

# CONNECTION CARD

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## This Week at FirstCov

<b>SUNDAY 5/26</b>	9:00am 10:30am	Contemporary Worship Service (gym) Traditional Worship Service (sanctuary)
<b>MONDAY 5/27</b>	<b>Church Building Closed for Holiday</b>	
<b>TUESDAY 5/28</b>	6:30am 10:00am 11:00am 12:30am 12:30 - 2:30pm 7:00pm 7:00 - 11:00pm	Men's Bible Study (Mr. Burger) Visit with Hansma Family (lobby) Service for Marsha Hansma (sanctuary) Lunch/Fellowship/Hansma Family (fellowship hall) Sr. Adult Volleyball (gym) Search Team Meeting Men's Basketball (gym)
<b>WEDS. 5/29</b>	2:30 - 5:30pm 6:00 - 8:00pm	Open Gym (gym) Jr. High, Mr. Burger & Alpha
<b>THURS. 5/30</b>	12:30 - 2:30pm 6:00 - 9:00pm	Sr. Adult Volleyball (gym) Worship Team (gym)
<b>SAT. 6/01</b>	11:00 - 3:00pm	Gym In Use
<b>SUNDAY 6/02</b>	9:00am 10:30am 10:30am 1:00pm 6:00pm	Contemporary Worship Service (gym) Traditional Worship Service (sanctuary) Sr. High Mission Trip Meeting (rm. 222) Esperanza Covenant Church (rm. 222) Search Team Meeting

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

Have a prayer request? Email Our Prayer Chain at [firstcovprayerchain@gmail.com](mailto:firstcovprayerchain@gmail.com)

OFFICE PHONE (616) 453-6346

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## THE MESSENGER

May 26, 2019

**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.

**10:30 - 11:45am**

**Traditional Worship** (sanctuary)

**Nursery Provided  
During Both Morning Services**

Infant	rm. 10
Toddlers	rm. 10
Preschool	rm. 108

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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES (birth - 6th Grade)

**Children's Worship** is offered during the 9:00am worship hour. Kids in Kindergarten - 2nd grade are invited to participate. Children will be dismissed at the offering and return during the closing song.

**Activity Sheets** for kids in worship are available at the Connection Corner and Information Center. Show Karin your completed sheet for the answers and a prize.

**Register for VBS online!** VBS is June 17-20 for kids entering Kindergarten - 5th grade. The theme is "In the Wild - Amazing Encounters with Jesus." Register your students online at: [www.firstcovgr.org](http://www.firstcovgr.org). Volunteers are also needed. Contact Karin or Michelle if you're interested. Childcare is provided for younger volunteer kids.

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

### JUNIOR HIGH (7th & 8th grade)

**THIS Wednesday**, we will meet at church at 6:00pm and then head to Mr Burger for dinner! We will return to church for our last ALPHA study. Bring money for dinner!

**JH Save the date:** Tuesday, 6/25 Whitecaps Game! Cost is \$5 plus food! Dime Dog night,! That means hot dogs are only a DIME!! Meet at church at 5:30pm! We will return after the game. (approx. 9:30pm)

### SENIOR HIGH (9th - 12th Grade)

**Mission Trip to Covenant Mountain Mission Bible Camp** is July 6 - 12, 2019 (Registration due by ASAP)! For more information & registration: <http://bit.ly/CMMBCmissiontrip>. First meeting: June 2 @ 10:30 in the youth room.

**Save the Date:** Senior High Leadership Appreciation Brunch is June 9 at 10:30-11:15am in the youth room. Thank you for serving this year! Bring your family to brunch & then stop by the open house to say goodbye to Jeremy & Pastor Neal. RSVP by Wednesday, June 5: <http://bit.ly/volunteerbrunchRSVP>

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

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES (18 - 29)

**THURSDAY (June 6)** YA:MISSIONAL COMMUNITY SERVE at Dégagé from 6:00 - 7:30pm. Txt Josh (616-295-0772) to "RSVP" by Thursday, June 5. Plan to meet at Dégagé (144 Division Ave. GR) by 5:30pm.

**Save the Date:** Passion 2020! December 30 - January 2, 2020.

**Stay Connected:** Stay Connected: Facebook (Firstcovgr Young Adults) & Instagram (Firstcovgr\_ya)!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GIVING TREE** is full of leaves to support VBS. Please stop by the tree, grab a leaf or two, and return the items by June 13, to the office labeled for VBS.

**Praying for the Process** - The Search Committee would like to invite you to be involved, by being part of a "prayer team" that will support the work of searching for a new pastor and partner in ministry. If you would like to be part of a prayer team, check the box on the Messenger tear off and fill out the information.

**Upcoming Search Team Meetings.** Tuesday, May 28 at 7:00pm and Sunday, June 2 at 6:00pm.

**A Big Thank You** - Steve Quakenbush and Pastor Dale would like to thank the FirstCov family for their prayers and donations for their trip to the Venezuela/ Colombia border. We were able to deliver 7 suitcases of needed supplies to churches and agencies helping with the refugee crisis. Thanks for helping us bless those who are blessing others.

**Pantry Needs** - Soup, crackers (saltines), Hamburger Helper, juice, canned chicken, canned fruit, spaghetti sauce, syrup, pancake mix, cereal, rice, toothbrushes, toothpaste, laundry soap. (no black beans or mac & cheese, we have plenty) No outdated or opened items can be accepted.

**Pantry Helpers Needed** - We need 2 more volunteers for a once-a-month commitment for serving in the pantry. It would be for 2 hours at a time on a Monday or a Tuesday from 12:30 - 2:30pm. If you are interested or have questions please call Monique VanderWerp, 616-791-1989.

**NURSERY** - Summer is approaching and with that comes opportunities to serve the children of the church! Did you know that 85% of Christians become Christians between the ages of 4-14 years old? That means you play a HUGE part in these children's lives, and as a church we are grateful for YOU. Contact Katelynn Wenz at [kwenz@firstcovgr.org](mailto:kwenz@firstcovgr.org) to serve in our nursery.

**UNITE , WALK & PRAY!** The 1stcov PRC Ministry team invites everyone-- singles, teens, families, small groups to **UNITE** with other believers @ **9:00 a.m. on Saturday, 6/15** to **WALK** and **PRAY for the Sanctity of Human Life**. See today's Messenger for more details. Pledge forms available at the Information Desk and Connection Corner. Walk begins @ the PRC offices @ 415 Cherry SE, where Registration starts at 8:30 on 6/15. The walk course is in the downtown area of GR and is only about two miles. Parking available at the Mercy Health building across from the Mercy Hauenstein Center at Cherry and Lafayette. Questions: Call Bill & Gwen Petroski (453-6423).

**Save The Dates!** Annual Indoor **Garage Sale** At Covenant Village, 2510 Lake Michigan Drive. Thursday, June 6, 9:00am - 6:00pm and Friday, June 7 9:00am - 2:00pm. Furniture/Household/Books/Clothing. ALL PROCEEDS GO TO COVENANT VILLAGE BENEVOLENT FUND.

**The Open Gym Bible study group** continues throughout the year. If you would like to bless and fellowship with 10 - 15 teens by preparing them a meal on Wednesdays at 5:30pm please contact Pastor Dale at 616-589-3925.

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

May 26, 2019

### I WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ABOUT

- Baptism/Dedication
- Church Membership
- Becoming a Follower of Jesus

- Prayer Ministry
- Nursery
- Greeting/Ushering

- Youth Ministry
- Kids Hope USA
- Children's Ministry

I would like to be on the **Prayer Team** for searching for a new pastor & partner in ministry.

COMMENTS/PRAYER REQUESTS