

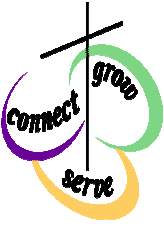
# 1st Connection

Seeking to...Live Simply so that others may Simply Live

-a communication of the FRC family  
January 8, 2012

Check the bulletin board in the foyer for all community events!

- Mon.** - 5:00 P.M. J.O.Y. meets  
6:45 P.M. Ministry Teams meet for devotions  
7:00 P.M. Team Meetings  
**No Beth Moore Bible Study tonight**
- Wed.** - **Family Night**  
5:30-6:15 P.M. Family Night Dinner  
Everyone Welcome  
6:15 P.M. Prayer Meeting in Room 17  
6:30 - 8:00 P.M. Kingdom Kids (4 & 5 year olds)  
Gems/Cadets (1st—8th grade)  
6:45 - 8:00 P.M. Praise Team # 1/Praise Band  
~ Framework; Meet in Fireside room.
- Thurs.** - 9:00 A.M. Prime Timers breakfast at Stepping Stone Restaurant at Career Tech Center



This Week at First...



## Looking Ahead.....

- January 17 - Consistory meeting  
January 19 - Michigan Blood Drive at FRC (call church office to schedule appt.)  
January 21- Youth Service Project at FRC from 1:00 - 4:30 P.M.  
Youth Bowling at 5:00 P.M.  
January 22 - Celebration of Communion  
January 29 - Cadet Sunday

### FRC Employment Opportunities:

Due to a recent change in our office staff and the restructuring of an office position, we will be looking for qualified individuals to fill the following two positions:

- Office Staff/Assistant (8-12 hrs. wk/afternoons)
- Gift-based Ministry Coordinator (Salary/est. 10 hrs. wk.)

For additional information regarding either position, please contact the church office (ministry descriptions are available upon request), and/or to apply, please send a letter of interest/resume to the church office (before 1/22).

If you have any questions regarding the formation of these two positions and/or the impact it will have on our ministry/finances, an open Q&A session will be held at 7PM Tuesday Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>, in the fellowship area downstairs.

### WINTER EUCHRE LEAGUE

Join us for a night of cards, fun & fellowship! A winter Euchre league will start Thursday Jan.12<sup>th</sup>, and run through March 1<sup>st</sup> (8PM start time/8wks total). It's a great way to invite friends, make connections, and build relationships! A sign-up sheet is available in the gathering center (deadline for signing up is Jan.8<sup>th</sup>); only "cost" is bringing a snack to share! Questions? Contact PK.

### First Reformed Church of Fremont

Dear Church Family,  
Thank you so much for allowing us to use your church sanctuary, and the fellowship area for our son Nathan's Memorial Service, Dec. 18th. We realize that the efforts of many people from your church were involved to provide this ministry to us. Thank you, your generosity of service to us humbles us and causes us to praise our God for you.  
Steve and Marcia Lankhorst



### Sunday Mornings

Come to the *Prayer Room* at 9:15 a.m. before worship to pray for 15 minutes. Prayer is critical to the fruitfulness of ministry.

### Contact Information

- Pastor:** Kevin Schutt, email: pk@frcfremont.org  
**Youth Pastor:** Matt Pifer, email: matt@frcfremont.org  
**Administrative Assistant:**  
Pat TerVeer, email: pterveer@frcfremont.org  
**Custodians:** O'Neals: Randy- 231-519-5903  
Karen-231-519-5902

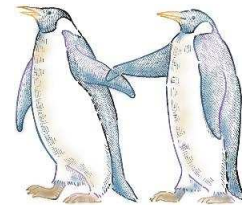
### Church building open:

- Sunday—All day
- Monday—Thursday 8:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.
- Friday—Saturday - Closed



Happy Birthday!

- January 10 - Joe Buitendorp  
Melissa Paulsen
- January 11 - Frank DeVos
- January 14 - Matt Pifer



### Happy Anniversary

- January 9 - Andy and Marcia Rottier
- January 13 - Bob and Evelyn Jones
- January 14 - Stan and Barb Stroven



Cooks Needed!

**Wednesday Night Cooks are Needed!** If you can help by cooking a meal for our Wednesday night program, please sign up at the information table. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

*To pray is to listen to the one who call you "my beloved daughter", "my beloved son", my beloved child".*

### A prayer request box

is now available in the Gathering Center and the North entrance of the sanctuary. Please share your request in this vital ministry.



Prayer Team

Rod Borgman,  
Cal Burns,  
Judy Vissia  
and  
Betty Warren

## Did you know...

First Reformed Church Endowment Fund: The Fund was established in April of 2002 at the Fremont Area Foundation for the purpose of providing a supplement scholarship with the annual income from the fund for students going into some type of ministry.

About making a contribution to the Endowment Fund:

- **Memorials** allow you to leave a legacy with First Reformed Church which will be long remembered. All funds are matched by the Fremont Area Community Foundation \$1 for \$1 up to \$500 per household per year. A lasting value!
- **Contributions** may be made by anyone and are eligible for a 50% state tax credit up to \$400 per couple or \$200 per individual.

A brochure with more information is in your mailbox this week, or pick one up at the Information Center.

## B.E.A.T. Director Position Opening

Jeri Ten Brink is being nudged (driven, if truth be told!) by the Lord into a new ministry direction and will vacate her position as B.E.A.T. director at the end of the school year. We're looking for that person (or people—two could share this role) to take over leadership of our Sunday morning children's program. The Grow Team is looking for someone who is good at organization (gift of administration) and willing to add his or her personal touch to help our children know and love the Lord. A ministry description will be available soon. If you, too, are being "nudged," talk to Jeri (924-9921) or Michele Timmer (652-2309) to explore this opportunity. Ideally the new director will "shadow" Jeri during the spring months. Commitment would be for the 2012-13 school year and doesn't necessarily involve teaching.

Can You  
Spare  
A Drop?



We are once again  
hosting a Michigan  
Blood Drive on Thursday,  
January 19, 2012 from 3:00pm -  
7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please help show  
your support of this life saving gift!! Remember,  
Spectrum/Gerber hospital is using Michigan  
Blood as their sole provider now, as well as its use  
in many other West Michigan hospitals. For those  
who went to Guatemala, it is ok for you to donate!  
There was some confusion on that. Thanks,  
The Serve team

## A man dies and goes to heaven.

Of course, St. Peter meets him at the Pearly Gates.

St. Peter says, "Here's how it works.

You need 100 points to make it into heaven.

You tell me all the good things you've done,  
and I give you a certain number of points for each item,  
depending on how good it was.

When you reach 100 points, you get in."

"Okay," the man says, "I was married to the same woman  
for 50 years and never cheated on her, even in my heart"

That's wonderful.," says St. Peter, "that's worth three points!"

"Three points?" he says. "Well, I attended church all my life and  
supported its ministry with my tithe and service."

"Terrific!" says St Peter. "That's certainly worth a point."

"One point!?!"

"I started a soup kitchen in my city and worked in a  
shelter for homeless veterans."

"Fantastic, that's good for two more points," he says.

"Two points!?! Exasperated, the man cries,.

"At this rate the only way I'll get into heaven is by the grace of God."

## LEADERSHIP ISN'T EASY. EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP CALLS FOR DIVINE INTERVENTION!

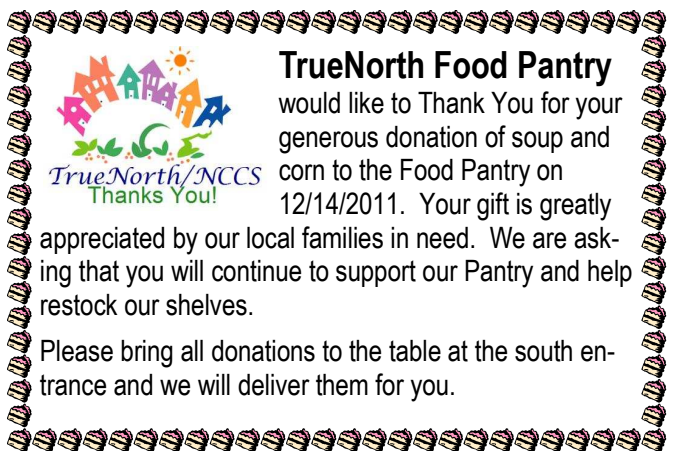
Put that in any context, and it's still true. Having a job that calls for leadership isn't easy. You need to make sure employee's needs are met, that they're being productive, everybody is "getting along", and that there's an environment that fosters a positive atmosphere...among other things. It isn't easy, and being an effective leader in the workplace calls for divine intervention! Being a parent is the most common of all "leadership positions...and it might well be the toughest! Getting a child from the crib to adulthood is a huge task! All that goes into being a parent that sees your child become not only a "productive member of society"...but a follower of Jesus seeking His leadership...is super tough, and the world is making it tougher every day. Saying it isn't easy is the "understatement of understatement"! Does it take divine intervention to be a good parent? Why else would parents log innumerable hours speaking to God about their kids? Parents need all the help they can get...thank goodness God is willing and able to provide it! And of course...there's the role of leading within the body of Christ. If you think that's easy, take a minute to talk to people who've been leaders. From directing a specific ministry, to being an Elder or Deacon, to leading as a pastor...leading in the church is plain tough. Churches (every single one) have a history that includes burn-out, torn relationships, broken hearts, and failed efforts. I can't tell you how many former leaders I've talked to - good leaders - that refuse to lead again. For them, it's not worth the effort, the fight, the issues. It's a very real "Who needs it" problem... based on past experiences. That, my friends, makes me incredibly sad. And brings me to reason of this article. I have a simple request, and challenge for you. Will you please pray for the leaders of FRC? Please? Pretty please? At the first of the year, we undergo a number of changes in leadership (primarily Elders/Deacons/Ministry Teams), and we need to pray for every leader! In order for any leader to be effective...it takes divine intervention! People need to be praying for them, asking God to bless them with faith, wisdom, boldness, energy, joy, holiness...and support. Because leading isn't easy. Any leader can coast, and not "rock the boat". That's easy, and the path many leaders choose. But being a leader that helps the body of Jesus Christ make a difference, that makes an impact for the kingdom of God...takes divine intervention. I have personally challenged the leadership of FRC to lead with faith. To make a difference. To create an impact for the leader in their life, and of their church, Jesus Christ. So they can be effective; I ask you...to pray for them. Thank-you!

Seeking God's intervention, -PK



Free  
Popcorn

**Free Popcorn From NOW until  
December 31, 2012!** Guatemala  
2013 team is selling Wesco Popcorn  
Buckets (\$8.00). All proceeds go to the  
2013 trip. Pick yours up at the information  
center today!



## TrueNorth Food Pantry

would like to Thank You for your  
generous donation of soup and  
corn to the Food Pantry on  
12/14/2011. Your gift is greatly

appreciated by our local families in need. We are asking  
that you will continue to support our Pantry and help  
restock our shelves.

Please bring all donations to the table at the south entrance  
and we will deliver them for you.