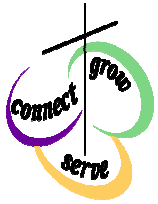


1st Connection



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

-a communication of the FRC family
March 7, 2010

This Week at First

- Tues.— 6:30 P.M. Elders and Deacons meet
7:45 P.M. Consistory meeting
- Wed.— **Family Night**
5:30 - 6:15 P.M. Family Night Dinner - **Everyone's Welcome!**
6:15 P.M. Prayer Meeting in Fireside Room (Pete Sikkenga)
6:30 P.M. Praise Team/Praise Band Practice
6:30 - 8:00 P.M. Kingdom Kids (4 & 5 year olds)
GEMS/Cadets - for 1st - 8th grade
- Thurs.— 8:30 A.M. Prime Timers will meet at church for breakfast,
prepared by Ron and Bev Glass. Cost is \$3.50; sign-up
at the *information center*.
- Fri.— 7:00 - 7:45 A.M. Men's Lenten Breakfast - at 1st CRC. The
Beatitudes of Jesus, Matthew 5:1-12, theme: "Blessed
are the merciful". All men are welcome!

Looking Ahead:

March 20 - FRC's "Neighborhood Indoor Resale Market". Pick up a
registration form at the *information center* to reserve your spot
soon! Available space and tables are limited.

March 21 - GEMS Sunday

**If You've Been Worshipping With Us; Come And Explore
Uniting With Us In Ministry!** "Explorers" is an oppor-
tunity to do just that, and will meet for the next 3 weeks at
11:00 am in PK's office (just down the hall from where the
coffee/ cookies are served). Hope you come and explore!

**THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED THE CONGREGA-
TIONAL FORUMS!** We appreciate your input and comments, and
are looking forward to seeing how God will use the gifts of everyone
at First Church (as we move to a gift-based approach to ministry),
and for the care that will emerge for one another as we begin the
Care groups!
The Consistory



Cookie sign-up

There is a cookie sign-up sheet on the
counter where Sunday morning refreshments
are served. Your willingness to donate cook-
ies is greatly appreciated.

Sunday Mornings



Come to the *Prayer Room* at 8:45 before
Worship to pray for 15 minutes. 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

Celebrating a



March 9 - Diane Stroven

March 11 - Bryan Wiggers

March 12 - Lyle May

Lindsay Wever

March 13 - Carol Dykman

March 14 - Mary Johnson

Susan TenBrink

Tom Wagenmaker

**Missionary
Birthday**



March 8 - Paul Gibson

NCCS Food
Pantry needs
your help
with
food donations

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. Please contact
Jean Rottman at 231-652-6140 with
any questions.



SPRING THAW!

It's March! Yowser; Spring is close to springing! We enjoyed warmer temps this past week...and I loved it (bring on the 80 degree days, God, I'm ready)! Winter fans; be honest! Admit it! Aren't you even ready for a little warmer weather after months of sliding around in your car, and dealing with ice and snow in general? March means Spring is right around the corner...and I like it, for a lot of reasons. But especially for this one; Spring brings renewal and growth!

When the snow melts in this part of God's earth, creation bursts into a new song of praise! It's Psalm 96 happening before our very eyes:

"Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad. Let the sea resound, and all that is in it; let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them. Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy, they will sing before the Lord ..."

The snow melts; and everywhere, every thing starts to grow! Trees bud, and bare branches begin to sport a beautiful canopy of green. Flowers pop up, filling fields and yards with bursts of color! Song birds arrive, and fill the air with praise. Critters fill the woods with chatter. Lakes and rivers join in, sending waves crashing to shore to declare the joy of being released from the grip of winter.

As God's people; it happens in our hearts too. Spring brings an innate sense of renewal. Of growth. Maybe not as dramatic as the rest of creation; maybe more so! Does it have to do with being a part of God's creation? Surely! Does it have to do with Easter, and the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus, and the new life only He can bring? Most certainly! I so hope you're there. I so hope your heart is primed, ready, anticipating, Spring...and the new life it brings. Physically, emotionally, mentally...spiritually. The opportunities are there; God has them ready to burst into your life, and create a new song! All you need to do...is let the Son shine! As all creation awakens with the arrival of Spring...may God's Spirit warm your heart, filling it with renewal and growth!

Praising God for spiritual Spring-times, -PK



Girls Bowling Team

Fremont HS Girls Bowling Team

won regionals on Feb. 27th and now will be going to the state finals March 5 - 6th. Also, the top 10 individual girls, from regionals, qualified and will be going to the

state finals next weekend. Out of these 10 positions, Fremont Girls have secured 5 of those positions and our own Aerial Stroven, has qualified and will be bowling in the state finals. Congratulations Aerial!



Coming March 20! The

Schwanns truck will be at our church to fill your orders. A percentage of the

sales will go towards *building and medical supplies for Guatemala*. Save up your orders and **tell all your friends** to come to the Schwanns truck sale. Books are available at the *information center*. Any questions see Nancy Twigg or Mary Johnson.

Donations Welcome---GEMS will be having a bake sale table at the Neighborhood Yard Sale and we will be accepting donations of baked goods for this event. If the items can be frozen you may drop them off at GEMS on Wednesday, March 17, and if they are fresh they can be dropped off at the church on Friday, March 19 or Saturday am. Also, as a mission project, GEMS will hosting a breakfast and luncheon at the sale. Unfortunately, due to health codes we are unable to accept any food donations for the breakfast and luncheon but monetary donations are welcome. Any questions, please see Sue Wright. Thanks



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• **Coming Soon!** 3rd Annual used Book
• and Yard Sale to benefit Bible League
• "Bible for Africa". One day only - Thurs-
• day, April 8 at Trinity Christian Reformed
• Church, Fremont. Donations appreci-
• ated, watch for details.
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The Muskegon Rescue Mission is again participating in the "Feinstein Challenge"! Mr. Alan Feinstein will again donate \$1 million in an effort to raise additional funds to feed the hungry. Funds and food items received during March and April will earn a portion of his gift. Donations may be dropped of at 400 W. Laketon or 1691 Peck Street. For more information call 727-6090.

Project Ramp is a cooperative effort between community members, churches and agencies, and is a partner ministry of Love INC- Newaygo County. Their focus is building wheelchair ramps for people in need. For more information regarding this program, contact Love INC at 231-652-4099 or pick up a brochure at the *Information Center*.

When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there!