

Looking Ahead - Mark Your Calendar:

Neighborhood Block Party - following worship Sunday, August 10

The **Deb Emerick Summer Celebration of Music** is scheduled for Tuesday, August 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dogwood Center

Rooms of Refuge will be in fellowship Hall August 18-25 - a sign up sheet is located by the church office for helping with meals.

Women's Luncheon at the home of Carrie DeMull on Martin Lake, September 4 - 12:00 noon - a sign up sheet is located by the church office.

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**Did you know?** Some of the hymns of the 1800's include: Abide With Me, The Church is One Foundation, Crown Him with Many Crowns, How Great Thou Art, In the Garden, Blessed Assurance, Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing, O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing, Jesus Loves Me, I Need Thee Every Hour. From the 1600's: Praise to the Lord the Almighty, If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee.



*Deeply Rooted ~ Future Focused*

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Pastor Luke Schmalz 920-428-0030

Office Hours - Call the church office

Please call the church office to meet with the Pastor

Keyboard/Organist Rachel Poches, David VandenBelt, Lorene Witte

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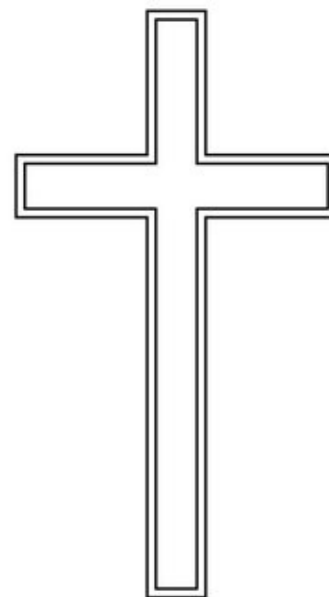
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Offering plates are located in the narthex. Today's service will be available at our website - www.fremontfcc.org and also on Facebook and YouTube.

**The First Congregational Church
Fremont MI**

August 9 1975 - 2025

Historical Worship Service
August 3, 2025



Order of Worship

*Please stand

Prelude - Lorene Witte

Opening Prayer - Pastor Luke Schmalz

*Hymn - “It Is Well With My Soul” - Blue Hymnal #705

Scripture - Colossians 5:1-11, Luke 12:13-21

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn - “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” - Blue Hymnal #630

Sermon - “Things Above” - Pastor Luke Schmalz

* Hymn - “Amazing Grace” - Blue Hymnal #343

Communion

*Hymn - “Onward Christian Soldiers” - Blue Hymnal #731

*Benediction

*Postlude - Lorene Witte

Welcome to First Congregational Church of Fremont’s historical service. This year, we are celebrating 150 years of loving our community. Since our founding in 1875, we have dedicated ourselves to God's glory and humankind's good by preaching the word, serving the sacraments, and caring for the needy. We joyfully tell others about the Kingdom of Heaven and Jesus Christ. Today, we celebrate this history by worshiping the way our ancestors might have when the church began. If you have worshiped with us before, you will notice several changes. First, there is no overhead projector. We are singing out of the Hymnal and reading from the Bible provided in the pew.

The pastor is wearing a preaching robe similar to what the early ministers would have worn. The service has a much simpler structure. It is made up of prayer, song, scripture, and sermon. You will notice a lack of prewritten prayers or pieces rooted in the deep history of the church. The service is rooted in the simplicity of early Congregationalism and Revivalism. You may recognize the songs, but each one could and very likely was sung in 1875. This service is to remind us of that long history. To connect us to those who also loved and served their community all those years ago. If you are looking for a church home or have questions about faith, please contact me, Pastor Luke, at pastorluke@fremontfcc.org or call the church office at 231-924-4710.

Pastor Luke Schmalz



Altar Rep: Susan Stewart

Greeting us today: Pat Krehn

Next Sunday: Jim Rynberg

Song Leader: Pat Krehn

Scripture Reader:

Next Sunday:

Tech Booth - Thank you volunteers! Robin, Lou, Kendra, Jeff

Happy Birthday to ~

Jack Butterick (4), Pat Krehn (7), Jeff Stewart (8)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Pastor Luke & Crystal Schmalz (4)

Prayer Requests ~

Carol Black - under Hospice Care

David VandenBelt - medical concerns with lyme disease

Dean & Jean Morehouse - loss of a sister & a brother in law

Betty Dougan - heart valve replacement on Thursday

This Weeks Calendar

Sunday, August 3

10:00 a.m. Historical Worship Service

11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall

11:30 a.m. Deacon's Meeting - Library

Monday, August 4

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open - when two or three are gathered

10:00 a.m. Women's Fellowship Board Meeting - Library

Tuesday, August 5 - *Church Office Closed*

Wednesday, August 6

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open - when two or three are gathered

6:00 p.m. Bible Study with Beth Hooker - library

Thursday, August 7 - *Church Office Closed*

10:00 a.m. Christmas Crafters - Fellowship Hall

Friday, August 8

Saturday, August 9

Sunday, August 10

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

11:15 a.m. Neighborhood Block Party

Our Church News

Good morning, and welcome! God has invited us here; we are at home in his presence. Let us worship.

The prelude this morning is a variety of hymns that may have been used in worship 150 years ago. (See note on back page)

The Time Capsule will be opened during coffee hour in fellowship hall this morning.

Pick up a coffee mug located in the narthex - a gift from the 150th Anniversary Committee.

Ladies - Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the Library to study God's word together. This study is led by Beth Hooker and all are welcome.

Small Group will not meet the month of August. We will begin again September 9 & 23, 10:00 a.m. at the home of Pat Krehn.

The annual Women's Luncheon will be held on September 4 at 12:00 noon at the home of Carrie DeMull on Martin Lake. All women are invited!!

We Are HERE - Helping Every Real Expression of need, as expressed in Matthew 25:31-40 and serves needy children in Newaygo County's six school districts. Many of these children have no access to basic personal care products. During the period July 20 - August 17, please donate toothbrushes and travel size containers of toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, body lotion, bath soap, underwear, feminine hygiene products, shaving soap/disposable razors. If you prefer to make a check donation, please write your check to First Congregational, with HERE in the memo line and put it in the offering plate. Your participation in this project will be greatly appreciated by the children receiving your donations, and the teachers who see the need first hand. For Charitable Giving/Jack

Birthday Card Shower- Sally DeShetler will be turning 103 in late October and we would like to "shower" her with birthday greetings. A box is located on the table by the church office. Drop off a note to Sally and we will see that they are delivered to her.

No Noisy offering this month - the current schedule is:

H.E.R.E. - July 20 - Aug 17

Hand 2 Hand - Sept 28 - Oct 26

Noisy Offering - last Sunday in Nov & Dec