

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

This Week at FirstCov

SUNDAY 1/06	9:00am	Contemporary Worship Service (gym) & ABF's
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service (sanctuary), Sunday School, & ABF's
	1:00pm	Esperanza Covenant Church (rm. 222)
MONDAY 1/07	12:30 - 2:30pm	Food Pantry (fellowship hall)
	7:00 - 9:00pm	BSF (family life center)
TUESDAY 1/08	6:30am	Men's Bible Study (Mr. Burger)
	12:30 - 2:30pm	Food Pantry (fellowship hall)
	12:30 - 2:30pm	Sr. Adult Volleyball (gym)
	3:00 - 6:00pm	Open Gym Bball Practice (gym)
	6:00pm	Leadership Team Prayer & Meeting (rm. 208)
	7:00 - 11:00pm	Men's Basketball, (gym)
WEDS. 1/09	8:00 - 2:30pm	CBS (whole building)
	2:30 - 5:30pm	Open Gym
	6:00 - 8:00pm	Alpha Leadership Training (rm. 207)
	6:30 - 8:15pm	Choir Rehearsal (sanctuary)
	6:45 - 7:45pm	Prayer Meeting (rm. 107)
THURS. 1/10	7:00pm	Putting chairs in gym for Prayer Gathering
	6:00pm - 8:pm	Worship Dance (rm. 110)
FRIDAY 1/11	7:00pm - 8:30pm	Grand Rapids Prayer Gathering (gym)
	6:30 - 8:15pm	BSF Leaders Meeting
SATURDAY 1/12		Gym Reserved
SUNDAY 1/13	9:00am	Contemporary Worship Service (gym) & ABF's
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service (sanctuary), Sunday School, & ABF's
	1:00pm	Esperanza Covenant Church (rm. 222)

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

Thank You Notes:

Dear Friends, Thank you! The poinsettia is beautiful! We are overwhelmed by the support from our friends and fellow believers. Thank you for your prayers, visits, greetings, and goodies. And a special thank you to the gentlemen for leaves pick-up, pruning, and porch repair. We thank our Lord for each one of you. May our Lord be praised. ~Dave & Shirley Egner.

Dear Senior Class Student Bakers, Thank you for the yummy cookie treats! I'm loving every mouthful! And to my friends at FirstCov, many thanks for the lovely poinsettia you sent. Thanks too for caring, ~Thelma Freedberg

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FIRST EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

THE MESSENGER

January 6, 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.

Nursery Provided

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

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

See the insert for the
New Adult Bible Fellowship
Classes and Room Changes

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES (birth- 6th Grade)

CREW34 (3rd & 4th grade) CREW34 will break for the Christmas and New Year holiday. We will resume on January 16.

CLUB 56 (5th & 6th grade) CLUB 56 will break for the Christmas and New Year holiday. We will resume on January 16.

Children's Worship is during the 9:00am worship service. Children will be dismissed at the offering and return during the closing song.

Sunday School resumes today for children preschool - 6th grade. 10:30am - 11:45am. All rooms are on lower level. Please drop your kids off between 10:25 and 10:30am as that is when the teachers arrive.

YOUTH MINISTRIES (7th - 12th Grade)

JUNIOR HIGH (7th & 8th grade)

SPECIAL Event Bowling Party at Clique Lanes TONIGHT! 6:00 - 8:00pm. Cost is \$10 per person includes shoes, unlimited bowling, pizza, pop, and FUN! Invite your friends! Meet at Clique Lanes (533 Stocking Ave NW, GR)

No Youth Group THIS week. 1/9. Youth group resumes on Wednesday, January 16 for Bro/Gal Night! Extended night, 6-8pm. Bring \$3 for dinner.

SENIOR HIGH (9th - 12th Grade)

TONIGHT BIG LIFE BOWLING NIGHT 6:00 - 8:00pm. Meet at Clique Lanes (533 Stocking Ave NW, GR). Cost is \$10 per person includes shoes, unlimited bowling, pizza, pop, and FUN! Invite your friends!

SAVE THE DATE: Sr. High Retreat @ Portage Lake | Feb. 8-10, 2019 Get pumped for an awesome experience up north at PLCBC! It will be a weekend you will not want to miss! Check your mailbox for registration info or the bulletin board outside the youth room. Cost: \$95* (deposit of \$40 & registration form due by 1/27/19). Full payment due by February 7. *Need financial help? We can help! We have resources and would love to help you be a part of this life changing weekend.

Stay Connected: Facebook (Firstcovgr Youth Group), Instagram (Firstcovgr_sh. to 31996)!

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES (18 - 25+)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 20 - Believer Baptisms - If you have recently given your life to Christ, we would love to celebrate that with you through baptism! If you are interested, we invite you to contact us at the church so we can include you in our baptism service on Sunday, January 20 at 9:00am. Celebrate the New Year by celebrating your new life in Christ!

February 10 - Infant Baptisms - Are you interested in having your child baptized? We are going to be having infant baptisms on Sunday, February 10. Contact the church office if you're interested.

Your 2019 Offering Envelopes - are in your church mailbox. If you need a set, please contact the church office or Marv Malmberg.

Choir Rehearsal, January 9, at 6:30 - 8:15pm in the church sanctuary.

ADULT MINISTRIES

Join us for the second half of The Grove: Old Testament Survey. We meet 6:30-7:00pm in small groups, then 7:00-8:00pm as a large group. In this second semester we'll be looking at the Old Testament prophets and the later historical books. Invite a friend and take it together in the same small group! If you have never taken this class before, the cost is \$15 to help cover the cost of materials. If you took semester 1 last year and want to jump in for semester 2, we would love to have you. Childcare is available for \$3 per session (suggested donation), if you let us know ahead of time. Contact Neal Herr at nherr@firstcovgr.org or (616) 453-6346 for more information or to register. Everyone is welcome!

The FirstCov Pregnancy Resource Center Ministry Team is sponsoring a 6-week video and discussion series beginning January 6 entitled "The Whole Sex Talk." The curriculum is designed to guide parents on how to have Biblically based, culturally relevant ongoing conversations with their children about relationships, love, marriage and sex. Parents are encouraged to attend, as well as any interested adults. We will meet promptly at 10:30 - 11:45am in rm. 109. Study guides are \$5/each. For questions, call Bill & Gwen Petroski.

Beth Moore Bible Study begins again Tuesday, January 15. We will meet in rm. 207 at 9:00am for coffee and 9:20am for the study.

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

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

January 6, 2019

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