

Wednesday Nite LIVE(stream)

First Congregational Church

January 20, 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Due to COVID-19 concerns and because we love our members, friends, and neighbors, FCC will not gather in-person in our building for the next few weeks. We are watching the situation as our local schools return to in-person classes, as well as the health departments guidelines concerning restaurants and other businesses. In the meantime, we invite everyone to join us via livestream Sundays at 10:00am and Wednesday at 7:00pm. The church IS open in the sense that we are here for anyone who has a need, and the pastor will be keeping regular office hours.
- **2021 Annual Meeting:** First Congregational Church will hold our 125th Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 24, 2021. The meeting will begin about 11:00am following the Sunday Morning Worship(stream). Due to COVID-19 concerns the Annual Meeting will be held via Zoom and Facebook. We strongly encourage using Zoom for the Annual Meeting as it makes real-time communication easier without the time lag associated with Facebook. However, those who do not use Zoom may connect via Facebook with the understanding that participation in the meeting will be somewhat limited. Please note, 25 people including 17 members are necessary for a quorum so please plan on connecting with us about 11:00am on Sunday, January 24, 2021.
- **2021 Church Directory:** We are beginning work on a brand-new church directory for 2021. If you have a picture of your household that you would like to include please send it to Pastor Steve.
- **Financial contributions to FCC may be made in four ways:**
 - Mail: First Congregational Church, 403 N Saginaw St., Durand MI 48429.
 - Drop your contribution in the drop box located near our Washtenaw Street entrance.
 - Through your own bank's electronic check service.
 - Venmo: Our treasurer is set up as: Shannon-Fryer-4.

PRAAYER LIST

- Prayers for our nation.
- An end to the coronavirus pandemic.
- Our local, state, and federal leaders.
- Students, teachers, and staff at area schools.
- College students.
- All those in convalescent homes, senior centers, etc.
- Those who have COVID-19:
 - Schuyler's friends.
 - Linda Kubik's friends, Karen and John.
 - Sherry Dean's stepsister, Suzy.
 - Beverly Baldwin's work family.
 - John Weir.
 - RICK MANY (Shannon Fryer's neighbor)
 - Amy Dewald's friend, Kim.
- CLIFF SEMPLE family.
- JOSHUA HUBBELL: (Shannon Fryer's brother): deployed with U.S. Air Force.
- KNIGHTON BRUNER (Brett's nephew): spiritual concerns.
- Janet Young's neighbor's daughter: cancer.
- Robyn Lajewski's family.
- CARL COLE: health concerns.
- Beverly Baldwin's family.
- SAM PICKEREL (Mary Golden's son): peace and understanding.
- JOHN BRUUSEMA family (Tonia Ritter's uncle).
- SANDY (Semple) PECINOVSKY (Cliff's daughter): health concerns.
- Sue Baade's sister, Kim – setback in her recovery from surgery.
- Linda Russell's friend, Rodney – lost his job due to a company buy-out.
- Beverly Baldwin's "Nan".
- Amy Dewald's friend, Allison – recovering from surgery.
- The family of Cindy and Lori's co-worker who's son passed.
- Lori Childs' family – great aunt passed.
- JoDee Merrell's cousin – surgery.

Getting to Know Jesus

The Gospel of John - Lesson 22

BACKGROUND

- Chapter 1
 - *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.* (John 1:1-3)
 - *The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the father, full of grace and truth.* (John 1:14)
 - Andrew, Peter, Philip, and Nathaniel joined Jesus.
- Chapter 2
 - Jesus turned the water into wine at a wedding in Cana.
 - He cleared the temple courts.
- Chapter 3
 - Nicodemus, a Pharisee and member of the Sanhedrin Court, came to Jesus.
 - *God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.* (John 3:16-17)
- Chapter 4
 - Jesus traveled through Samaria on his way from Judea to Galilee. He stopped in Sychar where he encountered a woman at Jacob's well.
 - *"God is Spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth"* (John 4:24).
- Chapter 5
 - Jesus healed a man who *had been an invalid for thirty-eight years.*
 - Jesus dealt with another Sabbath controversy with the Pharisees.
 - Jesus gave evidence of the fact that he is the Son of God.
- Chapter 6
 - Jesus fed the 5,000.
 - Jesus walked on water (Peter did, too ...at least for a little while).
 - Jesus, "The Bread of Life."
 - Many disciples desert Jesus.
- Chapter 7
 - Although Jesus' brothers urged him to go public by going to Judea for the Feast of Tabernacles, Jesus told them, "My time has not yet come."
 - Jesus went secretly to the Feast of Tabernacles and taught in the Temple courts, which amazed the people, and angered the Pharisees.
 - Jesus taught, *Stop judging by mere appearances, but instead judge correctly* (John 7:24).
 - The Pharisees sought to arrest Jesus but no one could lay a hand on him.
- Chapter 8
 - Jesus encountered a woman caught in the act of adultery by the Pharisees.
 - Jesus, "the Light of the World."