

# 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 3<sup>RD</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a special meeting for **food service training**.



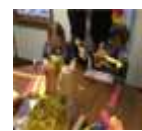
**GROOVE! EXERCISE CLASS**

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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Connie.rusiecki@gmail.com)
- Welcome Team/Greeter – Contact Pat Gentry: [pat.gentry22@gmail.com](mailto:pat.gentry22@gmail.com)
- Acolytes/Bell Ringers – Contact Pastor Sarah: [rev.sarahgladstone@gmail.com](mailto:rev.sarahgladstone@gmail.com)
- Trustee Board – Contact Phyllis Yff: [pnee.kline@yahoo.com](mailto:pnee.kline@yahoo.com)



### Pastoral Care

- 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

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](mailto: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.



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



### Fellowship Host Schedule July-December, 2018

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

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> 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**