

Ferry Log

Newsletter of Ferry Memorial Reformed Church ♦ June 2015

Search Update

As the search process moves on, the Search Team would like to ask that you continue to pray for Ferry!

Pray for patience. Life moves fast, it's a challenge just to coordinate schedules. Search Team members have read through hundreds of pages of profiles, ask God to grant the Search Team patience. It's also difficult for the congregation of Ferry who wait, pray that our people would trust the Search Team as the process takes place, ask God to grant patience.

Pray that we place a priority on biblical preaching. The congregational survey was very clear that Ferry prioritizes biblical preaching. It is easy to gravitate to personality or programs or a particular age. Pray that, above all, Ferry would call a pastor who will proclaim the Word without apology.



Pray for Shalom. Some churches struggle with wanting a pastor who is like their old one, other churches want someone who is just the opposite. Pray that Ferry will find Shalom with the pastor we call.

Prayer is so important. Pray, and then pray some more, and after that... well, you get the idea!

Your F.M.R.C. Search Team.

BLOCK PARTY!

Friday, June 26 (6-8 pm)

What a great idea. Let's get together, have some fun, and eat some barbeque with our neighbors. Doing this in the summer just seems right. Our summer visitors are here, our programs had a successful year; it's time for a party!

Who should we invite? I see lots of our neighborhood kids at Ferry, but I don't get to meet their parents. Our neighborhood kids have already found out what a great place Ferry is, but their parents have not. Let's make an effort to be welcoming to these families who are already attending our youth programs. We're cooking food for 100 people. Please invite a friend to come with you (as you would invite someone to church).

Rev. Amy de Groot Bowling, family and youth pastor

Rev. Nick Bowling, family and youth pastor

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

The senior high students will be serving in Ontario Canada this summer June 26- July 4 with SERVE. They will be joining 70 other students to repair homes, clean up local parks, work at food pantries, and spend a week growing closer to God. We value your prayers as we embark on this adventure.



Pastoral Care Assistants:

We at Ferry Memorial Reformed Church are focusing on becoming more intergenerational. Thus far we've targeted activities with young people and middle aged folks. Now we would like to expand our focus to include those members of our congregation that are unable to share in the weekly fellowship of our church due to age or infirmities. We're suggesting that an interested group of Ferry members called Pastoral Care Assistants represent the church and visit designated folks once a month. Each PCA team consisting of two members could read scripture with the person they visit, listen to stories, share church news, pray together, or perhaps sing hymns. Once a month the total group of PCAs would meet together to share the prayer needs of those visited, pastoral needs, and then rotate the visitation schedule for the following month.

If you are someone who would be interested in being part of this ministry or have a name to share of someone who would appreciate a monthly visit from a PCA team, please contact Julie Knoester (jaknoe1@gmail.com or 231-893-4541), Marilyn Vanden Heuvel (mvheuvel@gmail.com or 893-2909) or Pastor Amy (pastoramy@charter.net or 893-3748).

People for the Steeple 5K Run/Walk

August 22!

Run or walk to raise money for brick restoration on the old church! Invite a friend-a great way to raise money, but also a great way to invite someone new to a fun event at Ferry Church. And you get to run down Old Channel Trail! Registration forms in the Fellowship Hall, questions to Rich Houtteman.



The Stewardship Committee has begun!

Committee members Lois Brinks, Bonnie Gouine, Stephy Grotenhuis, Rich Houtteman, Barb Poel, Larry VanderPlaats, and Pastor Amy are reading and discussing *The Treasure Principle* by Randy Alcorn. It is a short book about the joy of giving, and discovering God's plan for what he has given us, and how he asks us to use them. God has given us time, talents, and money. How do we use these things to honor God, and how can we give back to God?



The Stewardship Committee will share the book study with Consistory over the summer months.

If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to one of the Committee members!

Happy June Birthday!

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| 03 Don Poel | 16 Owen Weesies |
| 04 Stephy Grotenhuis | 17 Ron Bekius |
| 05 Darlene Scouten | 18 Mari DeRose |
| 07 Ryan Amstutz | 20 Jill Mahan |
| 07 Gary Hedrick | 21 Nancy Radel |
| 08 Ron Pyper | 22 Trent King |
| 08 Ryan Springer | 25 Josh Fredenburg |
| 09 Melinda Moore | 25 Katie Hedrick |
| 09 Dan Proctor | 26 Neil Flanders |
| 10 Barb Paton | 26 Ann Grinwis |
| 11 Joan Grasman | 26 Phyllis Sikkenga |
| 12 Maureen Johnson | 28 Glenn Morgan |
| 14 Cindy Amstutz | 30 Gary Ransom |
| 14 Rain Hakken | 30 Brad Tate |
| 15 Jim Strasser | 30 Jen Weesies |
| 16 Bern Bolema | |

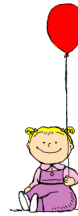


Celebrating Anniversaries!

- 01 Randy & Carissa Biggs
- 01 Bill & Melissa Borgman
- 04 Dan & Janice Proctor
- 07 Ben & Ann Jeffries
- 13 Bryan & Jill Mahan
- 14 Matt & Lindsay DeRose
- 19 Brian & Sarah Balon
- 19 Adam & Deann Falkowski
- 23 Dave & Mary Vermeulen
- 24 Tony & Sue Moulds
- 26 Rich & Gina Houtteman
- 27 Ron & Mary Pyper



June Volunteers!



NURSERY

- 07 Matt & Kim Springer family
- 14 Jeff & Renée Cherry family
- 21 Scott & Kathy Hector family
- 28 Matt & Lindsay DeRose family

SOUND BOARD

- 07 Jeff Auch
- 14 Roger Grasman
- 21 Mark Grotenhuis
- 28 Jeff Cherry



POWERPOINT

- 07 Casey Lownds
- 14 Ann Jeffries
- 21 Ryan Springer
- 28 Lizzy Cherry



COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TIME -

coffee preparers/servers

- 07 Lois Brinks & Carol Brand-Twa
- 14 Mark & Diane Levandowski
- 21 Tony & Sue Moulds
- 28 Lynn & Ike Nelson

cookies/snacks providers

- 07 Katie Bultema & Donna Rypma
- 14 Bonnie Guine & Phyllis Zatzke
- 21 Michelle Hamann & Lisa McGahan
- 28 Rachel Weesies & Rachelle Johnson



What is stewardship?

Simply stated, stewardship is using the gifts God has given us, to do the things God asks (calls!) us to do.