

The First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ



Tear Here

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 or email _____

Comments/Prayer Request _____

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

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 14, 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

Call to a Special Congregational Meeting

Call to Worship

Welcome

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn**

Blue Hymnal #97

“Sing Praise to God” (verses 1,3,4)

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

Story Bell

Mat Emerick

Hymn of Preparation

Blue Hymnal #389

“As the Deer”

As the deer panteth for the water, So my soul longeth after Thee.
You alone are my heart’s desire, And I long to worship Thee.

You alone are my strength, my shield;
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart’s desire,
And I long to worship Thee.

Scripture Reading

Luke 11:5-13

72 N.T.

Message

Pastor Ray Dekker

Someone’s Knocking On the Door

***Hymn**

Blue Hymnal #639

“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

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

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**

Blue Hymnal #670

“Make Me a Blessing”

Out in the highways and byways of life, Many are weary and sad.
Carry the sunshine where darkness is rife,
Making the sorrowing glad.

Make me a blessing; make me a blessing.
Out of my life may Jesus shine.
Make me a blessing, O Savior, I pray.
Make me a blessing to someone today.

***Benediction**

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***Postlude**

Sylvia Lee

Family of God, welcome to worship this midsummer day! Please share a greeting of peace with your neighbor.

*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 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.

*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:

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| Altar Rep: | Barb Clark |
| Altar Flowers: | (today) (next week) |
| Greeters: | Ted Caris & Elliott Caris(today) (next week) |
| Ushers: | (today) (next week) |
| Compassion: | All Deacons |
| Keyboard: | Sylvia Lee |
| Sound System: | Rick St. Peter |
| Coffee Hosts: | Gary Deuling(today) (next week) |

Celebrating this week:

Happy Birthday to ~

Ruth Cowles (16), Searl Frei (17), Shelli Waldo (19)

Prayer Requests ~

(The person or family requesting prayer must call the church office or Pastor Ray in order to have the request printed)

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

Health Concerns - Jerry Miller, Shelli Waldo & Frank Blain

The family of Harlow Redding

The family of Marge Peets

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, July 14

9:40 a.m. Prayer Time - Library
10:00 a.m. Worship followed by **All Church Meeting**
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall
SCRIP is available for purchase

Monday, July 15

7:00 p.m. **Executive Council, Technology Board & Trustees Meeting - Fellowship Hall**

Tuesday, July 16 - Church Office Closed

10:00 a.m. Book Circle - Marge Salata's home
3:00 p.m. Violin Lessons - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, July 17

Thursday, July 18 - Church Office Closed

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open
10:00 a.m. Christmas Crafters - Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting - Library

Friday, July 19

Saturday, July 20

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open
10:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall Reserved

Sunday, July 21

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

Plans are for worship to be held in Fellowship Hall for the months of July, August and possibly September. Hopefully the weather will warm up a bit and we will be grateful to worship in the comfort of an air conditioned space.

Pastor Ray will be on vacation beginning tomorrow, July 15 thru the end of the month. Mat will be leading the worship on July 21 and 28. If you need pastoral care during this time please call the church office.

Congratulations to Kayla and Mike Robeck on the birth of a their 2nd daughter. Sophia Jane was born Thursday, July 11 weighing 7lbs. 3 oz.

If your email is a yahoo or aol account you probably have not been receiving the church emails. They are being returned to me undeliverable. I have no control over this so hopefully your account will be accepting our emails soon.

Reminder: Board of Trustees, Technology Board and Executive Council are meeting jointly Monday evening at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

This announcement is to inform all members of the First Congregational Church of Fremont that before our third church strategy meeting TODAY, July 14th there will be a special meeting of the membership. The purpose of this meeting will be to determine if we stay aligned with the UCC or become a free standing community based church. This action is based on the vote taken at the last church strategy meeting concerning this matter.

Exact verbiage will be as follows:

.... Stay aligned with the UCC

.... Become a free standing community based church

Our church governing body will remain the same as it always has been with only the clarifications of job responsibilities and to whom every employee reports to be defined .

Members in good standing are described in the bylaws as follows.

(1) Active support of the program, mission and spiritual direction of the first Congregational Church.

(2) Regular support of its parish and benevolent interests.

(3) Sharing with one another in the fellowship and program of the First Congregational Church.

(3) Attending faithfully the services of worship.

All members and friends of the First Congregational Church are cordially invited. The meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall and will start immediately following the church service.

Book Circle will meet at the home of Marj Salata on Tuesday, July 16 at 10:00 a.m. Bev Williams will do the book review. The book is entitled” The Widows of Malabar Hill” by Sujata Massey. It is a mystery of the 1920's about the 1st women lawyer of India.

You are invited to attend a farewell luncheon for the Rev. Frank Vietze at East Congregational Church in Grand Rapids. Frank and Barb are leaving West Michigan to live near his family in Massachusetts. The farewell is scheduled to happen following the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, July 21.

Join us for worship Sunday, July 28.
Mat will be leading worship with a drama entitled “*The Gospel According to Vaudeville*” featuring the music of Luthier, Don Benson.



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”:

Saturday, July 27- Congo Picnic on the Church Lawn, 4:00-6:00pm- Hot dogs, brats, chips, baked beans and water provided for a contribution. Bring your own soft drinks if you'd like. Please also bring a dish to pass if you'd like but not necessary.

Friday, August 30, 7:00pm Vaudeville In The Park- Veteran's Memorial Park Stage. This year's show will benefit Empowerment Network. Free will offering taken along with baked goodies sale. Baked goodies needed!