayer Requests ~

Our shut-ins: Bob Erber, Barb Lindner, Jean Morse, Pat Peccia, Siria Pinnick, Don Potter, Norma Purvis, Jack Tittle

This Week’s Calendar

Sunday, February 16

8:45 a.m. Praise Group rehearsal- sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall
SCRIP is available for purchase
5:30 p.m. ConGo EnJoyMeant - Fellowship Hall

Monday, February 17

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open
7:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting - Library

Tuesday, February 18 - Church Office Closed

1:00 p.m. Woodshop Open

Wednesday, February 19

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open
6:15 p.m. Praise Group Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall

Thursday, February 20 - Church Office Closed

10:00 a.m. Crafters - Fellowship Hall
1:00 p.m. Woodshop Open

Friday, February 21

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

Saturday, February 22

Sunday, February 23

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

Our Church News

This morning we welcome Pastor 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.

Next Sunday worship will be led by Rev. Mark L. Jarvie (semi-retired) - Pastor Mark 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.

New Church Directories are available for you to take home with you. They are located in the narthex and in Fellowship Hall.

Mark your calendar for a Soup Supper on Friday, March 20 from 5-7 p.m. More information to follow.

Upcoming Worship Leaders: February 16 Reverend Daniel Unekis
February 23 Mark Jarvie March 1 Mark Jarvie
March 8 Gary Hooker March 15 Mat Emerick

The Men's Lenten Breakfast will begin on Friday, February 28 at 7:00 a.m. The host church will provide the devotion. A donation of \$3.00 is suggested. All men of the church and community are welcome to attend.
February 28 - Church of the Living Christ
March 6 - First Reformed
March 13 - First Congregational
March 20 - Second Christian Reformed
March 27
April 3 - United Methodist
April 10 -

Requested Announcements

IF GATHERING Registration is now open for the IF Gathering: a local one-day women's conference on Saturday, March 28 at the Dogwood Center. Don't miss this great event! Check out the Facebook page "IF: Fremont" or fremont.iflocal.com for more information.

GRIEFSHARE will be offering a **14 week Spring Session** beginning Tuesday, March 3, at 6:30pm. The non-denominational class will gather at First Christian Reformed Church to fellowship, learn, and grow together as they walk through their unique grief journeys from mourning to joy.

A special Loss of a Spouse seminar will be offered on Tuesday, February 25 at 6:30pm. There is a \$5.00 charge for this session. Registration is helpful but not required. For more information please visit www.griefshare.org

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