

**\*CLOSING HYMN Red 307, "Now Thank We All Our God"**

**\*BLESSING AND SENDING**

Rev. Tim Vander Haar

**POSTLUDE "Sing to the Lord of Harvest" . . . by Kendall**      Solee Lee-Clark, organ

*You are invited to remain and enjoy the postlude  
but if you need to leave please feel free to do so.*

**A Warm Welcome To Our Visitors**

**found in each pew. We invite you to stay for  
coffee and cookies after Worship Service today.**

**Nursery Care is available on the second floor  
for infants and toddlers.**

**are available on Narthex tables  
Please contact an usher for any assistance.**

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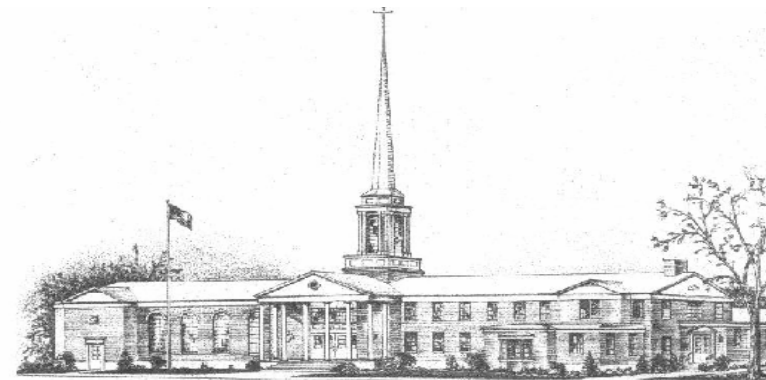
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*The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience,*

**Galatians 5:22-23**

**NOVEMBER 20, 2011**

*Senior Minister  
Rev. Timothy D. Vander Haar*



**Listening devices & large print bulletins are available.  
Please ask an usher for assistance.**

We invite those seated in the sanctuary to prepare quietly for the worship hour.

**SUNDAY BEFORE THANKSGIVING  
CELEBRATION OF THE REIGN OF CHRIST  
November 20, 2011**

*Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and blessing!*  
Rev. 5:12

**WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY**

Judy Tierney

**CALL TO WORSHIP** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" . . . . Arr. by Stewart  
Canterbury Bells

**OPENING SENTENCES** *Psalm 105:1*

Rev. Tim Vander Haar

Leader : O give thanks to the LORD, call on God's name,

**People: make known God's deeds among the peoples.**

**\*HYMN** Red 42, "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

**\*GREETING**

Rev. Tim Vander Haar

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the  
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

**\*GATHERING PRAYER**

Leader: Almighty and everlasting God, may Christ, the one in whom you break  
the power of evil and make all things new, reign in our lives as King of  
Kings and Lord of Lords. Ordered by the values and priorities of your  
realm, may we show our gratitude for your bounty by remembering  
always the needs of others; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

**YOUTH PRAISE** Five Kernels of Corn

*(Young people dismissed to their classes)*

**CELEBRATION OF THE SPOKEN WORD**

"The Road Not Taken" . . . . by Randall Thompson.....Poetry by Robert Frost

Fred Sanderlin, speaker; Motel Choir

*\* Those who wish may stand.*

"A Girls Garden" . . . . by Randall Thompson.....Poetry by Robert Frost  
Sherri Slater, speaker; The Women of Shema Choir

**SCRIPTURE READING** Genesis 21: 8-21 OT. p. 17

Robert Mixer

**MESSAGE** WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

Rev. Tim Vander Haar

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE** "Let All Things Now Living" *(see insert)*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Robert Mixer

*ending with the Lord's Prayer:*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**Hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,**

**Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.**

**Amen.**

*(Many Congregationalists in the early days felt that using the Lord's Prayer as a  
fixed part of worship was far too "liturgical." The traditional form in this Congregation  
uses "debts" and "debtors," but you are free to join in with whatever version you know.)*

**MOMENT FOR MISSION** Neighbors in Need

Donna Lachniet

**OFFERTORY**

**Invitation**

**Offertory Music** "Let All Things Now Living" . . . . Arr. by Wagner

Canterbury Bells

**\*Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise him all creatures here below;**

**Praise him above, ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father (Creator), Son (Christ), and Holy Ghost.**

**Amen.**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

*\* Those who wish may stand.*

# Announcements

Sunday, November 20, 2011

<u>WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS</u>	<u>STAFF</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>
<b>SENIOR MINISTER</b> Rev. Tim Vander Haar	<b>SENIOR MINISTER</b> Rev. Tim Vander Haar	<b>PRESIDENT</b> Janet Smith
<b>ORGANIST</b> Dr. Solee Lee-Clark	<b>BUILDING MANAGER</b> Dennis Walters	<b>VICE PRESIDENT</b> Gary Neal
<b>WELCOME</b> Judy Tierney	<b>DIRECTORS OF MUSIC</b> Dr. Solee Lee-Clark, Organist Tom Clark, Choirmaster	<b>TREASURER</b> Judy Tierney
<b>PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE</b> Dr. Robert Mixer	<b>BOOKKEEPER</b> Julie Wachter	<b>CLERK</b> Margo Atwell
<b>USHER CAPTAIN</b> Jack Tierney	<b>CHILD CARE</b> Tiara Duncan	<b>PAST PRESIDENT</b> Deb Collett
<b>GREETERS</b> <b>NARTHEX ENTRANCE</b> Don & Beverly Rahn	<b>YOUTH ALIVE</b> <b>CHOIR DIRECTOR</b> Claire Root Benson	<b>CHURCH OFFICE</b> 231-726-3254
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<b>SOUND TECHNICIAN</b> Steve Kartes	<b>OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR</b> Ann Taylor	<b>FACEBOOK PAGE</b> First Congregational Church U.C.C. of Muskegon, Mi.
	<b>ATTENDANCE</b> November 13, <b>261</b>	

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS** are given by Roy Portenga and family in loving memory of Ann Rogalla Portenga.

**OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS** to Brenda and Jim Gashal who's mother, Betty Brown, passed away November 13, 2011. And to Bobby and Curtis Lowe and family on the passing of Bobby's mother, Alene Flowers on November 16, 2011.



**PLEASE PLAN TO BRING COOKIES**, treats and baked goods as often as you can during the Month of **November** if your last name begins with the letters **A-D**. Thanks for helping out in this way.

**CARING CALLERS** - the large print Upper Rooms for November and December are now available and can be picked up in the church office. Please check your name off the list when you pick up your copies. Thank you.



Potluck after worship service this morning.

**CHRISTMAS POINTSETTIAS**—please use the form found in today's bulletin and order yours today. All plants will be burgundy. Forms and money—\$8.00—are due today.

**WOMENS FELLOWSHIP**—Ladies, it's time to plan your donation to our annual "Cookie Sale". We would appreciate your donation of 5 dozen cookies to be all alike. The date is December 11, 2011.

**THE MISSION PROJECT** this month is "Neighbors in Need". If you wish to contribute to this worthy cause, use the envelope found in today's bulletin and return it sometime during the month of November.

**ADVENT** is fast approaching and we are looking of **ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTERS** — families, couples or small groups of friends who would like to lead us in the lighting of the advent candles. Sundays available are November 27, December 4, 11, and 18. Please call the office if you can help us out.

**CIRCLE 1 REMINDER**—your meeting is Thursday, December 1, 2011.

**A Very Impromptu  
Christmas Pageant  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11th**

**10:00 am Arrive  
10:30 Service**



during the worship service.

of all ages.



This activity will tell the story of

God's gift of love.

Neighbors and friends of all ages

angels, shepherds, wise-people,  
or small animals.

If Interested Contact Church Office  
231-726-3254

## CREATING YOUR LEGACY

### Kudos to Harriett Walsh!

H. Robert (Bob) Walsh on 7-12-52 at First Congregational Church. Bob and Harriett were members of McGraft Congregational Church and transferred their membership to FCC on 11-5-72. As office administrator, Harriett was an inspiration to all who called or entered the church for 35 years, retiring in 1975. She went from Dictaphone to electric typewriters to computers and from mimeographing to copy machines!

In 1984, the meticulous FCC archives became a reality with the permanent records and memorabilia preserved in a special area of the church. Harriett and her team have a wonderful documented history of our church. Harriett can share most of this information with us at a moments notice without blinking!

Harriett and Bob's hobby was—and is—photography. They could find beauty in anything but prefer not to photograph people. In 1992, Harriett was named an "associate" by the Photography Society of America. This prestigious honor is given only to highly skilled photographers among some 8000 members who participate in volunteer educational and other services.

*A special note: Harriett's birthday is today! (November 20, 2011) Happy Birthday, dear Harriett.*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SUN Nov 20 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:30 am Adult Education  
9:30 am Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 am Worship Service  
11:45 am Thanksgiving Feast

### MON Nov 21

11:00 am Prayer Group  
6:30 pm Governing Bd. Mtg.

### TUES Nov 22

6:30 pm Youth Alive  
7:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 pm Confirmation Class

### WED Nov 23

7:00 am Men's Bible Study/Brkfst.  
9:00 am Bldg. Volunteers

### THU Nov 24

12:00 pm Neighborhood Thanksgiving  
Feast  
CHURCH CLOSED FOR BUSINESS

### FRI Nov 25

9:00 am Breakfast Setup  
BUILDING CLOSED

### SAT Nov 26

9:00 am Saturday Breakfast

### SUN Nov 27 First Sunday of Advent

9:30 am Adult Education  
10:30 am Worship Service

## SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE READINGS

### SUN Nov 20 CELEBRATION OF THE REIGN OF CHRIST

Genesis 21:8-21  
*Hagar and Ishmael*

### MON Nov 21 Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20

Dan 3:52-56  
*(Apocrypha)*  
Luke 21:1-4

### TUE Nov 22 Daniel 2:31-45

Daniel 3:57-61  
*(Apocrypha)*  
Luke 21:5-11

### WED Nov 23 Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28

Daniel 3:62-67  
*(Apocrypha)*  
Luke 21:12-19

### THU Nov 24 Daniel 6:12-28

Daniel 3:68-74  
*(Apocrypha)*  
Luke 21:20-28

### FRI Nov 25 Daniel 7:2-14

Daniel 3:75-81  
*(Apocrypha)*  
Luke 21:29-33

### SAT Nov 26 Daniel 7:15-27

Daniel 3:82-87  
*(Apocrypha)*  
Luke 21:34-36

### ADVENT

Isaiah 64:1-9  
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19  
I Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:24-37