

# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

218 W. Second St., Gaylord, Michigan 49735

[www.firstuccgaylord.org](http://www.firstuccgaylord.org)

July 5<sup>th</sup>, 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!



## MATTHEW 6:33-34

"BUT SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD  
AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS,  
AND ALL THESE THINGS  
WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU AS WELL.

THEREFORE DO NOT WORRY ABOUT TOMORROW,  
FOR TOMORROW WILL WORRY ABOUT ITSELF.  
EACH DAY HAS ENOUGH TROUBLE OF IT'S OWN."

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***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 ~

*Choral Call to Worship*

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

WL: When our world is turned upside down,

**M: Let us hold on to God's promise of hope.**

WL: In the face of uncertainty,

**M: Let us recall God's promise of hope.**

WL: In the face of fear,

**M: and in moments of darkness,**

**ALL: Let us reach to our God of All for hope.**

*Corporate Unison Prayer*

*From Emily Dickinson (1830-1886)*

“Hope” is the thing with feathers, That perches in the soul,  
And sings the tune without the words, and never stops at all,  
And sweetest in the gale is heard; and sore must be the storm  
That could abash the little Bird that kept so many warm.

I've heard it in the chilliest land, And on the strangest Sea;

Yet, never, in extremity, It asked a crumb of me.

“God, thank you for the gift of Hope, that assures us of your Love every day.  
Amen.”

*Hymn*

“O God Our Help in Ages Past”

*1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading*

Matthew 6:25-34

*Children's Time*

“Eternal Hope”

*2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading*

John 4:13-14

*Sermon*

“The Now of Hope”

*Special Music*

An American Celebration

Performed by Rokko and Friends

*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***

***Benediction***

**SUNDAY PARTICIPANTS:**

**Sermon Leader:** Rokko Jans

**Music Director:** Rokko Jans

**Liturgist:** Zephania Boughner

**Children's Message:** Brenda Brummel

**Altar & Banner Design:** Helen Mate

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**Jessica would like to update the birthday and anniversary list** – if you haven't seen your birthday and/or anniversary listed in newsletter, please provide it to the church office via email.

**Welcome baby Maximus Ashton Kopka!** Joe and Lani English would like to announce the birth of their grandson, born to Keelin and Jacob on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:40am. 6lb 13oz, 19 inches long. He is growing beautifully!

**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](mailto: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

## **Happenings at Church** For the week of July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Sunday:	Virtual Worship, 10:00am Virtual Coffee Hour, 10:45am
Tuesday:	Reaching In via Zoom, 12:00pm
Wednesday:	Reaching Out via Zoom, 11:00am (if needed)
Thursday:	Bible Study via Zoom, 11:00am
Friday:	Drive-Thru Community Meal, 4:00pm

## **~ In Our Prayers ~**

*During the month of July, the UNA is holding the New Waves TC church in prayer.*

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

**The Family of Shirley Matevia** – as they grieve her passing.

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

**Carol Leser's sister, Barbara Loomis** – whose Gladwin home was flooded in the mid-Michigan catastrophe.

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

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

**Doug Fopma & Doug Galer** – as they 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 ALS diagnosis. Marcus is married to George and Judy Dunn's granddaughter. He is in his thirties with two small children.



Prayer Requests

**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.

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