

## Life at FRC

### Today at FRC . . .

**Greeters:** Terry & Char  
Nov 23 - Bowdye & Kelsey

**Welcome Center:** Lisha  
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**Coffee Cleanup:** Sammy K.  
Nov 23 - Bev

**Coffee Host/Hostess:** Mary V.  
Nov 23 - Cheryl & Peggy

**Newcomer Table:** Jason  
Nov 23 - Kenzie & Kim

**Kid Connection:** Sarah, Morgan  
Nov 23 - Krista, Aly

**Worship Center:** Krista, Jenna  
Nov 23 - Lindsay, Case

**Nursery:** Natalie, Rachel, Marcia, Cat  
Nov 23 - Sue, Natalie, Jenna

**Screen Tech:** Luke  
Nov 23 - Sarah

**Sound Tech:** Ryan  
Nov 23 - Kent

10:00 A.M. - Worship Service with Dan E/FRC Shoeboxes Due Back  
5:40 - 8:00 P.M. - RISE Youth Group

### This Week . . .

**Tues.** - 9:00 A.M. Worship Planning Meeting  
6:30 P.M. Christian Education Committee Meeting

**Wed.** - 4:30 P.M.-6:15 P.M. Club 57 Youth Group  
6:30 P.M. Gems & Cadets Rain Gutter Regatta

**Thurs.** - 6:45 P.M. Praise Team Practice

### Looking Ahead . . .

Nov 23 - Guest Pastor Mark O

Nov 26 - 7 P.M. Pie & Praise Thanksgiving Service (no GEMS/Cadets/Club 57)/ Special Offering for Benevolence

Nov 27 - Private Event (no volunteer/maintenance work)

Nov 27-28 - Church Office Closed

Dec 7 - Communion/12:30 - 5 P.M. Private Event (no volunteer/maint. work)

Dec 8 - Building & Grounds Meeting (time TBD)

Dec 9 - 6:30 P.M. Elders/Deacons Meetings & 7:30 P.M. Consistory Meeting

Dec 13 - 9:00-10:30 A.M. Children's Christmas Program Practice

11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. Cookie Walk Fundraiser (In Fellowship Hall)

Dec 14 - Faith Promise Special Offering/Children's Christmas Program

12:30-5:00P.M. Private Event (no volunteer/maintenance work)

**Special Offering for Benevolence** - There will be a Special Offering for Benevolence taken at the Pie & Praise Service on Nov. 26. Please label your envelope accordingly if you would like to participate in that.

**Attention Parents & Grandparents!** We would like to honor the accomplishments and achievements of the children and youth who attend FRC. If your school-age child or grandchild has done something recently that you and they are proud of, we would like to know about it! Please contact the church office or speak to Sarah or Kenzie to share your story. Achievements will be published in future bulletins.

## FRC News & Events

**Christmas Cookie Walk Fundraiser** - Mark your calendars for our first annual **Christmas Cookie Walk** on **Saturday, December 13, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Hosted by the Christian Education Committee, this festive event will help raise money for the Christian Education Fund. For \$20, you can fill a container with a delicious assortment of homemade treats. While you're here, enjoy our free hot cocoa bar, browse the silent auction, and purchase personalized ornaments for \$3 each! Plus, rumor has it that Santa might stop by for a surprise visit! **We need your help!** We're seeking baked good donations to help make this event a success. If you'd like to contribute your favorite cookies or holiday treats, add your name to the sheet at the Signup Center. For questions or more info, see Tessa, Brittany, or Briann.

**Pie & Praise Thanksgiving Service** - Please join us for a praise-filled Thanksgiving Service, along with a sampling of tasty pie, on Wednesday, November 26 at 7 pm! We will have a dynamic and family-friendly worship service, giving everyone an opportunity to thank our Lord for His abundant blessings and loving kindness! After the service, we will enjoy delicious homemade pies in honor of a classic Thanksgiving tradition. Bring your friends, neighbors, and the whole family and join us as we pour out praise to God for who He is and what He has done! Hope to see you there! *(This event will be livestreamed on our YouTube channel and Facebook Live. Nursery services will be unavailable.)*

**Praising & Thankful** - What are you praising God and thankful for? During our Pie & Praise Thanksgiving Service, we want to share specific praises and give thanks to the Lord for what He has blessed us with this year. Please fill out a card (in this bulletin or at the Welcome Center) and place it in our Thanksgiving Box (at the Welcome Center) with YOUR specific praise and thanksgiving to the Lord. You can put your name on it or be anonymous! These will be read aloud during our Pie & Praise Service on Nov 26.

**A Giving Opportunity From Bridge Newaygo** - Help brighten the Christmas holiday for single parent families in our community! Please take a tag from the Giving Tree in the Gathering Center and purchase the item on the tag, bring the gift back to church by December 7, and put it under the tree **WRAPPED**. (Attach the tag on top to label it. Gift cards can be left with the church office, or placed in an envelope and put back on the tree.) If you would like to make a monetary donation instead and have someone do the shopping for you, you are more than welcome to do so! (Monetary donations can be left with the church office.) The gift requests are from single moms and dads with kids, and grandparents raising grandkids in Newaygo County. The gifts will be brought to 1st CRC and distributed on Dec 13 at a Christmas party for the families. Thank you in advance for your generosity and desire to bless a struggling single parent this Christmas!

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**OCC Volunteers Needed!** Our church is a Central Drop-Off for the Western Michigan region for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. We need your help during Collection Week. We will also need some heavy lifters to help load the semi-trailers with cases of shoes boxes. Please add your name to the list at the Sign-Up Center for the time slot(s) you can able to help. Any questions, see Diane S.

**Operation Christmas Child** collection week is November 17 - 24. Collection times are as follows:

<b>Nov 17</b> - 10 am -1 pm	<b>Nov 18</b> - 10 am -1 pm	<b>Nov 19</b> - 11 am -1 pm
<b>Nov 20</b> - 5 - 7:30 pm	<b>Nov 21</b> - 5 - 7:30 pm	<b>Nov 22</b> - 1:30 -3:30 pm
<b>Nov 23</b> - 1:30 -3:30 pm	<b>Nov 24</b> - 9 am -11:30 am	

### GEMS & Cadets Rain Gutter Regatta -

Please join us for the GEMS & Cadets annual Rain Gutter Regatta event on Wednesday, Nov 19! Registration for boats begins at 6 pm, and the race will start promptly at 6:30 pm. (Be sure to have your GEM or Cadet here **before** 6:30 pm to register!) The GEMS organization will be selling tasty snacks starting at 6 pm and throughout the race. *(All profits from snack sales will go to support the Free Bible Ministry.)* The Cadets boys will race the GEMS girls to see whose custom-made boat is victorious! All are welcome to come and enjoy tasty snacks and cheer the boys and girls on to victory!



### Rooms of Refuge - What if you were homeless for Christmas?

What would you do? Where would you go? It's not a pleasant thought, is it? Several people in our community already know or are soon going to find out exactly what that's like. But we can do something to help make their Christmas a little bit better! Through our Rooms of Refuge program, we can provide a safe, warm place to sleep and hot meals during the week of Christmas (Dec. 22-28). We have the opportunity to reflect the love of Jesus and help people with limited resources who have nowhere else to go during this Christmas season. How can you help? Volunteer to stay with our guests in the parsonage for one night, prepare a dinner and deliver it to the parsonage, provide some breakfast food items, or give a wrapped Christmas gift (more about this later). In the next few weeks, we will begin signing people up to serve. Please keep Rooms of Refuge in your prayers, put the dates on your calendar, and consider how you might help.

**OCC Packing Party Results** - Praise the Lord! Our children's and Club 57 Youth Group packing parties achieved amazing results with a total of 425 boxes packed between the two parties! We are very thankful for the many volunteers that made this possible. Thanks to everyone who donated their time, talents, and resources to make these packing parties possible!