

**First Congregational  
United Church of Christ**

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February, 2020

The

# Congregator



*Proverbs 3:5*

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*You are invited to attend the*

*Service of Installation for  
REV. GARY BAGLEY*

*To be held at 3:00 p.m.  
Sunday, February 23, 2020*

*Please plan on attending this special event!*

## Upcoming Events

**Youth Worship/Communion**  
Sunday, February 2

**Ladies' Luncheon (off site)**  
Tuesday, February 11

**Ash Wednesday Service**  
Wednesday, February 26

**Ramsey Video Course Begins**  
Sunday, February 2

**Annual Meeting**  
Sunday, February 16

## **Looking Ahead:**

**Kids Unite**  
Wednesday, February 5

**Boy Scout Sunday**  
Sunday, February 23

**Confirmation Sunday - Mar 1**  
**Kids Unite - Mar 4**  
**XYZ - Mar 19**

**Net Lock In**  
Sat-Sun, Feb 8-Feb 9

**Pastor Gary's Installation**  
Sunday, February 23

**Lifeline Screening Event - Mar 21**  
**Choir Brunch Fundraiser- Mar 22**

**SCRIPTURE**

Psalms 150:3-6

Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with lute and harp! Praise God with tambourine and dance; praise God with strings and pipe! Praise God with clanging cymbals; praise God with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! (Inclusive Language)

**A WORD OF HOPE**

In January we Celebrated Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and February we celebrate Black History Month. One aspect of the Civil Rights Era that had significant meaning during civil rights movement was music. There were multiple songs which encouraged people to take an active role in the movement to gain equal rights for all. Lyrics and instruments (music) is a common denominator among all people. It touches our senses which can empower people to take action.

The scripture above says that people during "ancient times" also understood the impact of music and how God enjoyed being praised through instruments, singing, and dancing. This form of worship brought joy to the Creator of the Universe, then as it does now. The word "praise" is repeated eight times in these verses which highlight worship, instruments, and lyrics.

The Impressions (People Get Ready), The Staple Singers (I'll Take You There), Sweet Honey in the Rock (Eyes on the Prize), Bob Dylan (The Times They are a Changing), Mavis Staples (We Shall Not Be Moved), Sam Cooke (A Change is Gonna Come) and The Roots (Ain't Nobody Gonna Turn Me Around) sang songs that had universal appeal during that era. The music was not only shared at sit-ins and marches but also at concerts, night clubs, and parks so people could know of the movement as it related to

peace, freedom, justice, ecology, and human rights. It crossed cultural boundaries. It even crossed into other genres of music including gospel, rock and roll, jazz, blues, and soul.

Music has a mysterious way of drawing people together. Each one of us knows music is powerful. The rhythms, the metaphors, and the rhymes speak volumes to the listener. This month as we celebrate Black History Month, let us remember leaders like Dr. King, and others of the Civil Rights movement, praising God for life, music, and liberty.

**PRAYER**

Dear Alpha and Omega: We are grateful that You give us the creative spirit, the words, and instruments to help us recognize that You created us all to meld together like an awesome band. Singing, playing instruments and collaborating together can be an excellent example of how working together for equality, justice, peace and human rights can make a significant difference in the lives of many people; just like Jesus did when He was on this earth. May it be so. Amen!



**"Our Mission is to enable disciples to change the world to the glory of God by living the teachings of Jesus our Christ."**

**First Congregational United Church of Christ  
Revenue & Expense Summary  
December 31, 2019**

	<u>December Budget</u>	<u>December Actual</u>	<u>December Diff</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2019 YTD vs Budget</u>
<b>Operating Fund</b>						
Revenue from Giving	26,364	19,894	(6,470)	282,400	266,644	(15,756)
Other Revenue	906	1,129	223	14,300	14,786	486
Expenses	36,981	41,995	(5,014)	387,900	386,072	1,828
Surplus/(Deficit)	(9,711)	(20,972)	(11,261)	(91,200)	(104,642)	(13,442)
<b>Upward/Missions/Youth</b>						
Revenue	165	776	611	23,000	16,366	(6,634)
Expenses	2,785	991	1,794	25,000	18,724	6,276
Surplus/(Deficit)	(2,620)	(215)	2,405	(2,000)	(2,358)	(358)
<b>Learning House</b>						
Revenue	40,657	36,961	(3,696)	590,000	582,546	(7,454)
Expenses	48,268	40,996	7,272	496,800	467,791	29,009
Surplus/(Deficit)	(7,611)	(4,035)	3,576	93,200	114,755	21,555
<b>Building Fund</b>						
Revenue	2,583	1,974	(610)	31,000	39,962	8,962
Loan Principal Payment	2,483	2,485	(2)	29,800	31,886	(2,086)
Other Expenses	100	100	0	1,200	13,557	(12,357)
Surplus/(Deficit)	0	(612)	(612)	0	(5,481)	(5,481)
<b>Grand Total Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(19,942)</b>	<b>(25,833)</b>	<b>(5,891)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,274</b>	<b>2,274</b>



*February 16th  
following service*

*A light lunch will be served*



The **Nominations Committee** is looking for church members interested in serving on the Administrative Board. There will be one open position for a three year term and voting will take place at the Annual Meeting on February 16th. If you are interested, know of someone you would like to nominate, or have any questions, please contact either Erica Allen at (810) 252-4278 or Norma Oakes at (810) 397-3976. Thank you!

THE LEARNING HOUSE  
INFANTS THROUGH LATCHKEY  
PROGRAM HOURS:  
MON-FRI FROM 6:00 AM TO 6:30 PM



# February 2020

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL  
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OFFICE HOURS:  
MON — FRI FROM 9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

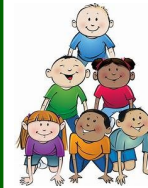


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 4:30 Charchan Party 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous
2 Youth Worship 9:30 Net Topic Talk 10:30 Worship/Holy Communion 11:30 Fellowship 6:00 Ramsey Video Course 7:00 Boy Scout Pack 175 Committee Meeting	3 7:00 Boy Scout Meeting	4 5:30 Confirmation 6:30 Roberts BBall 7:00 Youth Team Meeting 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	5 10:00 LH Chapel 6:00 Kids Unite 7:30 VanBuren BBall	6 5:30 Worship Team Meeting 6:30 Youth Choir Practice 7:00 Choir Practice	7 6:30 Dent BBall	8 Net Lock In 4:00 WOW Daddy/Daughter Dance 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous
9 Net Lock In 10:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship 6:00 Ramsey Video Course	10 7:00 Boy Scout Meeting	11 1:00 Ladies Luncheon (off site) 5:30 Confirmation 6:30 Roberts BBall 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	12 10:00 LH Chapel 10:30 Staff Meeting 5:00 Fellowship Team Mtg 6:00 Spiritual Growth Mtg 6:00 Admin Board Meeting 7:00 VanBuren BBall	13 11:00 Care & Nurture Team Meeting (off site) 6:30 Youth Choir Practice 7:00 Choir Practice	14	15 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous
16 Annual Meeting 10:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School 11:30 Annual Meeting 6:00 Ramsey Video Course	17 7:00 Boy Scout Meeting	18 5:30 Confirmation 6:30 Roberts BBall 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	19 10:00 LH Chapel 7:00 VanBuren BBall 7:00 Boy Scout Meeting	20 6:30 Youth Choir Practice 7:00 Choir Practice	21	22 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous
23 Boy Scout Sunday 10:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship 3:00 Pastor Gary's Installation 6:00 Net 6:00 Ramsey Video Course	24 7:00 Boy Scout Meeting	25 5:30 Confirmation 6:30 Roberts BBall 6:30 Building & Grounds Mtg 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	26 Ash Wednesday 10:00 LH Chapel 7:00 VanBuren BBall 7:00 Ash Wednesday Worship Service	27 6:30 The Learning House Staff Meeting 6:30 Youth Choir Practice 7:00 Choir Practice	28 6:30 Dent BBall	29 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous

## LADIES LUNCHEON

Tuesday, February 11th at 1pm

We will meet at Aubree's Pizzeria & Grill in Grand Blanc. Please RSVP with Sue Leonhard (810) 743-5459 or Joyce Metzger (810) 694-1758. All the ladies of the church and their friends are welcome!



## Kids Unite

Weds, February 5

6 pm-7:30 pm

Grades K-5th

Come join in on the fun!  
Contact Tracy Loomis at  
tracyl@fcucc.com for  
more information.



The Care & Nurture Team is asking for donations of birthday, holiday, sympathy and other cards. All cards are welcome! Please place them in the

“Care & Nurture” mailbox in the copy room. Thank you!



## SWEET SUNDAY 13 RESULTS ARE IN!

Sweet Sunday 13 realized a profit of \$5447.21. This brings the total which has been paid off the church mortgage principal \$53,135.67! What a tremendous help our Sweet Sunday Campaigns have been to FCUCC! We are so fortunate that Joe and Terry Mitlyng chose our church to attend. Their guidance and organization have really helped us. Now... Sweet Sunday 14 is just around the corner. This campaign will provide candy in time for Mother's Day. We'll soon be sending out information. Thanks again for all you have done to help and all you will do in the future. By the way...the Candy Committee was very happy to report that Campaign 13 was NOT unlucky at all! :)



**Worship Service**  
**Wednesday, February 26th**  
**7pm**

## OUR CONGREGATION'S JOYS & SORROWS

~ Geraldine "Gerry" Moore  
passed away January 1, 2020.

~ Helen Robison  
passed away January 16, 2020.