

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

218 W. Second St., Gaylord, Michigan 49735

www.firstuccgaylord.org

May 10th, 2020

Welcome to the First Congregational United Church of Christ. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!



"We have two ears and one mouth so that we can listen twice as much as we speak." — Epictetus

Our mission is to embrace people of every age and stage of life and help them become the most loving version of themselves possible.

Words of Welcome

***Call to Worship: (WL = Worship Leader, M= Ministers)**

WL: We come together, although separated by necessity; we come as the people of God.

M: We come together as the Body of Christ in the world.

WL: We come as we are drawn in to participate in the creation of the Kingdom of God on earth.

M: We come seeking to listen for God's call, to hear God's voice.

WL: Sometimes the call we hear is different than we expected.

M: Let us hear what God asks of us; let us respond in joy for the love of God.

ALL: Speak to us this day, O God, Your servants are listening.

Hymn

“How Great Thou Art”

Corporate Unison Prayer

God of presence and promise, You continually invite Your creatures into loving and trusting relationship with You. You have provided Your Word to sustain us, Your Word written in texts of old, Your Word made flesh in Jesus the Christ, and Your Word whispered to our hearts each day. As Christ listened to You and lived his life according to Your will, so we strive to listen and bend our lives toward Your desire. We long for a deepened awareness of Your near presence and Your constancy. We yearn for heightened sensitivity to Your voice. Help us discern Your voice amidst all life's distractions. Help us filter out those voices that are not Yours, attuning ourselves to Your voice. Then, having heard You speak, O God, help us to follow Your call, expressing our willing response in praising You and living lives that bring honor and glory to You and You alone. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading

Acts 16:6-15

Special Music

“What Have You Done to Lift Somebody Up?”

Joanna Morse

Children's Time

“Sounds and Sights of Spring”

Our Mothers

2nd Scripture Reading

John 2:1-11 (NIV)

Sermon

Écoutez Attentivement! (Listen Closely!)

Offering

At this time, you may mail in your contributions to the church:
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The Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow/Praise God, all creatures here
below/Praise God for all that Love has done/Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.*

Feast of Love

Maggie Wallin

Benediction

May you see the unfolding of each day as an opportunity to be a Co-Creator with
God.

As a Jesus-Follower, may you feel his company leading you toward creating more
kindness, justice and mercy.

May you listen for the Spirit's whisperings of new directions to follow, new paths
to trod, new joys to behold.

And may you feel God's presence with you this day and in all the days ahead.

Amen.



SUNDAY PARTICIPANTS:

Sermon Leader: Maggie Wallin

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Children's Message: Brenda Brummel

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- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

COVID -19

If you must be isolated during the COVID-19 crisis, please let the Church Office know 989-732-5726 or office@firstuccgaylord.org so we can call or visit you as well as keep you in the prayers of the congregation.

Virtual Coffee Hour - click the following link to join our virtual coffee hour this Sunday between 10:45 – 11 am; <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4439199261> call or text Rokko (773) 398-6767 or Brenda (810) 623-1691 if you have any difficulties connecting. Dial in phone number is: (929) 205 6099

Through the years, Alpine Oven has been so supportive of our church. They have provided us with food and more recently the venue for our fund raiser for Kids on a Mission. We want to let you know that both Alpine Tavern and Crave are open for carry out service.

Al Davis is doing well in Florida. He would love to hear from his Northern Michigan friends! (321) 522-9898

Office Hours – are suspended effective immediately. You must notify Jessica if you've been in the office or plan to go to office, so we eliminate any face to face encounters.

Building Use – all building use is suspended until further notice unless otherwise discussed. This includes The Community Meal, bible study, and book club.

The Food Pantry – is in desperate need of food donations as many families from the service industries are without pay right now. If you can spare non-perishables, please call the United Way for drop-off times and more information regarding the next dates for helping with The Food Pantry: May 18 & 19th: 12p-2p (Monday and Tuesday).

Census 2020 – be sure to complete your census at my2020census.gov if you haven't already!

Happenings at Church

For the week of May 10th, 2020

Sunday:	Virtual Worship, 10:00am Virtual Coffee Hour, 10:45am
Monday:	Reaching In via Zoom, 12:00pm
Wednesday:	Reaching Out via Zoom, 11:00am
Thursday:	Bible Study via Zoom, 11:00am

~ In Our Prayers ~

During the month of May, the UNA is holding the Lewiston church in prayer.

The Family of Judith Krieger – as they grieve Judith’s passing. She and her husband, Don, were active members of our church when they lived in Gaylord.

Judy Falk – as she is back home after spending some time in the hospital.

Bo Leser – As he continues to experience health issues and is awaiting testing.

Kati Carlson & Family – as the family has undergone several health challenges.

Cleveann Wolf – as she is now in a memory care facility.

Ilah Weaver – as she recovers at home from forehead surgery.

Doug Fopma – as he is fighting for his life from COVID-19. While he is recently off the ventilator, he still has a long way to go.

Doug Galer – who is also hospitalized and fighting to recover from COVID-19.

All of those working on the frontline to fight COVID-19, those that are considered essential workers, those without jobs, those ill, and those affected by this pandemic in anyway.

Jeannine Wambold’s son-in-law, Jordan - who is recovering at home from broken ribs and a punctured lung after a fall.

Norman Reim - Rokko’s bandmate, as he recovers from recent surgery.

Don Storing’s longtime friend, Eric Larsen – as he navigates his recent stage IV lung and brain cancer diagnosis.

Lani English and Family – as they grieve the passing of Lani’s cousin, Adam.

Margaret Soller – as she grieves the loss of her twin sister, Liz.

Marcus and Samantha Fray – as they navigate Marcus’s recent ALS diagnosis.

Marcus is married to George and Judy Dunn’s granddaughter. He is in his thirties with two small children.

Rev. Ginny Titus and Family



See the prayer request / joys sheet in the Narthex to add to this list. If someone has been inadvertently omitted or if it is time to remove a name, please let the church office know.

Prayer Requests

During this time of transition, if you have pastoral concerns, please contact the church office and Jessica will notify the Reaching In team.