

## Prayer & Praise

**Please keep Cathy Rottman and family** in your prayers as they will be having a drive-in funeral service for her father Earl Meyers Saturday, May 23 at 1:00 p.m. here at FRC.

**Please be in prayer** for an unspoken prayer request.

**Healing** prayers for those with health concerns, relationship issues, hardened hearts, and depression. May God continue to guide you daily and bring you comfort as you persevere.

**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.

**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 opening of our country** that people will get back to work soon in a safe manner. Pray for business that somehow they will be able to recoup and our nation will prosper as God would have us. May God's protection be on us as a nation.

**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.)*

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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.*

### God Preserves and Cares for His Creation

Genesis 7:2–3 <sup>2</sup> You must take with you seven of every kind of clean animal, the male and its mate, two of every kind of unclean animal, the male and its mate, <sup>3</sup> and also seven of every kind of bird in the sky, male and female, to preserve their offspring on the face of the earth.

What a wonder the creation is! Usually sermons either celebrate the whole of it, or focus in on the height of creation which is the creation of God's image bearers, mankind. However, we will zone in on day 6 part A, the creation of animals for today's message. What a various, creative, adaptive collection God formed when he designed and painted his animals. From the Amazon to the mountains, from the dessert to the valleys, the creation is alive with animal wonders. Today we celebrate God's goodness in animal creation, as you stroke your pet from the comfort of your car.

**Message:** Pets, Livestock, and Wild Animals  
God's Good and Various Gifts by *Pastor Joel Zuidema*

**Scripture:** Genesis 1: 24-26

*First Reformed Church  
Fremont, MI  
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## Life at FRC

### Today at FRC...

10:00 A.M. Worship Service/Special Offerings/Capital Improvements  
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 24 - 10:00 A.M. **No Drive-in service at FRC.** Community service will be held at West Gerber office parking lot on Hemlock St. this Sunday.

May 30 - 9:00 A.M. FRC Spring Cleanup

May 31 - Special Offering/Food Resource Bank

June 14 - Nomination meeting following church

July 21 - 7:00 P.M. Congregational meeting

### Birthdays...

May 18 - Linda Smith

May 20 - Payden Westenfelder

May 21 - Olivia Mangan

May 22 - Ethan Dornbos

Sharon Deur

May 23 - Renae Wallace

**Tuesday, May 18th** the church office will be opened from 8:00am to Noon, Tuesday through Friday if you should need to stop by for any reason or pick up mail from your mailboxes. There is a tithing box at the top of the stairs if you choose to drop your tithe off during the week. You must use hand sanitizer and wear a mask though. Doors will then be locked at noon.

**Church Reopening** - we have begun to discuss church reopening and hope to begin worship with social distancing starting the first Sunday of June. We will provide 4 spaces with limited seating; auditorium, gathering center, Fellowship hall, and a parking lot/drive-in. We will practice social distancing and ask you to wear a mask. More information to come.

**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.

## Church & Community News

**Graduates (or parents)** If you are graduating this year (high school or college), please email ([info@frcfremont.org](mailto: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 May 25th. **(please note change in date due).**

**Community Worship Service, Sunday, May 24th.** Service will be held at the West Gerber office parking lot on Hemlock St. Service will start at 10:00a.m. The Offering received will go towards The Compassion House. If severe weather on May 24th service will be held on May 31st.

**We ask that you give your FRC tithe for May 24th either Sunday, May 17 or Sunday, May 31st.**

### This Sunday, 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!

**Spring Cleanup at FRC** will be May 30th at 9:00am. Bring your wheelbarrows, garden supplies and anything else that we can use. The more hands the faster the job will get done. We appreciate anyone who can come and help with cleaning up our church area.

**Our bulletin** is posted each Friday on our website for you to view and keep up on what is going on. Just scroll down to Life at FRC and click on the picture, then click on the Weekly News with date (in red). If you should have an announcement for the bulletin, you may email it to [info@frcfremont.org](mailto:info@frcfremont.org).

**Small Groups** my reconvene Monday May 18th at the church or in your home with social distancing and ten people or less; use hand sanitizer when needed and wear a mask.

**A drive-in funeral service** for Earl Meyers will be 1:00 PM on Saturday, May 23 at FRC. You may check Crandell's Funeral Home website for more information.

## This & That

**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.

**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](mailto:info@frcfremont.org). We do encourage you to help us keep this information current.

**Insight Pregnancy Services**, in the same way other organizations have experienced, has felt the financial strain of COVID-19. We are expanding our services this year to be able to offer ultrasound to abortion vulnerable women, as well as STD testing/treatment. This is a great step for our organization to be able to help families and save lives. *We have received a match gift of \$20,000 toward medical start-up costs.* This is huge! **Any amount raised from The Challenge for Life, over the \$40,000 goal, will be put towards this matching gift.** The Challenge for Life will be on **June 6<sup>th</sup> this year**, and as before, participants will choose one of 4 events to compete in; Run a 5k, walk 2.5 miles, Canoe/Kayak 6 miles, or participate in a 75 mile motorcycle ride. *There are some changes to the event however.* We are offering two options to choose from.

**1. Virtual Option:** What does virtual participation mean? Well, for those who are not yet comfortable being near others, *participants can choose to do the event on their own at a convenient time.* Those who choose to do it virtually, will simply raise funds in the same way that they have always done, and then at some point between June 6<sup>th</sup> and June 14<sup>th</sup>, complete the event they choose, using either the course from the website or one of their own. We would just ask that those participating virtually upload a picture or video to Facebook and tag us so we can see your smiles when you've completed your event!

**2. In Person Option:** As long as we can, we will also run the events and post-event lunch on-site, in a way that maintains social distancing. The picnic, box lunch will be held in your car as a drive-in in the parking lot, while we share results and hold drawings.

**To register** either in-person or virtually, simply go to <https://insightpregnancy.com/thechallengeforlife/> and follow the promptings to register. From there you will create a fundraising page, where you can easily raise funds online and track your progress. Remember, prizes this year for raising funds include a T-shirt at \$50, Lunch cooler at \$200, and a very cool looking umbrella at \$500.

**Once you are registered**, we will send email updates. You will probably have questions, do not hesitate to call the office at: 231-335-2413 or email me at: [tammyb@insightpregnancy.com](mailto:tammyb@insightpregnancy.com).