

1st Connection



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

-a communication of the FRC family
January 10, 2010

This Week at First

Mon. 6:30—8:30 P.M. Ladies Bible Study—"Believing God"
by Beth Moore



Tues.— 6:30 P.M. Elders and Deacons meet
7:45 P.M. Consistory meets



Wed.— **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 (Randy Schafer)

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.— 12:00 - Noon - Prime Timers will have their postponed Christmas Potluck at the church. 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.



Looking Ahead:

January 24—Celebration of Communion

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.

January 31 - Cadet Sunday

"Name That Room" Challenge - All are invited to be a part. Our upper foyer where we meet after services for coffee and fellowship, has been called many things. We need your help in giving it a name so that we can all call it the same thing. There will be slips to fill out with your suggestions to place in the box near the coffee. If you would like to be acknowledged, please sign the slip. Thank you in advance for your help and participation.

The Worship Ministry Team

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.

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Church building open:

Sunday—All day

Monday—Thursday 8:30 am—5:00 pm

Friday—Saturday - Closed

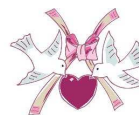
January 11 - Frank DeVos

January 16 - Brett Allen

John Scholtens



Happy
Birthday



Happy
Anniversary

January 13 - Bob and Evelyn Jones

January 14 - Stan and Barb Stroven

Dave Sneller - January 13
Michelle VanEs - January 15



**Missionary
Birthdays**

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.)



**In
Memory of
Elizabeth Stroven**

**Elizabeth passed away
December 24, 2009**, at the
Newaygo Medical Care Facility
where she had been a patient for
nine years. She was born in
Appomattox, VA, one of eleven children.

Her parents were tobacco farmers there. She claims President William H. Harrison as a distant relative. The family was large and loving, and she held fond memories of her growing up years. Their church, Southern Baptist, played a big part in the life of the family. Elizabeth recalled their church-going as something they all looked forward to, especially after spending many hours hoeing tobacco during the week. It was good to worship and visit with friends. Sunday was a special day. Elizabeth, one of the oldest, remembers her mother always laying the baby of the family on a pillow beside her during the service as, there was no nursery. One of Elizabeth's sisters went on to become a college professor in Minnesota.

George Stroven came on the scene in the late 1930's and they were married in 1938. (How they met is another interesting story!) They lived in Fremont all of their married life and worked the family farm east of town, where all nine children, seven sons and two daughters, were born. Elizabeth, following the birth of the third child, suffered phlebitis or "milk leg" as it was referred at that time. This ailment stayed with her for 50 years with an ulcer that did not heal until 1998, and that was due to a doctor from South America who was in Grand Rapids at the time and a specialist in such cases. Caring for nine children is a job in itself, but doing so with such a physical problem would be a major accomplishment.

Sonshine callers' visits with George and Elizabeth in their retirement years at their home and was always a pleasure, as George was a veritable historian of the Fremont area. There were times when one wished for a double set of ears as Elizabeth offered comments of interest at the same time. George passed away in 2000 and soon after Elizabeth suffered a subarachnoid hemorrhage, with dementia following and which rendered her incapable of moving about. Entering the Medical Facility, she didn't have far to go, as only a line fence separated the Facility from their farm to the east. Elizabeth was always given a room where she could see the farm and that was a comfort to her.

However, much as she loved the Facility and the excellent care she received from all the people there, she always wanted to "go home", or, she was "going home tomorrow". She did join in many of the activities offered there, bingo, gardening, etc. and she especially enjoyed participating in the weekly spelling bees. She was an excellent speller and won the coveted trophy many times. On our visits, Elizabeth would often be busy with her "word search" book. She went through dozens of those in her time there as a patient. She always explained to us that she'd "rather be busy", but there was no choice. We understood. Marguerite says that while still at home she read her Bible daily, but after the dementia set in, that changed. She loved to sing, and two days before she died, her son had her singing Christmas carols and other favorites hymns.

The Lord has blessed this family with a special closeness, achieved in part during their growing up years when they needed to accept extra responsibilities and to work together to keep the household functioning. Pray that this bond of love will endure through the years to come, and that the even greater love of Christ will be with them to comfort, guide and sustain them as well.



from the...
Sonshine
Corner

by Vivian TenBrink



RESOLUTIONS YOU CAN KEEP!

It's January, and for some, time to make out that list of resolutions! Do you make them? I'm not really a resolutions person. Maybe in part, because I tend to work at goals/plans all the time; that's kind of who I am (a constant list checker)! But I thought, hey, why not help people who make a list of resolutions? Why not help them make a list they will have no trouble keeping...you know, to help ease the stress and boost the self-esteem by being able to proudly declare you kept all your 2010 resolutions. So here's a list of ten resolutions (borrowed from a website I subscribe to called "Mikey's Funnies) you should be able to keep, no problem:

- 1.) I will create loose ends.
- 2.) I will wait for opportunity to knock.
- 3.) I will not have eight children all at once
(leads to big problems; just ask Jon or Kate G.)
- 4.) I will watch more TV so I don't miss the good stuff.
- 5.) I will procrastinate more (Start in July).
- 6.) I will plan a family vacation somewhere close
and unimportant.
- 7.) I will not swim with sharks or piranhas.
- 8.) I will spend hours moping around and worrying.
- 9.) I will gain weight (at least 30 pounds).
- 10.) I will stop exercising (it's a waste of time and will
ruin #9).

Well...you might be able to keep them, but on second thought, maybe they're not so good to work at! But (seriously) these are:

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind"
"Love your neighbor as yourself" (Matt. 22:37/39)

Try working on those. With Jesus in your heart...you can keep those resolutions too! With joy,

- PK

Team Fremont Guatemala Fundraiser featuring Spanky's 12' Prebake Pizzas!

You will find an order form in your mailbox or there are some extras at the *Information Center*. Cheese or Pepperoni 12" Pizzas are \$8 each or 3 for \$23; Deluxe, 4 Meat and Veggie 12" Pizzas are \$9 each or 3 for \$25. All details are on the order form. **Spanky's prebake pizzas are great to bake right away, or ready to freeze and bake as needed.** All proceeds will go towards supplies needed to build houses and for the medical clinic in Guatemala.



From the family of
Elizabeth Stroven

We wish to thank all of you for your prayers and the many cards and kindnesses shown to our family at the time of the loss of our mother and grandma, Elizabeth Stroven. It truly is wonderful belonging to the family of God.