

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

218 W. Second St., Gaylord, Michigan 49735

www.firstuccgaylord.org

May 24th, 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!



He that can take rest is greater than he that can take cities.

Benjamin Franklin

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: In the world of the driven,

M: Let us be drawn in.

WL: Let your love be a given,

M: Let us be drawn in.

WL: To imagine, to dream, to create, to redeem,

M: For the sake of everyone living,

ALL: Let us be drawn in.

Hymn

“God of Our Fathers”

Corporate Unison Prayer

Help us to come to you in the middle of the overwhelm. Remind us of your ever-present help in our times of need. Show us how to rest in You. Reveal to us both the beauty in the work and in the rest. Calm our anxious thoughts and encourage our hearts with Your nearness.

Active and Restful God, your heart is our heart, your rhythm is our rhythm. Open us to the place of rest and celebration in the rhythm of our lives. Draw us into delight.

Give us the courage to breathe deeply.

Amen.

1st Scripture Reading

Exodus 20:8-11

Special Music

“You’ll Never Walk Alone” by Rodgers and Hammerstein

Performed by Chanelle Beach

Children’s Time

“Slowly Sloth”

The Creatives

2nd Scripture Reading

Luke 6:6-12

Sermon

“Seven Ways to Rest”

Hymn
“He Touched Me”

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.*

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

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: Rokko Jans
Music Director: Rokko Jans
Liturgist: Sallie Anderson
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.

A Notice from Women's Fellowship – unless an emergency arises, all events pertaining to WF have been cancelled at this time, this includes the rummage sale. A suggestion regarding salad luncheons has been made to Council.

Jeannine Wambold – would like to thank everyone for lifting her son-in-law, Jordan, in prayer. He is healing from his broken ribs.

Don Storing needs volunteers to help share the lawn mowing responsibilities this season. If you can help, please contact him directly: 989-464-9648
snod34@chartermi.net

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/83811276546> 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.

Happenings at Church For the week of May 24th, 2020

Sunday:	Virtual Worship, 10:00am Virtual Coffee Hour, 10:45am
Monday:	HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY
Tuesday:	Reaching In via Zoom, 12:00pm
Wednesday:	Reaching Out via Zoom, 11:00am (if needed)
Thursday:	Bible Study via Zoom, 11:00am

~ In Our Prayers ~

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

Chuck Falk and Family – as they grieve the loss of Judy.

Shirley Matevia – as she struggles with health issues.

The People of Mid-Michigan - as they deal with the catastrophic flooding.

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.

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

Katie Carlson’s daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Buck Heide - as they deal with major health issues.

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

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

Doug Fopma – Doug has made huge strides! He is now recovering in a rehabilitation center in Grand Rapids and still in need of prayers.

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.

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



Prayer Requests

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.

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