

# 1st Connection



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

-a communication of the FRC family  
January 3, 2010

## This Week at First

Mon.— 6:45 P.M. - Ministry Teams meet for Devotions  
7:00 P.M. - Ministry Teams meet

Wed.— 9:30 A.M. Women's Bible Study in room 17

### Family Night

5:30—6:15 P.M. Family Night Dinner

Please sign up at the *Information Center*.

6:15 P.M. Prayer Meeting in Fireside Room (Doug Grau)

6:30 P.M. Practice for Praise Team

6:30—8:00 P.M. Kingdom Kids (4 & 5 year olds)

GEMS - for 1st - 8th grade girls

Cadets - for 1st - 8th grade boys



Thurs.— 3:00 - 7:00 P.M. Blood Drive in the Fellowship Hall. Come to the table in the Gathering Room today and someone will help you with an appointment time. Any questions call Rita VanBoven at 924-7959 or the church office 924-4950.

## Looking Ahead:

January 12 - Elders and Deacons meet at 6:30, Consistory at 7:45 P.M.

January 14 - Prime Timers will have their postponed Christmas Potluck at church at 12 noon. The Doug Luchies family will present a musical program. Further details are posted on the sign-up sheet at the *Information Center* in the Gathering Room.

January 28 - Crafters and Laughter Crew will meet from 4:00 - 11:00 P.M. Ladies do you have a project to work on? Pack up and join us for a night of fun and laughter while working on projects. Please bring a snack to share. Come and go when you must.



### Thought for The New Year

The new year lies before you  
Like a spotless tract of snow;  
Be careful how you tread on it  
For every mark will show.

## Sunday Mornings

8:45—9:00 a.m.

Join us in the Prayer Room to pray for our morning worship. Prayer is critical to the fruitfulness of ministry.

## Contact Information

**Pastor:** Kevin Schutt, email: jcis1pk@verizon.net

### Administrative Assistants:

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### Church building open:

Sunday—All day

Monday—Thursday 8:30 am—5:00 pm

Friday—Saturday - Closed



Happy Birthday to..

January 7 - Shirley Buter

Sue Tibbe

Tina Wightman

January 10 - Joe Buitendorp

Melissa Paulsen





## Looking ahead to 2010!

**Happy New Year!** Wow...hard to believe it's January, and the start of a new year. But it surely is. Every time we hit January, and the start of a new year; I start to think about plans and possibilities; things I want and hope to do in the year ahead. Don't you? I've met a few people who basically haven't given it much thought; but even after a moment, they can start to list things they're hope and/or are planning on in the new year.

So what's ahead for First Church? Here's my hope: "Connecting, Growing, and Serving Jesus" with all of our hearts, souls, and minds! Great! Just a wild thought; but that might lead to you asking, "So...what does that look like PK, what does that mean"? Well, part of it is doing just what we have been doing, and striving to do it better! First Church has some awesome ministries that I believe are impacting God's kingdom in powerful ways, and that I hope (and believe) will only increase in terms of spirit and growth!

But (no surprise if you're starting to know me) I also believe there are some changes we need to make in our ministry that will enable us to better "live simply so others will simply live", and fulfill our purpose as God's people. In fact, Consistory has already approved the following to begin/put in motion, some changes/plans to do just that:

- 1.) To Align our Ministry Teams (and ministry) with our purpose.
- 2.) To *create an opportunity for every person worshipping with us to receive the care and love of Jesus* through a new ministry opportunity simply called, "Care Groups".
- 3.) To initiate a gift-based approach to ministry, so that *everything we do is done with giftedness, passion, and to the best of our capability!*

While Consistory has approved moving forward with these plans; your input, ideas, and thoughts about them are highly valued, and will be sought through informational meetings called "Congregational Forums" (kind of like a spiritual town hall meeting)!

I'm looking forward to an awesome year; I know God is going to do some amazing things at First Church because He has placed some incredibly gifted people here! And guess what? You're one of them! So if you haven't already; start praying, and thinking about what's ahead in 2010...God's got plans, and you're in them!

Thanking God for all you do & will do for Him,

- PK



**Offering Envelops for 2010** are on a table near the mailboxes. If you would like to start using offering envelopes or would like to start using 'electronic giving', contact Tom Wagenmaker at 924-0722 or email [twagenmaker@frcfremont.org](mailto:twagenmaker@frcfremont.org)

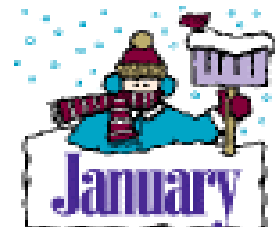
**Your help is needed** to feed those who are hungry. Please pick up an extra item or two and put them on the table at the south entrance of the church and we will see that they get delivered. If you would rather make a donation and have someone do the shopping for you, please contact Jean Rottman at 231-652-6140.



**We sincerely thank you** all for your prayers and the many cards and kindnesses shown to our family at the time of the loss of our mom and grandma, Margaret Breuker. The support from family and friends is so encouraging! God is good- all the time! Blessings to you all from the families of, Keith & Jan Breuker, Paul & Candy Breuker Don & Vicki Breuker, Steve & Marcia Lankhorst Frank & Ruth Ann Ayre



**Thank you so very much** to every one who remembered our mother with cards, visits, prayers and other kindnesses during her stay at the Newwaygo Medical Care Facility. A very special thank you to Pastor Kevin for his prayers, visits and the beautiful service of celebration of her life. Thank you so much to the ladies for the lovely lunch after the service and to John Somers for singing so beautifully.  
The family of Elizabeth Stroven



## UM vs MSU Coin Challenge Through January

**Keep that spare change coming...** The challenge is on! Who will "win"? MSU or UM? It's up to YOU! Place coins in the appropriate canister in the "Gathering Room" near the Welcome Center. All proceeds will help toward the purchase of building and medical supplies for the Guatemala Trip with Paradise Bound. (If you'd like a record of your giving, roll the coins and be sure your full name and the amount is on each wrapper.)

