

Life at FRC

Today at FRC . . .

Greeters: Bowdie, Kelsey

Aug 2 – Tom, Vera

Welcome Center: Lisha

Aug 2 - Marilyn

Coffee Cleanup: Samantha

Aug 2 - Sarah

Coffee Host/Hostess: Paul, Candy

Aug 2 - Les, Sarah

Newcomer Table: Kim

Aug 2 - Tina

10:00 A.M. Worship Service

This Week . . .

Tue. - 9:00 A.M. Worship Planning Meeting

Wed. - Church Office Open 10 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Thurs. - NO Praise Team Practice, Church Office Closes @ 2 P.M.

Looking Ahead . . .

August 3-9 - Rooms of Refuge @ the Parsonage

August 9 - Bridge Newaygo School Supplies Donation Deadline

August 14 - 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. Game Night & Potluck

August 20 - 12 Noon Prime Timers Lunch in Fellowship Hall, Bible Study @ 11

August 23 - 10:00 A.M. Blessing of the Backpacks

September 6 - 10:00 A.M. Community Worship at the Farmers Market

GEMS Teachers & CITs: Please join us on **Wednesday, August 5, at 6:30 p.m.** in the large basement GEMS room for an informational meeting as we prepare for the **2026–2027 GEMS season**. Attendance is not required, but all current teachers, those interested in being part of the GEMS program, and CITs are encouraged to attend. We'll review the new curriculum, discuss updates to the GEMS program, and answer any questions as we prepare for the year ahead. If you have any questions, please see Shelley or Pastor Luke.

Parking Lot - Be sure to check out the poster board in the Gathering Center by the sanctuary entrance for more info about our ongoing Parking Lot Fundraiser. We still have quite a way to go. Be in prayer about if God is calling you to give in this area! If you have any questions or need more info, see Doug J. or any Deacon.

A Huge Thank You to all who helped with our FRC Church Family Picnic event last Sunday! We had an amazing time fellowshiping with you all. Thank you to all who helped with the setup, clean up, food preparation and serving, baking desserts, tear down and clean up, and other ways. We appreciate you and couldn't have done it without you!

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Rooms of Refuge - During the week of August 3-9, FRC will be providing temporary emergency housing through Rooms of Refuge for people who are experiencing homelessness. We will need overnight hosts to stay in the parsonage with our guests, people to provide evening meals, and people to provide fresh fruit, milk, and juice for breakfast. It takes lots of volunteers to make this program work, so please consider how you may be able to help. If you would like to volunteer or want more information, see Rick and Donna S at the table in the Gathering Center after the morning service or contact Rick.

FRC Sunday School Teachers and Parents: We're holding an informational meeting on August 9 at 11:30 am (after church) in the downstairs Fellowship Hall to share updates and discuss our Sunday School curriculum. Attendance is not required, but all interested teachers and parents are encouraged to join. This is not a decision-making meeting, but materials will be presented for review and feedback on a later date. Please see Pastor Luke with any questions.

Christian Book Donation Ministry - Do you have old Bibles or Christian books laying around that you don't use anymore, but would like to see put to good use? If so, considering donating them to our Christian Book Donation Ministry! Donate gently used (or new) Christian books (fiction or non-fiction), Bibles (children or adults), CDs or DVDs, reference materials, Sunday school materials, or Gospel teaching materials for kids (puppets, puzzles, nativity sets, etc.) We will ship them to ministries who bring your donations to US prisons and Christian missionaries overseas. Simply drop your book donation in the box in the church library, or if you would like to make a donation to help cover the shipping costs, simply write "Christian Book Donation Ministry" on your offering envelope. If you have questions or want more info, contact LeeAnn B or Sarah C.

Hearing Struggles? If you have trouble hearing during our church services, we offer in-ear monitors that can help you hear more clearly. This is an ear bud that goes in your ear and acts like a small speaker to amplify the sound from the church service so speech can be more easily heard and understood. You can borrow one on a regular basis that can be kept here in your church mailbox and used only by you. If interested, speak with Shelley, Luke, or LouAnn and they will show you how it works.

Looking for Inspiration? Our church library has TONS of new faith-based books to borrow, and fun family-friendly DVDs for your next family movie night! Whether you are looking for educational materials, inspiration, or just quality entertainment, our library is sure to have something for you to enjoy! Take a few minutes to check out the rack in the Gathering Center and the displays in the library to see what's new.

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Volunteers Needed! We're looking for volunteers to help with sound and screen during our worship services. This is a great opportunity to serve the Lord and support the worship ministry of FRC. No experience is necessary - we will provide training! The commitment is typically no more than once per month. If you're interested in using your gifts to help lead our congregation in worship from behind the scenes, please talk with Shelley, Kent, or Pastor Luke for more information.

Bridge Newaygo School Supply Drive –  School will be back in session before we know it! Back-to-School season can be a huge financial stress for single parent families. To help with that, Bridge Newaygo is sponsoring a school supply giveaway on August 12 (4-7 pm) for single parent families. They need YOUR help to make this a success! They need donations of basic school supplies, including backpacks, lunchboxes, spiral notebooks, pens/pencils/erasers/markers, 3-ring binders (1-2"), pocket folders, glue/glue sticks, rulers, and scissors. Donations can be placed in the donation box near the library by Aug 9. Thank you for supporting single parent families in our community!

FRC Game Night - On August 14, 6-8 pm, we will be hosting our FRC Game Night! This event is free and fun for all ages, so bring the whole family and some friends to play games and put puzzles together! If you are able, please bring a snack to pass. This is a come-and-go style, so if you can't make it right at 6 or need to leave early, no worries, come as you are able! If the weather is comfortable, we will have some outdoor games and chalk as well. Invite your friends and family!

FRC Children's Ministry Director – FRC is looking to hire a Children's Ministry Director that would oversee Sunday morning kids' ministries. This paid position entails organizing classrooms and curriculums, parent engagement, and volunteer scheduling and training. Hours are expected to be around 10 hours per week and can be flexible. The candidate is also expected to serve on rotation in a volunteer capacity and regularly attend FRC worship services. If you are interested in this position, please contact Pastor Luke for a full job description and more information about this position.

Operation Christmas Child Savvy shoppers know that they can impact more children around the world for eternity by looking for shoebox items throughout the year. This time of year is a great time to find good deals on school supplies such as markers, crayons, notebooks, pencil sharpeners, and pens. Shoebox donations collected throughout the year will be used for our Packing Party in November. Please place your items in the large green and red box outside the library. Reminder: Candy or food, toothpaste and liquids **cannot** be packed in the shoeboxes. Thank you!