

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  Landline  Cell

<b>SUNDAY 11/04</b>	9:00am	Contemporary Worship (gym) Adult Classes
	10:30am	Traditional Worship (sanctuary) Adult Classes & Sunday School
	4:00pm	Guest Speaker Adam Mearse/for adults (fellowship hall)
	6:00pm	JH & SH Guest Speaker Adam Mearse (rm. 222)
<b>MONDAY 11/05</b>	12:30 - 2:30	Pantry (fellowship hall)
	7:00pm	Book Club (rm. 208)
	7:00 - 9:00pm	BSF (family life center)
<b>TUESDAY 11/06</b>	VOTING DAY HELD IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL	
	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 - 2:20pm	Sr. Adult Volleyball (gym)
	7:00 - 8:30pm	Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal (sanctuary)
	7:00 - 11:00pm	Men's basketball (gym)
<b>WEDS. 11/07</b>	8:00 - 2:30pm	CBS (whole building)
	2:30 - 5:30pm	Open Gym
	5:45pm	Dinner! Meatballs, Mac & Cheese, \$2 a person
	6:00 - 8:00pm	Alpha (rm. 207)
	6:30 - 8:00pm	Jr. High OCC Night
	6:30 - 8:00pm	Club 56 OCC Night
	6:30 - 8:00pm	Crew 34
	6:30 - 8:00pm	The Grove (rm. 220)
	6:30 - 8:15pm	Choir Rehearsal (sanctuary)
	6:45 - 7:45pm	Prayer Meeting (rm.107)
<b>THURSDAY 11/08</b>	12:30 - 2:30pm	Sr. Adult Volleyball (gym)
	2:00pm - 5:00pm	Youth for Christ (rm. 222 & gym)
	6:00 - 8:00pm	Worship Dance (rm.112)
	6:00 - 9:00pm	Worship Team (gym)
	7:00 pm	CityFest W. MI Celebration (Calvary Church)
<b>FRIDAY 11/09</b>	2:00 - 9:00pm	Decorate, Wedding Rehearsal, Rehearsal Dinner, (sanctuary, kitchen, & fellowship hall)
	6:15pm	Sr. High Reverb All Nighter (Kalamazoo)
<b>SATURDAY 11/10</b>	2:00 - 6:00pm	Wedding (sanctuary & fellowship hall)
<b>SUNDAY 11/11</b>	<b>Global Outreach Sunday</b>	
	9:00am	Contemporary Worship (gym) Adult Classes
	10:30am	Traditional Worship (sanctuary) Adult Classes & Sunday School
	3:00 - 5:00pm	Big Life Serve
	6:00pm	Coffee, Cookies & Conversation (fellowship hall)
	6:25pm	Global Outreach Speakers (fellowship hall)

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

**Wednesday Night Big Family Dinner!** We are having one of the all time favorites this week, meatballs & mac-n-cheese, and side dishes. We begin serving at 5:45pm - 6:30pm. \$2 per person. If you would like to help serve a new meal notify Judy Marsh in the office, 453-6346. Don't eat alone come to big family dinner. Bring a friend.



# FIRST EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH THE MESSENGER

**November 4, 2018**

Sunday Mornings Activities

**9:00 - 10:15am**

**Contemporary Worship**

(Family Life Center/gym) (Kids grades young 5's - 6th grade)  
**Christmas Program Practice** - will be during the full 9:00am worship hour. Kids will be dismissed after the first song and dismissed back to parents during the last song.

**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
<b>girls start in rm. 118, pickup in rm. 110</b>	
-5th/6th Grade	rm. 112
-Jr. High 7th/8th	rm. 220
-Sr. High 9th - 12th	rm. 222

**Adult Classes**

-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 & Club 56** We resume this Wednesday at 6:30pm. We'll be filling shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child and decorating lunch bags for Kids Food Basket. If you are able, please bring a few items for the boxes.

**Christmas Program Practice** - will be during the full 9:00am worship hour. Kids will be dismissed after the first song and dismissed back to parents during the last song.

**Save the Date:** Countdown to Christmas, Sunday, November 25, 6:30-7:30pm. Watch for details!

## YOUTH MINISTRIES ( 7th - 12th Grade )

**PARENTS & STUDENTS, JOIN US TODAY, 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:** 6:00-8pm Pizza followed by a conversation about sexuality with Adam Mearse. "I Dare You to Ask Me" - Using an anonymous submission process, we'll spend the entire session answering student's questions about sexuality.

**Wednesday:** SERVE night! 6:30—8:00 pm. Operation Christmas Child shoebox packing. Bring \$\$ to purchase items for the dollar store or bring things from home!

**FirstCovSH TONIGHT** (November 4) Big Life 6:00-8:00pm at FirstCov. There will be FREE food and convos about our faith and sexuality.

**THIS FRIDAY - SATURDAY | REVERB ALL-NIGHTER!** November 9 - 10 \$40. Meet at First Cov at 6:15p we will return to FirstCov by 7:15am. Sign up online by Monday, November 5 at 12p @ [http://bit.ly/Reverb\\_RSVP](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! the 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

**NEXT SUNDAY** (November 11) Big Life SERVE 3:00-5:00pm. Meet at FirstCov. RAKE 'N RUN!

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES (18 - 25+)

**SATURDAY** (November 24) FriendsGiving Game Night at the Hinken's 6:00pm.

**FRIDAY** (November 30) Murder Mystery Night at FirstCov, 6:30pm.

### **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. Please visit <http://bit.ly/passion2019signup> to register to go with FirstCov & pay by 12/16/18. See the Passion 2019 handout for more information. Questions? Contact Josh

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Missing items!** If you have items that you have borrowed from the church please return them. Examples, (roasters, ice cream scoops) The church doesn't typically lend out things as they have been purchased for use in the church.

**CityFest West Michigan Celebration** at Calvary Church Thursday night, Nov. 8 at 7pm. Free admission. "You're invited to join with Christians from the GR area and **worship artist Tauren Wells** for an exciting celebration rejoicing over the hundreds of lives changed through CityFest West Michigan! We're excited to come together to pray, worship, celebrate what God has done and hear how we as the Church can continue making an impact on our communities."

**The Offering Counting Teams** have requested that bills placed in offering not be rolled up or folded into tiny squares. Thank you.

**Murder Mystery Party** Friday November 30th \$5 per person. Sign up at the information desk Sunday between services and after the 10:30am service. Sunday November 4,11, & 18.

**JOY Ministries** - Thursday, November 15 at 6:30pm, is Game Night, in the fellowship hall. Beverages will be 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.

**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.

## ADULT MINISTRIES

**Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia.** On Saturday, November 17, the Race and Justice class will be touring this museum located at Ferris University. We will meet at church at 1:30pm to car pool. Please contact Pastor Dale 589-3925 if you are interested in joining us.

**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 provided. Cost: Free.

**Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting** meets from 6:45 - 7:45pm in room 107.

November 4, 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