

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”:



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) _____

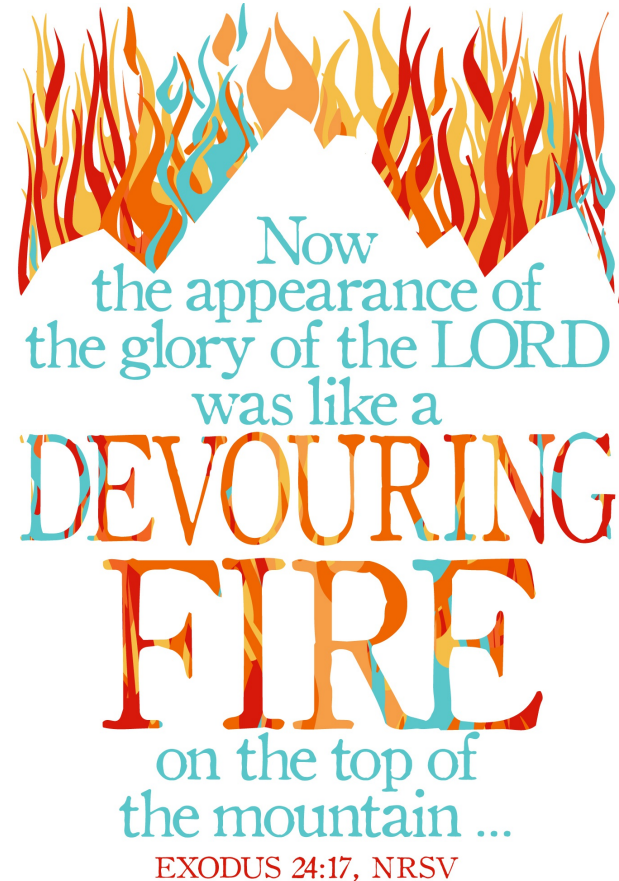
Phone number and or email _____

Comments/Prayer Request _____

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

The First Congregational Church

Your Independent Worship Center



Transfiguration

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

Louise Slager

Call to Worship

Welcome

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn**

Blue Hymnal #3

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Prayer of Confession

(Unison) Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, thing done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***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

Story Bell

Mat Emerick

“Laughter is the **Best** Medicine?”

Hymn of Preparation (please remain seated)

Blue Hymnal #635

“In the Garden” (verse 1)

I come to the garden alone, While the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, The Son of God discloses.

And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own; And the joy we share
as we tarry there None other has ever known.

Scripture Reading

Exodus 24:12-18

Matthew 17:1-9

70 O.T.

18 N.T.

Message

Pastor Mark Jarvie

“Glory Be!”

***Hymn**

Blue Hymnal #648

“Love Divine, All Love Excelling”

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

Louise Slager

***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 #438

“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!

***Benediction**

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

***Postlude**

Louise Slager

“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:	(today) (next week)
Greeters:	Jeff & Susan Stewart(today) Ted Caris(next week)
Ushers:	(today) Shelli Waldo(next week)
Compassion:	All Deacons
Keyboard:	Sylvia Lee
Sound System:	Tim Roggatz/Jeff Stewart
Coffee Hosts:	Pat Krehn & Barb Veldman(today) Tim & Karen Roggatz(next week)

Celebrating this week:

Happy Birthday to ~

Maxine Dykstra (23) Beverly Williams (26)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Tim & Karen Roggatz (25)

Prayer Requests ~

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

The family of Jack Tittle. Jack passed away on Friday, February 14. A private memorial is planned and a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

The family of Jerry Miller. A Celebration of Life Service and military honors will be held on Saturday, May 23, 2020 at 11am with a time of luncheon and time of fellowship until 2pm at the Holton American Legion 9150 Holton Road Holton MI 49425.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, February 23

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

Monday, February 24

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

6:30 p.m. Executive Council - Library

Tuesday, February 25 - Church Office Closed

1:00 p.m. Woodshop Open

Wednesday, February 26

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 27 - Church Office Closed

10:00 a.m. Crafters - Fellowship Hall

1:00 p.m. Woodshop Open

Friday, February 28

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

Saturday, February 29

Sunday, March 1

10:00 a.m. Worship with communion

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

Our Church News

This Morning and 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.

Today we welcome Louise Slager on the organ. Thank you Louise!

Special thanks to Rick St. Peter. Rich has faithfully served almost every Sunday on the sound board for the last 20 years. He has decided to take a break so that he can better focus care for his mother. Rick, we appreciate your dedication to serving on the sound board. Our prayers are with you as you care for your mother. Thank you Rick! Jeff Stewart and Tim Roggatz will be taking turns on the sound board from now on. Thank you Jeff & Tim!

Projection during worship - we have made a lot of progress, but still more to learn. Thank you Deb Emerick and Tim & Karen Roggatz for taking on this project and also to Bill Black who is now part of the of the projection team. If anyone else is interested in being a part of the projection team please talk to Deb Emerick.

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 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

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

Fremont Christian Church (DOC) invites you to their annual Soup & Pie Supper. Friday, March 6, 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. Service traditional soups: chili, chicken noodle, vegetable beef, broccoli & cheese. Fresh bread, crackers and an assortment of pies. Take out available. Suggested donation: Adults \$6.00, Children 3-11- yrs. \$3.50

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.