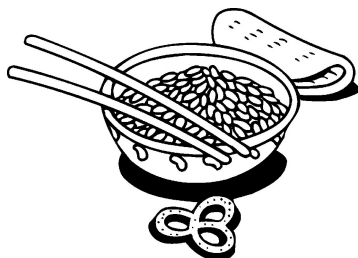


Announcing “ConGo Enjoy-Meant” Events

We are “ConGo” (Christians on the Go) and **meant to go** and **enjoy** good food and fun activities together!

Come and Enjoy!!

TONIGHT, 5:30 pm Guatemalan Taco Night! - Mat and Deb’s friends, Frandi and Adrienne Dempsy make some wonderful tacos that they would like to bless us with! With Frandi being a native to Guatemala means that they strive to make their tacos authentic and delicious! Served Guatemalan rice, pico de gallo, guacamole and more! Let’s chow down together!



The First Congregational Church

The Cost of
DISCIPLESHIP

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

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 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

David & Susan VandenBelt, Deb Emerick

“Sing Hallelujah to the Lord”

Welcome

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn**

Blue Hymnal #38

“Ye Servant of God”

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 #384

David & Susan VandenBelt, Deb Emerick & Congregation

“Spirit Song”

Instrumental

Verse 1 - Deb Solo

(1) O let the Son of God enfold you with His Spirit and His love; Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.

O let Him have the things that hold you, and His Spirit, like a dove, Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Refrain: Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.

Verse 2 - Congregation

(2) O come and sing this song with gladness

as your hearts are filled with joy;

Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.

O give Him all your tears and sadness; give Him all your years of pain, And you'll enter into life in Jesus; name.

Refrain: Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.

Instrumental ending

Scripture Reading

Luke 14:25-35

78N.T.

Message

Pastor Ray Dekker

“It Costs How Much?”

***Hymn**

Blue Hymnal #650

“O for a Heart to Praise My God”

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 #147

“How Great Thou Art” (refrain only)

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;

How great Thou are! How great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;

How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

Benediction

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

***Postlude**

Sylvia Lee

We gather in the name of God who claims us as beloved children, Christ who feeds and nourishes us and the Holy spirit who gives us faith.

*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:

Altar Rep:	Linda Oosterhouse
Altar Flowers:	(today) (next week)
Greeters:	Georgia Paxton(today) (next week)
Ushers:	(today) (next week)
Compassion:	All Deacons
Keyboard:	Sylvia Lee
Sound System:	Rick St. Peter
Coffee Hosts:	Van & Judy Nadeau(today) (next week)

Celebrating this week:

Happy Birthday to ~

Troy St. Peter (16), Betty Dougan (19), Brad Church, John Cooper, Doug Jeannero (20)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Chris & Sarah Huizenga 919)

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 & Helen Miller, Jan Stone

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, September 15

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. ConGo EnJoyMeant - Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 16

7:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting - Library

Tuesday, September 17 - Church Office Closed

10:00 a.m. Book Circle - Fremont Public Library
3:00 p.m. Violin Lessons - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 18

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

Thursday, September 19 - 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, September 20

Saturday, September 21

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

Sunday, September 22

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

Our Church News

Special thanks to Susan & David VandenBelt for providing special music today along with Deb. Today is Susan's cello debut, her first time to play her cello for a worship service. Sue had always wanted to play the cello and 5 years ago she had the courage to start taking lessons from Jack Brooks. Many people are afraid to attempt to learn an instrument when they have passed their youth. Sue is proof that it can be done. Hats off to you Sue! Thank you for being willing to share your new found talents on the cello with us today, and that you David for providing support and accompaniment.

Thank you! for the shower and many, many gifts and gift cards that were given to us for Sophia Jane. We are so grateful to each one of you and to this church.
Michael, Kayla, Sophia & Emma Robeck

Hay Art - Men of the church are working hard to effectively plant the hay in the most effective places for viewing during the Harvest Festival. If you would like to add financial support to the project to insure a great successful harvest, see farmer Dean.

Book Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 17 at 10:00 a.m. at the Fremont District Area Library. We will be hearing about new books. Loretta VanDuzen will be our hostess.

ATTENTION LADIES!!! Yes, we are finally getting ready for Bible Study for this fall. We're doing a book/video series called "Flourish". It looks amazing. Right now I need to get a count on how many plan to attend so I can get the books ordered. We will hopefully be starting later this month on Tuesday nights at 6:30 pm. This session will go 7 or 8 weeks and then we'll break for the holidays. Hopefully we'll have a mild winter and be able to get a session started again in January/February. So, please let me know if you plan to attend. You can email me at bhook77@hotmail.com or bhook77@yahoo.com. Please get back to me asap so we can get things started soon. Thanks.

New Men's Group (not bible study per se) will be starting at the same time as the Women's Bible Study. We also will be using a video series. More to come later.

The Congo Wood Shop is excited to announce Shop Times are changing!! Our new Wood Shop manager Bernie Denney is volunteering to be available to assist people five days a week starting September 16.

Bernie can teach you how to use the Wood Shop safely and produce fantastic results. Stop by and see Bernie for further details. The wood shop is open to the public. Bernie will be at the Congo Wood Shop the following times: M-W-F from 9-1 and Tu.-Th from 1-5.

Crop Walk - Sunday, October 6. Walkers & Sponsors are needed. If you are willing contact Ann Werner, 924-0192

Mark Your Calendar for Sunday, October 6th at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary for a Concert by Louise Slager and Mary Jane Mack. A free will offering will be received. Proceeds go to "Wellspring." Coffee and cookies will follow the concert in Fellowship Hall. Sponsored by the Congregational Women's Fellowship. All are Welcome!!

We will be having a Life Expressions/Sign Party on Saturday, October 26 at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The money raised will be given to the Deacons Fund which is used to help those in need. The money is raised in this way: A 4X24" Make & Take Sign costs \$25. For every adult sign made there is a \$10 profit. Please mark your calendars for this fun event. Everyone is invited including friends, neighbors and family! Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board. Questions? Talk to Pat Krehn 231-414-7256

Requested Announcements

"Coming Up for Air" will be shown at the Dogwood on Wednesday, September 18 at 6:30 p.m. A light lunch will be provided at 5:30 p.m. This is a ticketed event but tickets are free at <https://t.ly/bv/F> This breath taking drama which highlights the importance of mental health care, sensible gun laws and the pressures that are put upon teenagers to succeed is a must see. Questions talk to Karla Johnson.

OVER 18: A Documentary about Porn - A very informative and insightful film about the prevalence of addiction to pornography in our culture. Thursday, September 26; 7:00 pm, at First CRC. This showing is available at no charge to the public.

Wellspring Adult Day Services "Fill the Well" Auction will be held on Thursday, October 17 at Reeman Christian Reformed Church. The proceeds will help support this valuable program which benefits our whole community. Donations will be matched by the Fremont Area Community Foundation