

Prayer & Praise

Please pray for Dale Dyer and family, cousin to Marilyn Kartes and Wayne and Mary Veenstra, as his wife Kim Dyer passed away Sunday, May 3rd. Dale had just lost his mother about a month or so ago, so this is really a hard time for him and his family. Pray they will see our Lord through all of this and for 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.

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 the people who should have had lab test, doctor appointments, surgeries, etc. that have been put aside for now. Pray for their uncertainty, discomfort and genuine need.

Praise God for all of our mothers, grandmothers, and all the beautiful women in our lives. May God continue His blessing upon them and give them strength to live their lives to reflect our Lord and be a blessing to others.

Shut-Ins/Nursing Homes. Pray for comfort and peace as this time can often be a difficult one. May God renew their spirits and offer great joy to each of them. Pray for relationships between caregivers and loved ones.

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, Ken Stroven

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.)

**Lead me this day, Lord, to live fully in the present moment
and enjoy all that is good around me.**

**May all that is life-giving remind me of your life and love that surround
me now.**

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You are encouraged to contact your **Care Elder** if and when special needs arise.

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Church building open:
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.



The word of God describes the character of God as the best of both our mother and father. Today we explore the Father's tender love, a characteristic we often associate with mothers.

Message: *The God Who Sees Me* - by Pastor Joel Zuidema

Scripture: Gen. 16:1-15; Gen. 21:8-20

*First Reformed Church
Fremont, MI
May 10, 2020*

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. - 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 13 - David Westenfelder
May 15 - Sadie Haring

Anniversary...

May 16 - Gary & Karen Sheppard
May 17 - Doug & Peggy Grau

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.

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

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.

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!

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!

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.org. We do encourage you to help us keep this information current.

FRC Spring Cleanup May 30th. Save the date on your calendar now to serve. Bring your wheelbarrows and garden supplies. More details about this day will come closer to the date.

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This & That

The Cage

A man was on the aside of the road with a large birdcage. A boy noticed that the cage was full of birds of many kinds.

"Where did you get those birds?" he asked. "I lure them with crumbs, pretend I'm their friend the when they are close, I net them and shove them into my cage." "And what are you doing to do with them now?" The man grinned, "I'm going to prod them with sticks, and get them really mad so they fight and kill each other. Those that survive, I will kill. None will escape."

The boy looked steadily at the man. What made him do such things? He looked into the cruel, hard eyes. Then he looked at the birds, defenseless, without hope. "Can I buy those birds?" the boy asked. The man hid a smile, aware that he could be on to a good thing if he played his cards right. "Well," he said hesitantly, "The cage is pretty expensive, and I spent a lot of time collecting these birds, I'll tell you what I'll do. I'll let you have the lot, birds, cage and all for ten pounds and that jacket you're wearing."

The boy paused, ten pounds was all he had, and the jacket was new and very special, in fact it was his prized possession. Slowly, he took out the ten pounds and handed it over, then even more slowly he took off his jacket, gave it one last look then handed that over too. And then (well you've guessed it) he opened the door and let the birds go free.

The Enemy of the world, Satan, was on the side of life's road with a very large cage. The man coming towards him noticed that it was crammed full of people of every kind, young, old, from every race and nation.

"Where did you get these people?" the man asked. "Oh, from all over the world," Satan replied. "I lure them with drink, drugs, lust, lies, anger, hate, love of money and all manner of things. I pretend I'm their friend, out to give them a good time, then when I've hooked them, into the cage they go. "And what are you going to do with them now?" asked the man. Satan grinned. "I'm going to prod them, provoke them, get them to hate and destroy each other; I'll stir up racial hatred, defiance of law and order; I'll make people bored, lonely, dissatisfied, confused and restless. It's easy. People will always listen to what I offer them and (what's better) blame God for the outcome!" "And then what?" the man asked. "Those who do not destroy themselves, I will destroy. None will escape me." The man stepped forward. "Can I buy these people from you?" he asked. Satan snarled, "Yes, but it will cost you your life." So Jesus Christ, the Son of God, paid for your release, your freedom from Satan's trap, with His own life, on the cross at Calvary. The door is open, and anyone, whom Satan has deceived and caged, can be set free.

God supplies all our needs - one day at a time.
For with God nothing shall be impossible - Luke 1:37 (KJV)

*Her children rise up and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praises her:
"Many women do noble things, but you
surpass them all." Proverbs 31:28-29*

Happy Mother's Day