

The First Congregational Church

United Church of Christ



When You Meet for Dinner

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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 9, 2018

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

Processional
Chorale
A Mighty Fortress

Jack Brooks

William Mathias
Joseph Jongen
Charles Ore

Chimes

Call to Worship

Welcome

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn**

“Ye Servants of God”

Blue Hymnal #38

Musical Invitation to Prayer

Milonga del Àngel

Jack Brooks

Astor Pizaaolla

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

“Work”

(Following the Story Bell children are invited to Sunday School)

Judy Clapp

Hymn of Preparation

“Spirit of the Living God” (verse 1)

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Blue Hymnal #389

Scripture Reading

Luke 14

77 N.T.

Message

“When You Meet for Dinner”

Pastor Ray Dekker

***Hymn**

“The Servant Song”

Blue Hymnal #424

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

Celabratio

Jack Brooks

Karl Jenkins

***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 Hymn**

“Make Me a Blessing” (verse 3)

Give as ‘twas given to you in your need;
Love as the Master loved you.
Be to the helpless a helper indeed;
Unto you mission be true.

Blue Hymnal #670

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**

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Jack Brooks

Hermann Benix

Welcome to Worship this morning! Whatever our fears and anxieties, Lord, may we find peace in your presence.

***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.

***Families with young nursery age children** are 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 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: | Jim Rynberg |
| Altar Flowers: | Bill, Sr. & Jan Fries(today) (next week) |
| Greeters: | Pat Krehn(today) Guy Redinger(next week) |
| Ushers: | Dr. Ron & Gail Graeser, Dick Ramm(today) (next week) |
| Compassion: | Steve & Karla Johnson, Guy Redinger |
| Organist: | Jack Brooks |
| Sound System: | Rick St. Peter |
| Coffee Hosts: | Sandy Dekker(today) (next week) |

Towel Washer:

The altar flowers today are given by Bill & Jan Fries, Sr. in memory of our loved ones.

Celebrating this week:

Happy Birthday to ~

Happy Anniversary to ~

Bill & Carol Black, Dav & Terri Wahl (10), George & Norma Purvis (12)

Prayer Requests ~

(Prayer requests will be printed for two weeks. The person or family requesting prayer must call the church office or Pastor Ray in order to have the request printed)

Guy & Raene` Redinger - Guy's father passed away on Thursday. Military honors, services, and luncheon will be at 1 PM, on Monday, September 10, 2018, at the Holton American Legion Post #397.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, September 9

9:40 a.m. Prayer Time - Library
10:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time

Monday, September 10

10:00 a.m. Women's Fellowship Board Meeting - Library
6:30 p.m. Executive Council - Library

Tuesday, September 11 - Church Office Closed

10:00 a.m. Violin Lessons - Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Technology Board - Library

Wednesday, September 12

10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall Reserved - Don Potter
6:30 p.m. Praise Group Rehearsal - sanctuary
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - choir loft

Thursday, September 13 - Church Office Closed

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open
10:00 a.m. Christmas Crafters
7:00 p.m. Oasis - Lounge

Friday, September 14

Saturday, September 15

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open
10:00 a.m. Life Expressions Party - Fellowship Hall (see bulletin announcement below)

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Our Church News

The Assignment Boards are in the narthex and the office window. Please fill in some empty spaces for the coming months.

SCRIP is available in Fellowship Hall following worship.

Ladies: It's just about time for Women's Bible Study to start back up. This session will be, "Discerning the Voice of God" w/Priscilla Shirer. I will let you know when we will begin soon. Can't wait to see you all again.
Beth Hooker

Crafters are invited to a lunch on the porch at Bev Williams' home on Thursday, September 13 at 12:15 p.m. Please bring a salad to share. All else will be provided.

Pledge letters and cards were sent last week. If you did not received a letter please make Lorene aware. Please prayerfully consider what you can give for 2019. Trustees ask that they be returned by Sunday, September 23.

Women's Fellowship will be hosting a Life Expressions Party on Saturday, September 15 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. This Make & Take Sign FUNdraiser is being held to raise funds for Charitable Giving. These signs make wonderful gifts or you can create something special for your home. Creativity is not a prerequisite for this party. Our Hostess, Lisa Nurenberg, Has great ideas and makes these signs easy and fun! Please mark this date on your calendars and plan to attend this FUN event! Everyone is welcome. Invite your friends! Coffee and snacks will be available. If you would like to bring a snack to share that would be great! If you have questions please see Pat Krehn or Beth Hooker. There is a table with examples of sign set up in the Fellowship Hall.

Requested Announcements

Join your friends for the Newaygo County Peoples Climate March. Saturday, September 8 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Brooks Park, downtown Newaygo. A family friendly, non-partisan, informative and fun event to bring people, passions, and resources together for a sustainable and just world. See flyer on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall for additional information.

Fremont Christian School 100 Year Celebration! Join us on Friday, September 14 from 6-8pm for some good food and fellowship to celebration Fremont Christian's 100th year of Christian Education. We will also invite you in to tour our new building addition and see what changes have gone on this past summer. We hope you can make it!

St Mark's 15th Annual Pig Roast - St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Sunday September 16, 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. \$10.00 Adults/\$5.00 Children. Live music performed by Pryer Times, Raffle, Bake Sale, Market of Fleas. Drive up takeout available.

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 SEPT 16, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. - Call it

"Macaronirama" and Hymn Sing- We are looking for a variety of types of macaroni dishes (mac and cheese, chili mac, goulash, etc.) so if you make a tasty one please bless us with it! Afterwards we'll again gather by the piano for an old-fashioned and uplifting hymn sing. RSVP to Mat at 231-414-7501



SATURDAY OCT 6 - 2nd Annual "Congo-Q" with Professional Barbequer Mark Wescott ("Smokin' Good Time BBQ")- A "Just for Fun" competition will be held for bar-b-quers and grillers. The winner will receive the coveted "Congo-Q" statue. But others who come can partake of some delicious pulled pork bar-b-que prepared expertly by Mark. A donation will be taken to cover the cost of the meat. All extra will go to the church's outreach ministry (Benevolence Committee) to help those in need. Mark will begin the day with a bar-b-que tutorial for all interested. This event is open to the community. Those that would like to compete will need to bring your own grill and meat. Tutorial begins at 9:00am. Grilling begins at 10:00am. Eating starts at 1:00pm. For more info or to register call Mat Emerick at 231-414-7501.

