

Prayer & Praise

Pray for our Consistory to be protected by God as they lead and guide our church. Pray for dedication and time set aside for devotions. Pray for opportunities/God moments in their lives as they witness to others as Men of Faith.

Unspoken request.

Praise God! After the hospital cancelling Peter TerVeer's hip replacement surgery 2 times, it looks like now they will be doing his surgery Tuesday, April 28th. Please pray this will be the case and all will go well with his surgery and recovery. Pray also for the surgeons doing the surgery.

Pray for families that have been affected with the Covid 19 virus. That our almighty Father with envelope each and every one of them in his healing arms and protect them.

Pray for our country as people are struggling with staying home with limitations being put on them and now violence is on the rise. Also, pray for what might lie ahead as far as our economy and financial situations of our government.

Pray this virus will come to an end soon and that we all may stop and think about what has happened and give God our thanks for protecting us.

Pray for those who are silent. God knows their needs and hears the cry of their hearts. Offer assurance, grace, love, hope and forgiveness as they conquer their battles. May God guide them and be light in dark times.

Ongoing Health Concerns. Please pray for those who daily battle illness and pains. The emotional side of being under the weather long-term has serious affects. Pray for those who are caregivers. May God bring comfort and peace.

Beatrice Hartger, David Iseminger, Veteran with PTSD, Wyatt Stroven, Mary Johnson, John Campbell, Cathy Nurmi, Jennifer Beeler, Judy Kapolka

Military service men and women as they courageously protect our Nation. May God envelope them in protection, guidance and strength as they live daily for others. Pray for their families give them comfort hope and peace as they are apart.

FRC Military Dave Messer, Christopher McPherson, Brandon & Desirae Moore, Anthony Woodruff, Sam Dickinson, Daniel Heavenner, Sarah TenBrink

(If you should have a family member or friend in the military and would like continued prayer for them contact the church office.)

Pray for our President and Vice President as they lead our country in this crisis. May God surround them and protect them from harms way. May He give them the strength, knowledge and backbone to stand up and lead in a Godly way.

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Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 a.m.
Friday - Saturday - Closed

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Welcome to Worship

We are striving to honor God by building lives of Meaning & Purpose.

By connecting to each other & Jesus Christ.

By growing personally & helping others grow.

By using our gifts to serve others & God.

Through authentic & God-honoring Worship.



Jesus replied,
"Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching.
My Father will love them, and we will come
to them and make our home with them."

John 14:23

Anyone who wants to know God—to walk closely with Him—must obey Him. Sounds like a strong statement, doesn't it? But there is no way that we can come into a close relationship with the Lord, walk fully in His blessing, and enjoy the communion that our spirits desire without obeying Him. Pastor Joel continues in the series O God by exploring Psalm 119. The writer is mesmerized by the beauty of God's law, and how it reveals God's character. We are challenged to know God through obedience.

New Series: Oh God

Message: *Knowing God Through Obedience*
- by Pastor Joel Zuidema

Scripture: Psalm 119:9-16

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Life at FRC

Today at FRC...

10:00 A.M. Worship Service
7:00 P.M. No Rise Youth Group

This Week at FRC...

Sun. - Sat. - FRC church building will be closed/May call office from 8:00am - Noon, Tuesday - Friday.

Mon. - Fri. - 11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. Commission on Aging Lunch Closed

Tues. - Church office will be closed

11:00 P.M. No Holy Grounds

Wed. - 4:30 - 6:15 P.M. No Club 57 meeting (5th - 7th grade)

6:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. No GEMS & Cadets (1st - 8th grade)

6:45 P.M. No Praise Team Practice

Looking Ahead...

May 3 - Special Offering/Missions

Communion Sunday

May 17 - Special Offering

May 30 - FRC Spring Cleanup

Birthdays...

April 28 - Doug Grau

April 30 - Alice Braafhart

May 2 - Reyna Lynn DeKryger

Anniversary...

April 28 - Wayne & Jeri TenBrink

May 1 - Luke & Cynthia Stroven

May 2 - Joshua & Tiffany Kuiper

Missionary Birthdays...

April 28 - Josiah Overbeek

Phoebe Overbeek

Drive-In Service this Sunday, please bring crayons for you children as we will have color sheets for them to do.

Looking forward - the first Sunday that FRC can meet again in our auditorium will be a communion Sunday.

Tuesday, April 28th the church office will be closed. Office will be opened Wednesday thru Friday of this week.

Did you know - You may update your information/picture for our Church Online Directory at any time. Just send your update info/picture to church email address: info@frcfremont. We do encourage you to help us keep this information current.

May you find peace and love at the feet of the LORD.

Church & Community News

Paradise Bound Ministry - We are still waiting on an update from Paradise Bound Ministry as to their decision on summer trips. If you should have any questions, you may contact Mary Johnson.

Packing Party Hand2Hand for May 12th has been cancelled.

I just spoke to Julie Sidlauskas, our Fremont Coordinator and there are 266 bags of food ready to be delivered on Thursday. Those who live in the country will receive their food by bus on Thursdays and those who live in town can come and pick theirs up at either PINE STREET SCHOOL or the MIDDLE SCHOOL from 11-1 on Thursdays.

On Wednesdays you are asked to pick up or drop off food at Inspire Church from 11-1. We are in dire need of veggies--NONE to donate at this time.

Thanks for your donations and PLEASE keep them coming--the need is GREAT. God is good through it ALL! Thank You, Judy Vissia

We will have communion at Drive In Church on Sunday, May 3.

Occupants of each vehicle will bring their own elements. We wanted to give plenty of notice so you could acquire elements for communion without making an extra grocery run. Children are under the auspices of mom and dad. If they can recognize the meaning of the elements and with parents' permission, they may partake.

FRC - remember to check your emails toward the end of each week for member/regular attendee sensitive announcements. With Corvid -19, we are having to figure out the best way to time urgent matters. Church email is best for that.

Graduates (or parents) If you are graduating this year (high school or college), please email (info@frcfremont.org) a baby picture and a graduation picture into the church office and we will recognize you in the bulletin which will also go on our website page in the bulletin. Pictures are due by June 9th.

Newaygo County Right to Life - With churches closed Newaygo County Right to Life still wants to honor Mothers for their gift of LIFE! To honor those special to you please send their names and \$2.00 for each one to: Newaygo County Right to Life, 3677 S. Osborn, Fremont, MI. 49412 The Ad will appear on Mother's Day in the Hi-Lights. Must be postmarked by May 4.



This & That

"Quilt Holes"

As I faced my Maker at the last judgment, I knelt before the Lord along with all the other souls. Before each of us laid our lives like the squares of a quilt in many piles; an angel sat before each of us sewing our quilt squares together into a tapestry that is our life.

But as my angel took each piece of cloth off the pile, I noticed how ragged and empty each of my squares was. They were filled with giant holes. Each square was labeled with a part of my life that had been difficult, the challenges and temptations I was faced with in every day life. I saw hardships that I endured, which were the largest holes of all. I glanced around me. Nobody else had such squares. Other than a tiny hole here and there, the other tapestries were filled with rich color and the bright hues of worldly fortune. I gazed upon my own life and was disheartened.

My angel was sewing the ragged pieces of cloth together, threadbare and empty, like binding air. Finally, the time came when each life was to be displayed, held up to the light, the scrutiny of truth. The others rose, each in turn, holding up their tapestries. So filled their lives had been. My angel looked upon me and nodded for me to rise.

My gaze dropped to the ground in shame. I hadn't had all the earthly fortunes. I had love in my life and laughter. But there had also been trials of illness and wealth, and false accusations that took from me my world, as I knew it. I had to start over many times. I often struggled with the temptation to quit, only to somehow muster the strength to pick up and begin again. I spent many nights on my knees in prayer, asking for help and guidance in my life. I had often been held up to ridicule, which I endured painfully, each time offering it up to the Father in hopes that I would not melt within my skin beneath the judgmental gaze of those who unfairly judged me.

And now, I had to face the truth.. My life was what it was, and I had to accept it for what it was. I rose and slowly lifted the combined squares of my life to the light. An awe-filled gasp filled the air. I gazed around at the others who stared at me with wide eyes. Then, I looked upon the tapestry before me. Light flooded the many holes, creating an image, the face of Christ. Then our Lord stood before me, with warmth and love in His eyes. He said, 'Every time you gave over your life to Me, it became My life, My hardships, and My struggles.

Each point of light in your life is when you stepped aside and let Me shine through, until there was more of Me than there was of you.'

May all our quilts be threadbare and worn, allowing Christ to shine through! God determines who walks into your life...it's up to you to decide who you let walk away, who you let stay and who you refuse to let go.'

If you'll do this for me, I'll do it for you. When there is nothing left but God, that is when you find out that God is all you need.

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