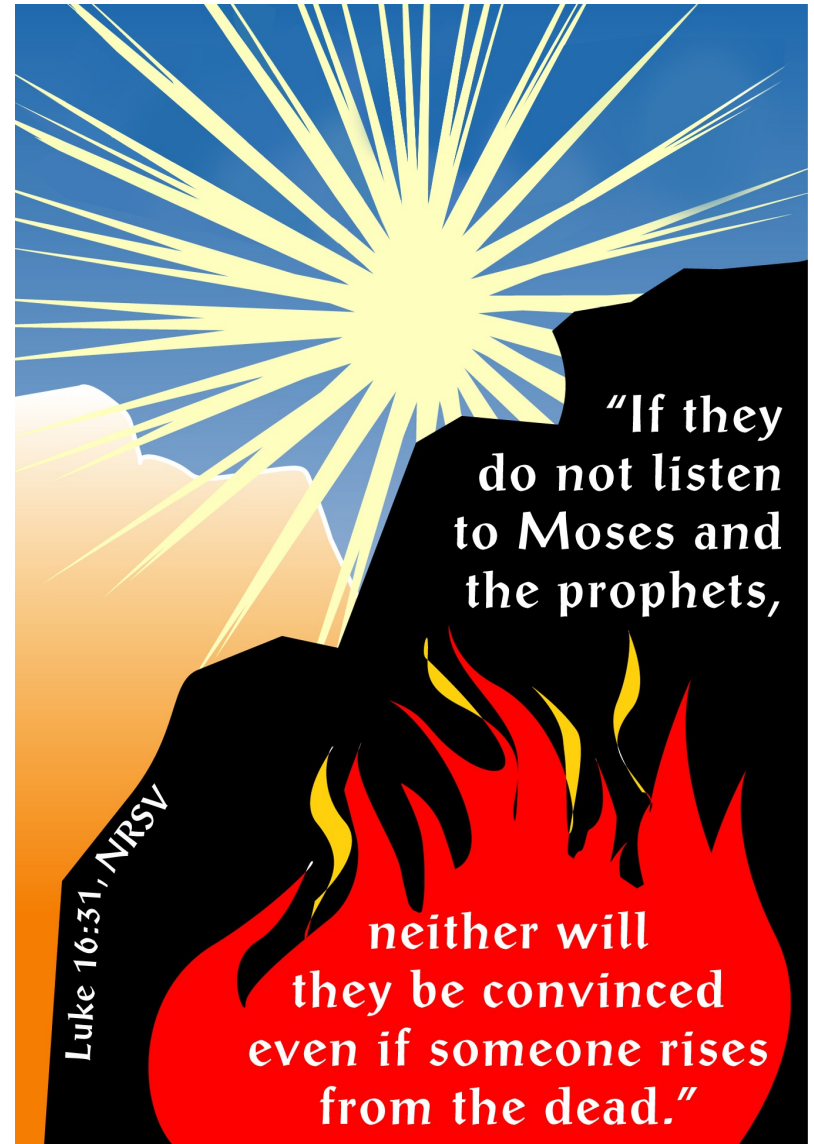


The First Congregational Church



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

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 8, 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**

“Jesus is Lord of All”

Blue Hymnal #519

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

“The Precious Gem”

Mat Emerick

Hymn of Preparation

“Spirit of the Living God” (verse 3)

Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear.
Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear.
Shield me, free me, call me, lead me.
Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear.

Blue Hymnal #563

Scripture Reading

Luke 16:19-31

79N.T.

Message

While There is Time

Pastor Ray Dekker

***Hymn**

“I Love to Tell the Story” (verses 1,3,4)

Blue Hymnal #444

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**

“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!

Blue Hymnal #147

Benediction

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

***Postlude**

Sylvia Lee

Welcome, one and all, to worship, and time for sharing among God's family!

*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:	(today) (next week)
Ushers:	(today) (next week)
Compassion:	All Deacons
Keyboard:	Sylvia Lee
Sound System:	Rick St. Peter
Coffee Hosts:	Van & Judy Nadeau(today) Van & Judy Nadeau(next week)

Celebrating this week:

Happy Birthday to ~

Happy Anniversary to ~

Don & Kelley McKivitz (8), Bill & Carol Black, Dav & Terri Wahl (10), George & Norma Purvis (12)

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 8

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 9

10:00 a.m. Women's Fellowship Board Meeting - Pat Krehn's home

Tuesday, September 10 - Church Office Closed

3:00 p.m. Violin Lessons - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 11

6:00 p.m. Choir Kick Off - Sylvia Lee's home

Thursday, September 12 - Church Office Closed

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open
10:00 a.m. Christmas Crafters - Fellowship Hall

Friday, September 13

Saturday, September 14

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

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

Our Church News

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.

Letters and pledge cards were mailed last week. If you did not receive a letter and would like to make a pledge, cards are available on the table outside the office door.

A Vaudeville Yeeha! All who participated in and attended the Vaudeville program last weekend had a great time and did a great thing. Nearly \$500 was raised to help the folk at Empowerment Network! Well done!

If your email is a yahoo or aol account you probably are not receiving church emails. We are trying to find a solution. Pastor Ray's church email is not working at this time. If you email him please use: rvdekker57@gmail.com

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.

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!!

Requested Announcements

Wellspring Adult Day Services "Fill the Well" Auction will be held on Thursday, October 17 at Reeman Christian Reformed Church. Come and join the AUCTION fun! The proceeds will help support this valuable program which benefits our whole community. Donations will be matched by the Fremont Area Community Foundation. Watch for more details in the weeks to come!

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":

Sunday, September 15, 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!

