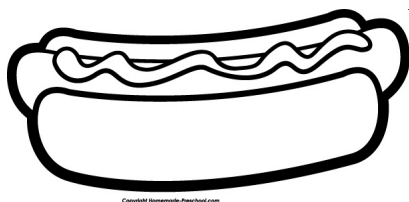


We are “ConGo” (Christians on the Go) and **meant** to **go** and **enjoy** good food and fun activities together!

“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, Oct 20, 5:30-7:30- Hot Dogs and Hot Hymns!- Three classic hot dogs- the Chicago, the Detroit and the New York! Afterwards we'll heat up our souls with a hot hymn sing-along! Bring a friend!



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

The First Congregational Church



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 22, 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

Welcome

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn**

Blue Hymnal #429

“They’ll Know We Are Christians”

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

The “Good Similaritan”

Hymn of Preparation

Blue Hymnal #389

“Spirit of the Living God” (verse 2)

Soul of heaven, heart of God,
wash over me.

Soul of heaven, heart of God,
wash over me.

Cleanse me, teach me, hold me, reach me,
Soul of heaven, heart of God,
wash over me.

Scripture Reading

Luke 10-25-37

71 N.T.

Message

To Get Involved

Pastor Ray Dekker

***Hymn**

Blue Hymnal #668

“I’ll Go Where You Want Me to Go”

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” (verse 1)

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

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

***Postlude**

Sylvia Lee

“From the rising of the sun to its setting the Lord is to be

praised” And so we gather to praise the Lord. 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 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:	Linda Oosterhouse(today) next week)
Greeters:	(today) Georgia Paxton & Don McKivitz(next week)
Ushers:	(today) (next week)
Compassion:	All Deacons
Keyboard:	Sylvia Lee
Sound System:	Rick St. Peter
Coffee Hosts:	(today) (next week)

Celebrating this week:

Happy Birthday to ~

Nancy Lindner (23), Van Nadeau (24), Judy Nadeau, Jane Stroschin (27)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Pete & Nancy Lindner (23)

Prayer Requests ~

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, Stacey Church, Briann & Zack Meeuwenberg and their unborn baby (Guy & Renae’ Redingers daughter)

This Week’s Calendar

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

Monday, September 23

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open
6:30 p.m. Executive Council - Library

Tuesday, September 24 - Church Office Closed

1:00 p.m. Woodshop Open
3:00 p.m. Violin Lessons - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 25

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

Thursday, September 26 - Church Office Closed

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

Friday, September 27

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

Saturday, September 28

Sunday, September 29

8:45 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

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.

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 (6:30 p.m.) 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 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

Flu Shots will be administered here in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, October 9 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. No appointment needed this is a walk-in flu clinic.

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.

Love INC & Meijer are joining together to eliminate hunger in Newaygo County. You can help by purchasing one or more donation cards now through September 28th. Together we can make a difference! Purchase your donation card at Fremont Meijer to help Love INC feed those in need. 'Simply Give' donations cards are available at the check out. All donations benefit the Love INC food pantry.

Newaygo County 2019 Day of Caring, Friday, October 4 at Camp Newaygo, Welcome & breakfast begins 8:30 a.m. Join other civic and community members for this annual day of Giving Back to our community by working on building the entryway pavilion, landscaping & grounds maintenance (please bring a rake and gloves), assembling picnic tables. If you can only come for breakfast, you are still most welcomed. Questions? Contact Jim Rynberg, 924-2101.

Play for United Way - Newaygo Go County - Hosted by Newaygo County Community Committee, Thursday, October 17, 10:15 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Stone Lodge. Cost \$35 per person. If attending lunch only \$25. Salad luncheon served at 12:30 p.m. Guest speaker, Emilee Syrewicze, Ex. Direction - Opera Grand Rapids. Outstanding prized! RSVE by October 10 by calling Jim Rynberg 924-2101 or 924-6345.

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.