

Prayer & Praise

Please keep Len Rottman in your prayers as he is experiencing back pain which is making him a little unstable on his feet. The doctor prescribed a back brace for him as he cannot receive therapy at this time. Pray the brace will help him.

Please be in prayer for Cathy Rottman and family as her father Earl Meyers passed away Monday, April 27th. Arrangements will be handled by Crandell Funeral Home.

Please pray for Ken Stroven as he is having ongoing tests for some recent problems. May our Lord envelope him in His healing arms and give him peace and comfort.

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.

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.

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 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 Heavener, 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.)

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Sunday - 9:00 a.m. - Noon
Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 a.m.
Friday - Saturday - Closed

Office Hours: Mon. - Thurs.- 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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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.



I miss meal times with friends and guests. But good news! Today we do exactly that, share a meal. In so doing we receive from the Lord spiritual nutrition to lead pay it forward lives. Eat, drink, remember and believe. Then, pay it forward.

Message: *Let Us Gather at the Table - by Pastor Joel Zuidema*

*First Reformed Church
Fremont, MI
May 3, 2020*

Where there is anger and malice against fellow brothers and sisters of the church, there is also forgiveness in the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Elders ask that we ALL prepare our hearts and minds before approaching the Lord's communion table this week.

Life at FRC

Today at FRC...

10:00 A.M. Worship Service/Communion Sunday/Special Offering - Missions
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. - 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 17 - Special Offerings/Capital Improvements

May 30 - FRC Spring Cleanup

Birthdays...

May 5 - Nakita Semenetz

May 9 - David Dickinson

May 6 - Stefanie Brant

Hannah Kamphorst

May 7 - Benjamin Hensley

Makenna Kamphorst

May 8 - Scott Wagenmaker

Marguerite Stroven

Rebecca Walcott

May 10 - Les Robertson

FRC Congregation and Consistory candidates

- The executive committee has recommended that we pause our elder and deacon selection process and delay our congregational meeting for about two months. We hope to be able to gather in in a more traditional way by then. Special thanks to Doug Johnson, Wayne Veenstra, Chris DeKryger and Adam DeKryger for being willing to extend their consistory terms.

Pastor Joel asks you to share personal stories on our Facebook site of how Covid-19 has impacted your faith. Or share a Drive-In Church story.

Today is communion Sunday. Each vehicle's participants brought their own elements. The FRC elders welcome the participation of believer's children as well with parental discretion. If children recognize the body and blood of Christ and parents consent, children may participate. The sacraments were given as a visible, physical means for spiritual nourishment.

Babies on the way! Make room FRC for some new blessings from God to be born in the next 6 months. We are eagerly awaiting 2 in June and 2 more later. Praise God! Pray for the safety of moms and babies.

Youth Leaders are putting updated announcements via Facebook for your children. Please make sure you check these announcements out as some are about camp and fundraisers updates, etc.

Church & Community News

Guatemala Mission trip has been cancelled for this year. We are hoping to get a date for next year. If you should have any questions, please contact Mary Johnson.

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.

Thank you from True North Food Pantry for your gift of 263.6lbs. of food, etc. donated to our Food Pantry in the last month or so. Your donation helps those in great need by addressing food insecurity and providing healthy foods for families in poverty. Please help by placing your items on the table at south entrance. Call Len Rottman ph. #231-335-2261, if you would like to donate money (Len will do the shopping for you), or with any questions.

May 10th - Mother's Day, invite your mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, teenage daughters, or any woman that is special to you whom you would like to honor; as we would like to celebrate them with you and give them the honor they deserve. Delight your mom by parking next to her.

FRC joyfully acknowledges the gift of drones that mysteriously appeared with a "letter from God" on Saturday, April 25 next to our drive-in church sign. We are thankful and ready to use them to film our drive-in service. However, they are wind and rain sensitive, so we will use them when we can.

Ecumenical Drive-In Service - A few pastors from this community are working on a joint ecumenical drive in service for the Fremont area. Your pastor, with blessing of consistory's executive team and worship planning team, is one of them. We want to spread the blessing of drive up services to the Fremont community. We'd love to see a gathering of all believers in a safe way to celebrate the Lord Jesus Christ. We all need each other more than ever!

Plans are in the works for a community drive-in service on Memorial Day weekend sponsored by 3 area churches including FRC. More details next week.

Envy always hates the Excellency it cannot reach.

This & That

Bethany Christian Services National Foster Care Month - May 2020. 443,000 kids are in foster care in the U.S. Foster parents are needed in every state, every city, and every community—now more than ever. We'll walk alongside you every step of the way, providing virtual information and training sessions. Bethany believes everyone deserves to be loved, connected, and safe. And if you believe this too, we encourage you to join our bold mission to change the world through family. Children in foster care are good kids facing difficult situations. With the support of a caring foster parent, these children can learn to address their emotions and begin to thrive. You can help. Log on to: Bethany.org/NFCM for more information.

Just Do Something: What a great time for Christians to shine for Christ. Please do something kind and good for someone, somewhere this week. Here's one idea. Lou Ann Johnson has been busy during the shut down making masks. She's attached a donation request to each mask that she and Doug distribute.

The making and giving of masks has been a real blessing to us, and hopefully you have been blessed by the receiving of one. In order to spread that blessing further, we would love you to consider giving a donation to the **Newaygo County Compassion Home**. The Compassion Home has been a real need in this community for a long time, and is being built to feel like a real home, where family can come and visit at will, and provides around the clock care that traditional hospice cannot. It is designed to be a place in the final stage of life for those who struggle with mental or physical challenges that make it impossible to be cared for in their home. It gives relief for families who are exhausted or lack the ability to give needed care. This is provided free of charge. To learn more or to donate, go to: **newaygocountycompassionhome.org** Any other cash donated directly to us will go to the Compassion Home. With many thanks, Doug and Lou Ann Johnson

May 17 is bring your pet to church Sunday - Part of the fun with drive-in is getting kids and pets into the car, getting breakfast take out, and parking next to friends you haven't seen in a few weeks. For many it's the only outing of the week to hear from God's word, give Him praise in in-vehicle singing, and lifting up public prayer. One person said that she and her children literally cried their first Sunday back to worship, because it felt so good and right to gather to bring praise to our God and seek His help. Drive-in church is serious church AND fun church. If you have a pet that needs to get out, bring him/her along on Sunday, May 17. Yes, your pets are welcome every Sunday, but this is one we especially encourage. We will tape your pets leaving worship in your car and upload to our Facebook video. Let's have some fun. Let's honor God with our worship!

*In God's world...it is not what you have...
but who you are.*