



Newsletter

First Congregational Church, PO Box 15, Laingsburg, MI 48848



Pastors Pen

*"For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven."
Ecclesiastes 3:1*

I have often used these words and the ones that follow them as part of the scripture readings at a funeral. It is unfair to only associate them with sad occasions. They are also words that point toward new beginnings and renewed hope.

In order for new things to come into being, old things must pass away. This is certainly true in the natural world... without the cycle of the seasons life could not continue. This truth also applies to all other aspects of living: childhood must end to make way for adulthood; out of trials come strength of character and purpose; one career ends and another begins.

Our time together as pastor and people draws to a close. Yet, our journeys continue. You are moving into a new relationship with the one to be called as your new pastor. I am moving into a new way of being in the world which I choose to see as an adventure.

I take with me a deep sense of satisfaction and joy at having had the privilege of being your pastor. I also take with me an abiding affection for each of you. That which is founded in genuine love and respect for God is never ending and never dies.

In ways yet to be known our paths will cross again and ultimately we will be rejoined with one another in a never ending family of faith.

Yours in Christ... Cayle

Bylaw Revision Vote

There will be a special meeting of the members of First Congregational Church of Laingsburg, immediately following worship on August 6, 2017. The purpose of this meeting is to amend the language of Article V, Section 5, item 'C', of the church bylaws, as regards the responsibilities of the Treasurer, in order that such language may be in compliance with the church's bookkeeping and Treasurer's job description.

The present language of the above item is:
"C. The Treasurer shall:

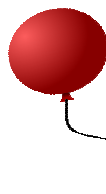
The changed language would read:
"C. the Treasurer or a designated entity shall:"

Please plan to be in attendance for this special meeting.



Openhouse Celebration

Please join us as we celebrate the retirement of



Pastor Cayle Beagle

August 27, 2017
1:00 - 4:00 pm

1:00 Words of Thanks

Pastor Beagle and Barb have faithfully served the fellowship for 16 years. We will continue pray for your health and happiness!

Scripture Readings

Sunday August 6th, 2017 (Communion)

Scripture: OT Isaiah 55:1-5
NT Matthew 14:13-21
Sermon: "Come, Eat What Is Good"
Deacon: Paden Graham

Sunday August 13th, 2017 (Common Meal)

Scripture: OT 1st Kings 19:9-18
NT Romans 10:5-15
Sermon: "Just A Whisper"
Deacon: Olivia Graham

Sunday August 20th, 2017

Scripture: OT Isaiah 56: 1-2
NT Matthew 15:10-28
Sermon: "From The Inside Out"
Deacon: Diane Nichols

Sunday August 27th, 2017

Scripture: OT Psalm 138
NT Matthew 16:13-20
Sermon: "Who Do You Say He Is?"
Deacon: Troy Graham

August Calendar of Events

Aug. 6 Worship Service and Communion
Aug 6 Bylaw Vote, following service
Aug. 13 Worship Service
Aug. 13 Common Meal
Aug. 13 Hall Reserved
Aug. 17 Board of Trustees, 7:30 pm
Aug. 20 Worship Service
Aug. 27 Worship Service
Aug. 27 Retirement Openhouse

Come Alive Sunday

September 13, 2017. Hotdogs and fixings will be furnished. Fellowship members with the last name beginning with: A-M please bring a main dish, N-Q a side dish and R-Z dessert.

Laingsburg Food Bank

Please remember the food bank. Non-perishable items can be placed on the side table in Roger's Hall. There is also a collection jar for monetary donations.

Special Thank You

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped; change ceiling tiles, lay mulch, polish and vacuum the pews, wash baseboards and windowsills. Looking GREAT!

Free Store

Thank you to the fellowship and community for their support of the 3rd Annual Free Store. Approximately 120 families were served.

Common Meal

Please join the fellowship for a common meal on August 13th following the worship service.

