

CONNECTION CARD

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Change In Contact Information

1st Time Guest

2nd Time Guest

Regular Attendee

Member

NAME _____

EMAIL _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ Landline Cell

SUNDAY 10/28	9:00am	Contemporary Worship (gym) Adult Classes
	10:30am	Traditional Worship (sanctuary) Adult Classes & Sunday School
	5:15 - 8:15pm	Jr. & Sr. High Fall Party (Fruit Ridge)
MONDAY 10/29	12:30 - 2:30pm	Food Pantry (fellowship hall)
	5:00 - 8:00pm	Visitation for Eleanor Lago (Alt Shawmut)
	6:00pm	Facilities & Financial meeting (rm. 208)
	7:00 - 9:00pm	BSF (family life center)
	7:30pm	Safety & Security meeting (rm. 208)
TUESDAY 10/30	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 - 2:20	Sr. Adult Volleyball (gym)
	2:00pm	Funeral for Eleanor Lago (sanctuary) with lunch after (fellowship hall)
WEDS. 10/31	7:00 - 8:30pm	Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal (sanctuary)
	7:00 - 11:00pm	Men's basketball (gym)
	8:00 - 2:30pm	CBS (whole building)
THURSDAY 11/01	2:30 - 5:30pm	Open Gym & Bible Study (flc)
	6:00 - 8:00pm	Esperanza Alpha (rm. 207)
	6:30 - 8:15pm	Choir Rehearsal (sanctuary)
	8:15pm	Brass Quintet Rehearsal (sanctuary)
	5:45 - 7:30am	FCA Breakfast, (fellowship hall)
FRIDAY 11/02	9:00 - 1:00pm	Swedish Meatball Making (kitchen)
	12:30 - 2:30pm	Sr. Adult Volleyball (gym)
	2:00pm - 5:00pm	Youth for Christ (rm. 222 & gym)
	5:00 - 8:00pm	Union Soccer Meal (fellowship hall)
	6:00 - 8:00pm	Worship Dance (rm. 112)
SATURDAY 11/03	6:00 - 9:00pm	Worship Team (gym)
	9:30 - 11:30pm	MOTS (rm. 207)
	4:00 - 9:00pm	GVSU Team Dinner (rm. 222)
SUNDAY 11/04	4:00 - 8:00pm	Wedding Rehearsal (sanctuary)
	2:00 - 6:00pm	Wedding (sanctuary & fellowship hall)
	9:00am	Contemporary Worship (gym) Adult Classes
	10:30am	Traditional Worship (sanctuary) Adult Classes & Sunday School
	4:00pm	Guest Speaker Adam Mearse/for adults (rm. 207)
	6:00pm	Guest Speaker Adam Mearse (rm. 222)

TURN BACK YOUR CLOCKS TONIGHT!

**The church's full calendar can be found on our website or on the app.*

NO Wednesday Night Dinner This week October 31!

Come November 7 for Meatballs & Mac & Cheese. 5:45pm - 6:30pm. \$2 per person. Don't eat alone, come join us for Big Family Dinner.



FIRST EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

THE MESSENGER

October 28, 2018

Sunday Mornings Activities

9:00 - 10:15am

Contemporary Worship
(Family Life Center/gym)

(Kids grades young 5's - 6th grade will be dismissed for Christmas program practice 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

-The Real Jesus rm. 207
-Gospel of John 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
-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) No program this Wednesday, but we will meet back 11/7!

CLUB 56 (5th & 6th grade ministry) No program this Wednesday, but we will meet back 11/7!

Christmas Program Practice - Meet in the Club 56 room. Kids will be dismissed during the offering and will be sent back to parents during the last song. For kids in Young 5's - 6th grade. Contact Karin with questions 453-6346.

YOUTH MINISTRIES (7th - 12th Grade)

PARENTS & STUDENTS, SAVE THE DATE: JOIN US ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4! We have invited Dr. Adam Mearse to lead us in three conversations about sexuality: 10:30am for 7th - 12th grade students & young adults 4pm for parents and adults, 6:30pm for youth and young adults. JH, SH, and young adults are all included!

FirstCovJH (7th & 8th grade) TONIGHT Fall Party at Fruit Ridge. Hayride, Corn maze in the dark, bonfire, & donuts. Cost:\$5 (meet at FirstCov). Want food? Come for pizza at 5:00pm. (We will be leaving for Fruit Ridge by 5:20pm & return by 8:15pm)

No Wednesday night programs this week, but we will resume NEXT Wednesday, 11/7 and will be packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Bring \$\$ for dollar store trip!

FirstCovSH TONIGHT Fall Party @ Fruit Ridge, Hayride, Cornmaze in the dark, Bonfire, & Donuts, Cost:\$5 (meet at FirstCov). Want food? Come for free pizza at 5:00pm. (We will be leaving for Fruit Ridge by 5:20p & return by 8:15p).

NEXT SUNDAY (November 4) Big Life 6-8pm @ First Cov. There will be FREE food and convos about our faith and sexuality.

REVERB ALL-NIGHTER! Friday - Saturday, November 9 - 10, \$40. Meet at FirstCov at 6:15pm. We will return to FirstCov by 7:15am. Sign up online by Monday, November 5 at 12:00pm @ http://bit.ly/Reverb_RSVP.

The Word of Life REVERB is an intense, all-night, action-packed adventure centered around the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Hockey game (K-Wings Stadium), Rally, the WMU Rec-Center featuring: The Third Floor Thing, Basketball, volleyball, Inflatable games, Climbing wall, 9 Square in Air, Pizza & Pop, and more. Plus, Airways Bowling Fun Center Bowling, Arcade Games, Laser Tag, Bumper Cars, Balladium, Time Freak, & Outdoor Miniature Golf (weather permitting).

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)!

THIS SATURDAY Join us for brunch at the Herr's place (325 Alger St. SE GR) on Saturday, November 3 at 9:00am. Good food plus good company.

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 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hospitality Opportunity Parking: It is common for us to have parking challenges at FirstCovGR. It can be difficult to find parking spaces. This can be true for someone coming to church for the first time. This is especially so for some of our 2nd service worshippers. To help alleviate this problem, the Leadership Team and church staff are asking that, if you are able, you park either in the street or in the Union High parking lot. We hope this will make it easier for people in either service to find a spot – people who are new to FirstCov or find parking at a distance to be a physical challenge due to age or health. Thank you in advance for your help with this matter.

Murder Mystery Event for Adults - SAVE THE DATE: For this crazy fun night. November 30, 6:30pm.

FirstCov Book Club - Monday, November 5, at 7:00pm, we will discuss a fascinating book about the only British territory the Germans occupied in World War II. Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows have written "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society", a historical novel of humor, pathos in a unique style.

SAVE THE DATE: JOY Ministries - Thursday, November 15 at 6:30pm, for game night in the fellowship hall. Beverages are provided. We ask you to bring a snack to share. Invite a friend to join you. It is going to be a great time of fun.

KIDS HOPE - Needs more mentors. If you want to be the one to help a child one hour a week sign up in the lobby at information counter.

SAVE THE DATE: Lucia is December 7, 2018! If you have home made crafts you would like to sell, we want to hear from you. Call Carolyn at 516-5644.

Hand Bell Choir rehearsal, Tuesday, Oct. 30, 7:00-8:30pm in the sanctuary.

Chancel Choir rehearsal, Wednesday, Oct. 31, 6:30-8:15pm in the sanctuary.

Brass Quintet rehearsal, Wednesday, Oct. 31, 8:15pm in the sanctuary.

Thank you - Dear FirstCov family, We want to thank you for your love, prayers and cards during the passing of our mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, Sveri Larson. Our family is grateful for Pastors Craig and Neal and the Care Ministry for their care and concern. ~Love, the family of Sveri Larson

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.

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 does not meet this week.

A Bible study for moms meets 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 or have questions.

October 28, 2018

I WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN

- Prayer Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Nursery
- Kids Hope USA
- Greeting/Ushering
- Children's Ministry

I WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ABOUT

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

COMMENTS/PRAYER REQUESTS