

The Lakeshore Congregationalist

June 2018

First Congregational Church – Serving the community since 1860



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Our Covenant

We covenant with the Lord and one with another, and do bind ourselves in the presence of God, to walk together in all his ways, according as he is pleased to reveal himself unto us in his blessed word of truth.

Our Goal

The church exists to change lives. That's what we're about. It's simple to say, harder to live. Every single week, we find a way to love God through worship, through one another, through fellowship, and through simple acts of service in the Saugatuck/Douglas area. We don't always get it right, but we have fun trying.



I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.
Joel 2: 28-29

Tis' the season for adventures!

School is wrapping up, the community has come to life, our itineraries are filling up with graduation open houses and visitors, the kids are signed up for camp... and, of course, it's wedding season!

The church will be hosting five weddings this summer! Five couples will mark their relationship and exchange vows in front of God and community... Including, Tim and I! What a privilege of the congregation to play host to people on one of the biggest days of their life. Alleluia!

As I write this, there is just 11 short days until our wedding day!

Thank you all for your support, prayer and the abundance of encouragement and marital wisdom.

You all have been so great to us over the past months. The bridal shower in April was a wonderful celebration for the women of the church. The many offers to make cookies and help with wedding set-up have been so appreciated (and useful). The process of planning this big event has made me so very grateful for you all.

And I also thank you for being so grace-filled and forgiving as I have never been more distracted in my life as I have been in the final stages of wedding planning.



Upcoming Meetings

- June 5** Women’s Fellowship, 10am
- June** – Trustees – TBD
- June 19** – Diaconate, 11:20 am
- June 20** – Prudential, 6:00 pm

Fellowship Hosts

- June 3** – Women’s Fellowship
- June 10** – Graham Duryee & Sylvia Rudich
- June 17** – Garrett & Tina Sturris, Bev Nieusma
- June 24** – Frank & Joan Lamb

Scripture Readers

- June 3** – Dave Edwards
- June 10** – Virginia Stuart
- June 17** – *available*
- June 24** – *available*

Nursery Workers

- June 3** – Cathy Brockington
- June 10** – Joan Lamb
- June 17** – *available*
- June 24** – Pat Gentry

Welcome Team

- June 3** – Linda Escott
- June 10** – Cathy Brockington
- June 17** – *available*
- June 24** – *available*

My mind is abuzz with flower arrangements, wedding liturgy, and communicating with caterers. And so, I’m keeping this month’s article short and honest.

People of God, have fun this summer!

Take time to breathe deeply, bask in the rays of God’s love, hike through our Almighty’s Creation, take care - really have care for your bodies and minds this season.

We may find ourselves in the throes of business and summer shenanigans, but take time to stop and smell the proverbial roses.

You have all been so gracious to me, let’s all remember to be gracious to ourselves as well.

The scripture I chose for this month is from Colossians 3, which states: “Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.” This is the passage that Tim and I have chosen to have read over us at our wedding ceremony. We chose it because it is a call to breathe deeply and choose joy in our togetherness.

May the peace of our Lord be with you this summer!

All together in Christ,
Pastor Sarah





JUNE 3RD IS YOUTH SUNDAY

It is that time again...At the close of each school year we celebrate our congregation's students, preschool to graduates. Don't miss this opportunity to get to know our young people in this special way.

Outdoor Worship Services Begin in June

June 10th will be our first summer outdoor service, the second Sunday of each month. This month will be led by Rev. Laird Stuart while Pastor Sarah is on her honeymoon! *Volunteers are needed to set up & take down seating.*



Spring Mission Project

Grant Me Hope:

The **Noisy Offering**, Pentecost Sunday, brought in \$352. Our grand total brings our donations to \$1695.71. Thank you to all who contributed to our first mission of the year.

We are a generous people.



Summer Mission Project

Forgotten Man Ministries:

It's time for our summer mission project! We will be soliciting donations of paperback books, used eye glasses, adult coloring books & colored pencils, and more. Keep your eyes open for upcoming opportunities and events to support this mission.



Women's Fellowship Circle

You are invited to join us on **Tuesday, June 5th** at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a special meeting for **food service training**.



GROOVE! EXERCISE CLASS

Every Friday at 10am at the church.

THE WEDDING EDITION!

Come on **JUNE 8** for a special "groove" with the bride and groom!

Instructor: Heather Winia Cost: \$7/session



Save your Lids and Recyclables!

Please continue to save plastic & metal lids. Drop them in the box marked Lids in the narthex. Also, metal pie plates, foam trays (any color) and empty cereal boxes are welcome.

Thank you! From Diana & the Sunday School Team.

Sunday School Overview for June



Little things make a big difference

In our Summer Sunday School we will learn that ***Little things make a big difference***. Love them or hate them, bugs are a part of God's creation. As small as they are, these little things can give us some direction on how to live a life that glorifies God. Our children will make small steps to grow in their faith throughout the summer.

Our Summer Memory Verse

***"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands."
Psalm 19:1 (NIV)***

June 10, 2018

Caterpillar

Scripture: John 1:35-42, John's Disciples Follow Jesus

Synopsis: Caterpillars are bugs with a promise: one day, they will be butterflies. Jesus' disciples were simple fishermen when they first met him, but Jesus would transform them just as he can transform us.

Objective: Kids will identify one thing they can do to grow closer with Jesus

June 17, 2018

Bee

Scripture: Luke 10:25-37 The Good Samaritan

Synopsis: Bees make the world a sweeter place. They make honey! As believers, we can make the world sweeter by doing good and loving other people.

Objective: Kids will identify something kind they can do for someone this week.

June 24, 2018

Ant

Scripture: Proverbs 6:6-8

Synopsis: No creature in all of nature works harder than the ant. God wants us to work hard at everything we do.

Objective: Kids will choose one chore they will do this week without being asked.





Kitchen Update

The Allegan County Health Department has stated that our kitchen facility is "approved for operation!" The next step is **Food Service Training** beginning this month. The first training will be at the **Women's Fellowship Meeting, June 5th at 10:00 am**. Can't make this one? Check the mid-week news and the bulletin board outside the fellowship room for additional dates and times. For more information, contact Cindy Raue.

Three dreams for the kitchen:

- 1) To host community meals for those in need
- 2) To be able to sell food made in our kitchen for ministry fund raisers
- 3) To rent the kitchen space out for cottage industry entrepreneurs

Thank you Cindy Raue for spearheading this project.



START COLLECTING – WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GARAGE SALE IS NOT FAR AWAY!

Spring cleaning time is here!
As you start to clean out those storage spaces, closets and cupboards, please remember to set aside items for the "Women's Fellowship Garage Sale" which will be held in July. We appreciate any clean, usable items.



Christian Neighbors Summer Cereal Collection

Throughout the summer, we welcome boxes of cereal to help the food pantry stock up – the #1 requested food item for kids during the summer break. We think of "holidays" or school lunches, but the truth is that summer is the most difficult time for kids without enough to eat. Share your love through a simple act of a box of cereal.



Are you looking for an opportunity to give a little more to this church community?

Current opportunities to serve include:

- Sunday Nursery – Contact Connie Rusiecki: Connie.rusiecki@gmail.com
- Welcome Team/Greeter – Contact Pat Gentry: pat.gentry22@gmail.com
- Acolytes/Bell Ringers – Contact Pastor Sarah: rev.sarahgladstone@gmail.com
- Trustee Board – Contact Phyllis Yff: pnee.kline@yahoo.com



- Jeff Baker 06/03
- Karen Baker 06/11
- Erin Van Grouw 06/14
- Brad Rudich 06/18
- Marilyn Starring 06/19
- Ava Brockington 06/25
- Michael Gentry 06/25
- Michelle De Boer 06/27



- Kirk & Cindy Raue 06/17
- Kirk & Jennifer Wingard 06/20
- Thom & Char Houseman 06/21
- Brad & Janna Rudich 06/30



Pastoral Care

Pastor Sarah makes pastoral calls at home and hospitals by need and request. Feel free to contact her if you or someone you know would appreciate a visit: 989-640-1487 or rev.sarahgladstone@gmail.com. Please be aware that hospitals and care facilities will not contact clergy if someone is being admitted. Our Shepherds are also happy to help coordinate meal deliveries.



Fellowship Host Schedule July-December, 2018

<u>July</u>		<u>October</u>	
1	Choir	7	Dotty Houser and Sue Bohlander
8	Linda Kinnamon & Justine Kolev	14	Brad & Janna Rudich
15	Lampen Family	21	Pat & Michael Gentry
22	Char & Thom Houseman	28	Laird & Virginia Stuart
29	Joan & Frank Lamb		
<u>August</u>		<u>November</u>	
5	Rusiecki Family	4	Kirk & Betty White (<i>Daylight Savings Time</i>)
12	Bev Nieuwma and Tina & Gerrit Sturuss	11	Myrna Dornan
19	Kathy & Dale Plapp	18	<i>Heritage Sunday Potluck</i>
26	Cindy Raue, Phyllis Yff, Barb Baker	25	Cathy Brockington, Kristyn Boyce, Linda Escott
<u>September</u>		<u>December</u>	
2	GROOVE Class (<i>Labor Day Weekend</i>)	2	Women's Fellowship
9	Birkholz Family	9	Trustees
16	Vander Molen Family	16	Choir
23	Hank & Bonnie Stegenga	23	Diaconate Board
30	Graham Duryee & Sylvia Rudich	30	Prudential Board

Thank you for serving as Fellowship Host. If you cannot serve on the date assigned to you, please swap with someone else, find a substitute or contact Janna Rudich (Jrudich@fbzcpa.com or 269-857-5763) for help in filling your spot. Also, **please notify the church office with any changes made**, so the schedule can be updated. Call 269-857-2929 or email to office@1stcongregational.net. Thank you, again



Lakeshore community Chorus presents

2018 Spring Concert

Live. Love. Laugh.

FEATURING
Lady Oak
from Grand Rapids
Women's Chorus,
directed by Brenda Baker

DATES & TIMES
Saturday, June 2nd, 7:30 pm
Sunday, June 3rd, 4:00 pm

DIRECTOR
Nancy Plantinga

ACCOMPANIST
Vivian Boot

LOCATION
First Congregational
Church of Saugatuck

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT
Scooter's Cafe
322 Culver St., Saugatuck
(cash or check) or by credit card at
www.lakeshorecommunitychorus.org

ADMISSION
\$20 Adults; \$10 Students



NAPF/HOPE & NACCC Annual Meeting Mission: SOLE HOPE

THANK YOU FOR THE INCREDIBLE OUTPOURING OF JEANS! Cathy Brockington has taken the boxes away to be shipped this week.

If you would still like to contribute, each pair of shoes requires a Next Step Donation of \$10 to cover the process of getting the shoe parts we prepare to Uganda; paying the wages of the tailors and shoemakers; purchasing the additional shoe materials; and getting them to a clinic and onto the feet of the children. Make a check or cash donation out to the church, with Sole Hope in the memo line or donation envelope. End date for this mission is Sunday, June 10.



MI Congregational Summer Camp
"The Happiest Place on Earth"

-Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice -

Sponsored by The Michigan Conference of Congregational Christian Churches

July 8 – July 13 YMCA Camp Ohiyesa (south of Fenton)

Any student who completed grades 3 through 8 may attend.

Registration materials are available in the office

Cost and Application Deadlines:

\$315 early registration discount - deposit of \$75 (non-refundable) must be postmarked by **June 1, 2018** for this discounted rate. The remaining balance is due by June 30.

\$365 standard registration - **postmarked after June 1, 2018.** Deposit: \$75 (non-refundable) with the remaining balance due by June 30.

June 2018

First Congregational Church Activity Calendar

Sunday Worship Services – 10:00am (Nursery Provided)

Communion 1st Sunday of the month

Sunday School – 10:15am

Social Hour after Worship – 11:00am

Office Hours: Tues, Wed, Thurs – 10:00-2:00

Deacon of the Month: Joan Lamb

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday 1 Groove 10am	Saturday 2 LCC Concert Live,Love, Laugh 7:30
3 Youth Sunday Sunday School Recognition LCC Concert 2pm	4	5 WFC 10am Food Service Training	6	7	8 Groove 10am Wedding Rehersal	9 Wedding Day! 
10 Outdoor Service with Guest Speaker	11	12	13	14	15 Groove 10am	16
17 Guest Speaker	18 AA Meeting	19	20	21	22 Groove 10am	23
24 Pastor Sarah Returns!	25	26	27	28	29 Groove 10am	30

**Guest Speakers: June 10 – Rev. Laird Stuart; *Still Life* will lead the music
June 17 – Rev. Marilyn Danielson**