

CONNECTION CARD

We'd love to know you were here!

Change In Contact Information

1st Time Guest

2nd Time Guest

Regular Attendee

Member

NAME _____

EMAIL _____

ADDRESS _____

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Landline Cell

SUNDAY 9/23	9:00am	Contemporary Worship (gym) Adult Classes
	10:30am	Traditional Worship (sanctuary) Adult Classes & Sunday School
	6:00 - 8:00pm	Sr. High Big Life
MONDAY 9/24	8:12:30 - 2:30pm	Food Pantry (fellowship hall)
	7:00 - 9:00pm	BSF (family life center)
TUESDAY 9/25	6:30am	Men's Bible Study (Mr. Burger)
	9:00 - 11:30am	Beth Moore Bible Study (rm.207)
	9:30 - 11:30am	GriefShare (rm. 220)
	12:30 - 2:30pm	Food Pantry (fellowship hall)
	7:00 - 8:15pm	Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal (sanctuary)
WEDS. 9/26	8:00 - 2:30pm	CBS (whole building)
	2:30 - 5:30pm	Open Gym
	5:45pm	Dinner, \$2 a person (rm. fellowship hall)
	6:00 - 8:00pm	Alpha (rm. 207)
	6:30 - 8:00pm	Jr. High (rm. 222)
	6:30 - 8:00pm	The Grove (rm. 220)
	6:30 - 8:15pm	Choir Rehearsal (sanctuary)
	7:00 - 8:00pm	Prayer Meeting (rm. 107)
THURSDAY 9/27	2:00pm	Youth for Christ (rm. 222 & gym)
	6:00 - 8:00pm	Worship Dance (rm. 112)
	6:00 - 9:00pm	Worship Team (gym)
	6:00pm	Leadership Team Prayers (rm. 208)
	6:30pm	Leadership Team Meeting (rm. 208)
FRIDAY 9/28	7:00pm	Bridal Shower for Michelle Visser (fellowship hall)
	6:30pm	Potluck & Games for Adults (fellowship hall)
SUNDAY 9/30	9:00am	Contemporary Worship (gym) Adult Classes
	10:30am	Traditional Worship (sanctuary) Adult Classes & Sunday School
	6:00 - 8:00pm	Life Groups
	6:00 - 8:00pm	Kids Hope Kickoff (rm. 207)

Tamales are available for pickup in the kitchen after each service. Thanks for your support of Esperanza Family Camp.

Grief is a difficult journey that many people don't understand, unless they've been through it. That's what **GriefShare** is all about. GriefShare is a class that allows those who are going through the grieving process to talk with others who are grieving too. GriefShare will be meeting at FirstCov, Room 220, on Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30am. The class is free to all participants. Contact Pastor Neal to attend or if you have questions.

Wednesday Night Dinners! We are serving **TACO'S** this week. We begin serving at 5:45pm - 6:30pm. \$2 per person. If you would like to help serve or create a new meal notify Judy Marsh in the office 453-6346.

PANTRY NEEDS; Juice, butter, crackers, jam & jelly, jello, bread, and cereal.

Thank you to our church family for all the cards of sympathy and loving prayers during the passing of Vito's dad this past month. Thank you to the Care Ministry for the lovely gift. Blessings to all, ~Vito and Laura Lentini



FIRST EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

THE MESSENGER

September 23, 2018

Sunday Mornings Activities

9:00 - 10:15am

Contemporary Worship
(Family Life Center/gym)

(Kids grades young 5's - 2nd will be dismissed for Children's Church during the offering to rm. 110) They will be brought back to the service before the service ends.

Nursery Provided

Infant rm. 101
Toddlers rm. 103
Preschool rm. 108

Adult Classes

-To Be Announced rm. 207
-Gospel of John
(begins in 2 weeks) rm. 220

10:30 - 11:45am

Traditional Worship (sanctuary)

Sunday School for Kids/Youth

-3yo pre-school	rm. 106
-4yo pre-school	rm. 108
PreK/Kindergarten	rm. 104
-1st/2nd Grade	rm. 102
-3rd/4th Grade	rm. 110
girls start in rm. 118, pickup in rm. 110	
-5th/6th Grade	rm. 112
-Jr. High 7th/8th	rm. 220
-Sr. High 9th - 12th	rm. 222

Adult Classes

-Young Adult Class rm. 224
-Sermon Discussion rm. 208
-Emotionally Healthy Spirituality
rm. 109
-Art of Marriage rm. 116
-Race, Justice & Unity in the church
rm. 107
-Friendship Ministry rm. 207
(Adults with special needs)

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES (birth- 6th Grade)

CREW 34 (3rd/4th grade ministry) kicks off on October 17th! Stayed tuned for details!

CLUB 56 kicks off on October 3rd with a trip to a Corn Maze, Hayride, Donuts & Cider! 6:00—8:00pm. Meet at church and be ready to leave at 6:00pm. Cost is only \$5.00 for this awesome adventure! RSVP to Michelle by 10/1!

YOUTH MINISTRIES (7th - 12th Grade)

FirstCovJH (7th & 8th grade)

Wednesday nights at First Cov! 6:30 - 8:00pm. This week we are playing Bubnanagrams! You want to be here! Don't miss it!

FirstCovSH

TONIGHT (September 23) Big Life 6-8pm @ First Cov. There will be FREE food, fun, friends, and convos about our faith. Bring a friend! Join us for praise band practice at 5:00pm.

NEXT SUNDAY (September 30) Life Groups 6-8pm in host homes. We believe LIFE is BETTER TOGETHER! Join your life group for an awesome night & free food!

Freshman: Alferinks: 13298 Lily Pine Dr. Marne, 49435.

Sophomores & Juniors: Hansmas: 14155 24th Ave. Marne, 49435.

Seniors: VanderWerps: 942 Oakleigh Rd. NW, Grand Rapids, 49504.

We are providing transportation to and from the Alferinks & Hansma's house from FirstCov on life group nights. If a ride is helpful, meet at FirstCov at 5:30 and we will head out to the Hansma's & Alferinks. We will return to FirstCov by 8:30p. Adult Leadership Meeting at 4:00p @ FirstCov.

Stay Connected: Facebook (Firstcovgr Youth Group), Instagram (Firstcovgr_sh), & Texting (txt "firstcovseniorhigh" to 31996)!

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES (18 - 25+)

The Young Adult Missional Community (MC) will gather for investigative Bible study and conversation centered around how we can live on-mission for Jesus in our families, schools, workplaces, and communities. Join us as we talk at 10:40am in The Overflow (Rm. 224)!

PASSION 2019 | January 1 - 4, 2019 | Washington D.C. | \$350

WHAT IS PASSION? While they host large gatherings, Passion is more than a conference. More than an event. More than a feeling. Passion is people coming together saying goodbye to lesser things and saying yes to Jesus, the One whose name is above every name. (We have 20 tickets.)

Stay Connected: Facebook (Firstcovgr Young Adults) & Instagram (Firstcovgr_ya)!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UNION HIGH SCHOOL CARD TEAM is looking for additional volunteers to send 2-3/notes per school year to encourage staff members as they serve the students of union. Teachers have indicated that these notes have been a true blessing. For information call Patty 616-450-9927 or Gwen 616-453-6423.

Bridal Shower for Michelle Visser (daughter of Ron & Janet Ziegelbaur) is Thursday, September 27 at 7:00pm in the fellowship hall. Sign up in the lobby. Nate & Michelle are registered at Target, REI, and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

Join us for a Bridal Shower on Thursday, October 4 at 6:30pm for Michaela Raymond on her engagement to Michael Piccard! They are registered at Target, Crate and Barrel, and REI. Sign up at the Information desk in the lobby.

CHOIR Rehearsals are Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:15pm in the sanctuary.

Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal Tuesday September 18, 7:00 - 8:15pm in sanctuary.

KIDS HOPE Kick Off Party: All Mentors, Prayer Partners and those interested in finding out more about Kids Hope. Join us for an informative and fun evening as we kick off a new school year! Sunday, September 30 from 6:30-8:00pm in room 207. RSVP Kim Theeuwes at ktheeuwes4@gmail.com

ADULT MINISTRIES

Men's Bible Study meets on Tuesdays at Mr. Burger on Lake Michigan Drive at 6:30am. Men, come and bring a friend.

Join us for The Grove: Old Testament Survey, a class that invites us to step into the story of the Old Testament. This two semester class is open to anyone at any stage in their faith journey. This semester we will spend twelve weeks in the first half of the Old Testament (from creation through the life of King David). Invite a friend and take it together in the same small group! The Grove will meet on Wednesdays, from 6:30-8:00pm beginning September 19. The cost is \$15 to cover the cost of materials. Childcare is available for \$3 per session, if you let us know ahead of time. Contact Neal Herr at nherr@firstcovgr.org or (616) 307-3469 for more information and a link to register. See insert in todays Messenger.

Alpha is for YOU! ALPHA is a series of sessions where people can gather for a meal and explore faith and the basics of Christianity. It is a safe place to wrestle with questions and doubts. No matter if you have been following Jesus for a long time or just new to faith, you are invited. Where: Room 207, Fellowship Hall Extension. When: Wednesdays, 6:00 - 8:00pm (Dinner included) NOW thru December 19 (Off October 31 & November 21) Child Care: Child care will be provided for all ages. Cost: Free.

Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting meets from 7:00 - 8:00pm in room 107.

Women's Beth Moore Bible Study "Breaking Free" meets Tuesdays, and continues for another 9 weeks. With video, optional workbook and class time, we will look into the Old and New Testaments to understand our freedom in Christ. Come for coffee at 9am and the study begins at 9:20am with Jan Dudley leading. All women welcome. Workbook is \$10. Sign up at the information desk today.

A Bible study for moms meets October 1, and then every other Monday at 8:40 - 10:40am in room 222. There will be a mixture of morning meetings at First Cov. and evening meetings at a different location. We will be going through the video/ Bible study titled "Armor of God" by Priscilla Shirer. Contact Meghan Gutierrez at gutierrezmeghan@gmail.com if you are interested.

September 23, 2018

I WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN

- Prayer Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Nursery
- Kids Hope USA
- Greeting/Ushering
- Children's Ministry
- Music/Worship
- Hospitality Team

I WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ABOUT

- Baptism/Dedication
- Church Membership
- Joining a Small Group
- Becoming a Follower of Jesus
- Hosting a Refugee Family

COMMENTS/PRAYER REQUESTS