

Ferry Log

Newsletter of Ferry Memorial Reformed Church ♦ February 2015

Deacon Board Update

As Ferry begins a new year I am honored to be your new Deacon Chair. I am so impressed with the hard work being done to help make our church great. It takes many hands to do so as you all know. I would like to thank the outgoing Deacons for their contributions. They did a great job.

Our Treasurer, Roger Grasman along with Rachelle Johnson and Rachel Weesies are assisting us in updating our bookkeeping practices to make budgeting and auditing a bit easier. This is a large task and their effort is going to help us communicate the finances of the church much more clearly. This will be especially important as we communicate our state of finances to the RCA and to any potential pastor candidates for Ferry.

Speaking of which, it is our goal to come to the Congregation with a report on the state of church finances in late February. We will print a specific date soon. A few items we are looking at the moment, we may be receiving a donation designated for technology which we hope will produce a new sound board. Pastor Nick has been researching this and working with our audio consultant for a good product that will integrate with our system. Our risograph copier may be on its last leg and we are also researching replacement options if and when it ceases.

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Our facilities need a great deal of care and Mark Grotenhuis has given above and beyond his available time to keep our church facilities together. Please thank him for this. Consistory has formed a Property Committee. We have interested folks in this that have served previously.

Our Mission of the Month for February is Love Inc. and March is Muskegon Pregnancy Services. We are constantly reminded of the power Ferry's impact has on our community and the world. This is who we are, giving people with the ability to change the world for Christ.

Yours in Service,
Rich Houtteman



Sunday School is from 10:45-11:30 am

Classes & teachers (downstairs in new church):

PreK	Katie Bultema
Imagine	K & 1 st – Rachel Weesies & Amanda Holman
Wonder	2 nd & 3 rd – Gina and Rich Houtteman
Marvel	4 th & 5 th – Rachelle Johnson & Michelle Hamann
Dive	6 th -8 th – Harlan and Donna Rypma
	9 th -12 th – joining the Adult class

Song time coordinator – Renée Cherry

Song time for PreK-5th is at the **end** of Sunday School in the sanctuary. You can pick up your child from the sanctuary at 11:30 am

February Volunteers!

NURSERY

- 01 Matt & Kim Springer family, Kaitlyn Hamann
- 08 Jeff & Renée Cherry family
- 15 Scott & Kathy Hector family
- 22 Matt & Lindsay DeRose family



SOUND BOARD

- 01 Mark Grotenhuis
- 08 Jeff Cherry
- 15 Jeff Auch
- 22 Roger Grasman



POWERPOINT

- 01 Ann Jeffries
- 08 Elizabeth Cherry
- 15 Casey Lownds
- 22 Ann Jeffries



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 01 Ann Beishuizen, Joyce Brownell
- 08 Jeff & Renée Cherry family
- 15 NO Children's Church—mid-winter break



COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TIME -

coffee preparers/servers

- 01 Dave & Lyn Rypma
- 08 Jeff & Dawn Auch
- 15 Lois Brinks & Carol Brand-Twa
- 22 Mark & Diane Levandowski

cookies/snacks providers

- 01 Dave & Lyn Rypma
- 08 Michelle Hamann, Lisa McGahan
- 15 Rachelle Johnson, Rachel Weesies
- 22 Gord & Chris Sikkenga



Rained out? Snowed in?

If **SEVERE** weather causes us to cancel activities at Ferry Memorial, we will contact WZZM13 and WOOD-TV8 to list the cancellation on the air.



Happy February Birthday!

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| 01 Joan Morgan | 14 Adam Falkowski |
| 02 Susan Tate | 15 Brooke Borgman |
| 04 Calvin Bowling | 17 Dennis Dahl |
| 05 Ross Falkowski | 17 Collin Mahan |
| 05 Grady Hamann | 17 Lauren McGahan |
| 06 Kathy Oakes | 17 Jodi Neino |
| 08 Gordon Sikkenga | 17 Ike Nelson |
| 09 Phyll Groenewoud | 18 Deann Falkowski |
| 09 Steve Sikkenga | 19 Elizabeth Cherry |
| 10 Ethan Schutter | 21 Kathy Hector |
| 11 Greta Auch | 21 Julie Knoester |
| 12 Mary Brower | 24 Susan Kelly |
| 13 Debbie Falkowski | 25 Braylyn Bultema |
| 13 Barb Magee | 25 Brayden Bultema |
| 13 Anna O'Neill | 28 Doris DeVries |

Happy Anniversary!

- 20 Rich and Dianne Weesies
- 22 Don and Jeanne Rypma



Do you want to volunteer? Contact:

Greeters: Shelley Berson (893-6902)

Coffee Fellowship: Gloria R. (894-9415)

Nursery: Katie Bultema (894-0068) & Lynn Ramthun (557-2942)

Sound: Jeff Cherry (894-2163)

PowerPoint: Gloria R. or Pastor Nick (894-9415)

Kids' Klostet: Gayle Strasser (760-9842)

Children's Church: Gina Houtteman (894-4766) & Mandie Johnson (231-828-5655)

Sunday School: Pastor Amy (894-9415)



After a long Christmas break-and a Wednesday cancellation for snow, S.O.S and Kid Connection are back with a bang!

Kid Connection continues to walk through wonderful Old Testament stories. Many of the same kids return week after week-which is great! We have some friends who have joined the Ferry kids who come! Kid Connection is designed to reach out to students who don't know Jesus yet, and the best way to do that is to bring a friend with you! We have a great time playing, singing, and hearing about the One who loves us. And the snacks are pretty good, too! If you are in K-5th grade, give it a try! And bring a friend! Kid Connection meets Wednesday from 6-7:30.



S.O.S. also meets Wednesday 6-7:30, and they have been studying the book of Psalms, and talking about different themes there that connect with our lives. The many middle school boys who walk to Ferry from our neighborhood have great respect for Seth Cherry's awesome dodgeball pitching arm. Seth, a sophomore at Montague, as joined the S.O.S. team, and the kids are getting to know him. S.O.S. remains a mix of Ferry kids and neighborhood friends. Pastor Nick encourages the kids to read their Bibles on their own, and gives Bibles to kids who don't have one at home. We are continually grateful for the talents, time and energy that Diane and Gary Hedrick, Jeanne Flanders and Seth Cherry pour into our middle school kids!

The Sr. high small group meets on Sunday evenings with Mr. Hector and Pastor Nick. In the past few weeks, they have talked about stress, the future, college decisions. This discussion based group is open to all kids, whether they have a faith in Christ, are seeking, or aren't sure what to think.

Ferry's winter retreat to Cran-Hill in late January was cancelled.

Thank you for your support of Ferry's sr. high sub sandwich fundraiser! The kids made about 600 subs on Jan. 31, just in time for the Super Bowl! The money they raise will go towards the summer mission trip, or other youth events.

Sr. high-stay tuned for February's service project!

Search Process Continues...

As we have talked about before, one of the primary things Search Team has been engaged in is developing our Church Profile. In preparation for completing the profile, the Search Team has surveyed ministry and outreach leaders, working their responses and concerns into the profile. Search Team has worked closely with our Classis Supervisor Pastor Randy Bremmer to accurately paint the picture of Ferry. In addition to specific information about Ferry, the profile includes general demographic information about the White Lake area. The final part of the profile has been the Congregational Survey. This survey is designed to help answer specific questions included in the profile.

After the surveys have been collected Search Team will be incorporating the results into the Church Profile, the Profile will then be sent to the RCA. Pastors available for calling have also filled out a Pastoral Profile. The idea is the two profiles will help eliminate churches or pastors going in different directions and bring to the front pastors and churches that feel the same call from God. The pastors that line up best with Ferry's profile will have their information sent to the Search Team. We will then begin sorting through Pastoral Profiles and deciding on the profiles we would like to contact.

Obviously this is not the only method for calling a pastor, however it is one the RCA recommends and it's a method that has a good track record. Please pray for Ferry's search. The Search Team needs wisdom, most of all the Search Team needs be open to hear God's will for Ferry and the person He would have us call.

Keep Praying!

Search Team

Rev. Amy de Groot Bowling, family and youth pastor

Rev. Nick Bowling, family and youth pastor

Gloria Rademaker, editor / deadline for next issue - February 18
