



What do elders and deacons do at monthly consistory meetings?

Consistory Here are a few notes from September's meetings.

Elders:

Adult Sunday School-6 week book study of *Treasure Principle* starts Oct. 18

Classis elder opportunities to serve

Communion, music, worship schedules

Prayed for search committee and church

Elder care needs (people who have illnesses, etc.)

Deacons:

Mission of the Month for Oct-Food & More

Property Committee update on old church restoration

Budget timeline and tasks

Replacing bookkeeper

Consistory:

Ferry's ministries update

Stewardship kickoff October 11

Motion passed: hold congregational meeting on Nov. 8 instead of Nov. 1 (Ferry's bylaws state congregational meeting is to be held on first Sunday in Nov. unless consistory votes to hold on different date)

Motion passed: begin brick restoration work on old church not to exceed \$16,000

Selection of Elders and Deacons:

October 18: Congregational Meeting—submit selections for 2 elders and 2 deacons

November 8: Congregational Meeting—Affirm (or not) the slate.

Rev. Amy de Groot Bowling, family and youth pastor

Rev. Nick Bowling, family and youth pastor

Gloria Rademaker, editor / deadline for next issue - October 19

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from your Stewardship Committee

Coming October 11-Stewardship Kickoff Sunday!

The Bible shows us many ways to grow in faith—prayer, worship together, reading Scripture, service to others, and giving of our time, talent and money to God. This fall, you have the opportunity to join with us in learning how we can grow spiritually through generosity. Through a deeper understanding of generosity and stewardship we hope to continue to grow together in faith as a church family.

WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?

SIMPLY STATED, STEWARDSHIP IS USING THE GIFTS GOD HAS GIVEN US TO DO THE THINGS GOD ASKS (CALLS!) US TO DO.

On October 11, *The Treasure Principle* by Randy Alcorn will be available for you to pick up after worship. Consistory and the stewardship committee have read this small book on joyful giving, and recommend that the church read this together as a way to talk about and learn about stewardship.

Please join a 6 week discussion group beginning October 18 during Sunday School hour! Share your thoughts, and let's learn and grow together!



If you have any questions, see Larry VanderPlaats, Stephy Grotenhuis, Bonnie Gouine, Lois Brinke, Barb Poel, Rich Houtteman or Pastor Amy.

Pastoral Care Assistants:

When Pope Francis conducted his first Mass on American soil, many thousands of the faithful came from all over the country so they could see the Pope and take part in the celebration. I was reminded of how precious it is when we can come and worship together, to be one with the body of believers and share in that fellowship. We have members of our body here at Ferry Memorial, who no longer worship with us due to age, illness, disabilities and the like. As a church that has looked at how we can do better as an intergenerational body of believers, we wanted to address how we can reach out and enfold those who can no longer be part of our fellowship.



Our response is to create teams, Pastoral Care Assistant teams, from our membership where we bring our fellowship to those from our church who are homebound. We are not looking for any specific talent or gifts that would set these teams of individuals apart, but rather a willingness to share one's love and care with others. We recognize that some of you already faithfully visit these individuals and are truly blessed by it. There are others of you, so we ask that you prayerfully consider if you would like to join the PCA team and be an active participant in bringing the love and joy of this fellowship to all of its members.

As we begin to formulate the new concept of Pastoral Care Assistant Teams at Ferry Memorial we would like to thank those who have already stepped forward to participate in this program. In order to best serve all of the homebound members of our congregation, many more of you are needed. Perhaps you have one to two hours a month to serve in this way. We will be beginning in a week or so with a short meeting to train, equip, set up teams and begin assigning them. We would love to have your input, your knowledge of the members of our congregation and your thoughts on how we can best serve them.

If you have any questions or would like to be a part of this exciting new program, please contact Julie Knoester, Marilyn Vanden Heuvel, Holly VanderPlaats or Sharon Ransom.

Growing in Faith this fall!



From 6-7:30 pm each Wednesday night at Ferry is filled with fun, excitement, games, and learning about God's Big Story (the Bible).

For K-5th graders-Kid Connection! Kids have free time to draw, play with Legos, and hang out, then are gathered for an activity or a game related to the night's lesson. After some joyful singing (and dancing!) kids hear the night's interactive Bible story. Then kids split up into K-2nd grade and 3rd-5th grade to interact with the story and apply it to their lives through discussion, art or activity. All kids are welcome, and this is designed specifically for friends to come! You don't need to know anything about the Bible to participate. Want to share God's love with a friend? Invite them to come!

For 6th-8th graders-S. O. S. (Servants of the Savior). All middle school kids are welcome to play crazy games, slurp Slushies and learn about God's love for you, and to grow deeper in love and deeper in knowledge of God. Leaders Gary and Diane Hedrick, Jeanne Flanders and Seth Cherry join Pastor Nick to share their life and faith. This fall S.O.S. will focus on teens in the Bible-God uses us all, regardless of our age! How will God use YOU this year?

All new-Sunday Morning Sr. High Breakfast Club! A tasty homemade breakfast, good conversation. High school students will be studying No Easy Answers, a study in ethics. How do we make difficult choices? How do we honor God as we seek to make good decisions in our lives? What are our guiding principles? Questions? Talk to Pastor Nick. Meet at the Friendship House 10:45-11:30 am Sunday mornings!

S C O O P

Happy October Birthday!

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| 03 Phil Brower | 19 Sue Moulds |
| 06 Tammy McGee | 20 Mike Joyce |
| 06 Hannah Moulds | 22 Brayden Berson |
| 08 Carissa McGahan | 25 Sandy Huttenga |
| 08 Dave Rypma | 27 Deb Markel |
| 09 Emma Hector | 28 Ben Bowling |
| 09 Abby Kozal | 28 Joanne Heck |
| 13 Donna Rypma | 28 Gloria Rademaker |
| 19 Jake Fredenburg | 28 Morgan Weesies |
| 19 Briemann Hamann | 30 Amy Weesies |
| 19 Dean Lohman | 31 Bill Borgman |



Celebrating Anniversaries!

- 06 John & Sandy Pickett
- 09 Steve & Deb Markel
- 11 Dave & Chris DeRose
- 14 Phil & Mary Brower
- 15 Gary & Diane Hedrick
- 19 Mike & Sharon Barnhardt
- 31 Gary & Sharon Ransom



If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please call Gloria in the church office (894-9415) or email: fmrchurch@charter.net and provide the missing information. We would like to “recognize” your special date!

October Volunteers!

NURSERY

- 04 Matt & Kim Springer family
- 11 Jeff & Renée Cherry family
- 18 Scott & Kathy Hector family
- 25 Matt & Lindsay DeRose family



SOUND BOARD

- 04 Roger Grasman
- 11 Mark Grotenhuis
- 18 Jeff Cherry
- 25 Jeff Auch



POWERPOINT

- 04 Ryan Springer
- 11 Ann Jeffries
- 18 Lizzy Cherry
- 25 Casey Lownds

Children's Church

- 04 Ann Beishuizen, Joyce Brownell
- 11 Gina & Rachel Houtteman
- 18 Jeff & Renée Cherry family
- 25 Eric & Rachel Weesies family



COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TIME -

coffee preparers/servers

- 04 Gary & Sharon Ransom
- 11 Lois Brinks & Carol Brand-Twa
- 18 Mark & Diane Levandowski
- 25 Dave & Lyn Rypma

cookies/snacks providers

- 04 Margaret Amstutz
- 11 Karen Bolema
- 18 Katie Bultema & Donna Rypma
- 25 Dave & Lyn Rypma



GREETERS AT THE DOORS

- North entrance: Lynn & Ike Nelson
- South entrance: Mike & Sharon Barnhardt



Thank you for offering a welcoming hand and smile as we come to worship the Lord.