

SEARCH UPDATE



**PASTORAL
SEARCH
COMMITTEE**

As we move into April the Search Team would like to thank you for all the prayer support! At this time we have five pastors we are actively engaged with. We recently did one interview here at the church and will do several more in April. Please pray for the Search Team as the Holy Spirit leads us into a relationship with Ferry's next pastor.

We ask you would use these scriptures and thoughts to guide your prayer

Matthew 18: 18,19 - Pray for powerful unity and oneness of spirit within our Search Team

Isaiah 55:8-9 - Pray for God's clear direction during the process of examining pastoral profiles. Ask God to bring the right person to the Team's attention, and to make His thoughts and His ways known to us.

1 Corinthians 2:10-16 – Pray especially for the Search Team to be sensitive to, and rely on, the wisdom of the Holy Spirit in all the questions we ask of the candidates.

Thank you for your support, keep praying!

F.M.R.C. Search Team

Rev. Walter Jones, Interim pastor

Rev. Amy de Groot Bowling, family and youth pastor

Rev. Nick Bowling, family and youth pastor

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The Master's Touch

I got to be thinking this morning about a little story that a friend in Arizona sent me recently. I read the story and put it away. But this morning, I got the story back out and thought about it again. Suddenly, it seemed to me that God's Spirit was leading me to share this story with you. I trust that it will give you as much reason to pause and think and give thanks to God for His involvement in your life as it did me. Every time as I think of God's greatness, and at the same time, His desire to be a part of our lives, I marvel. See how this strikes you...

There was once a mother who wanted very much to encourage her young son's progress on the piano. [It seemed to me that this story is especially fitting as we rapidly approach Mother's Day again this year.] Anyway, this young mother took her boy to a Paderewski concert. It was going to be a grand piano concert and she was sure it would inspire the boy. After they were seated, the mother spotted an old friend in the audience and walked down the aisle to greet her.

Seizing the opportunity to explore the wonders of the concert hall, the little boy rose and eventually explored his way through a door that was marked, "No Admittance!" It seemed to the mother that "just a moment had passed," but when the house lights dimmed and the concert was about to begin, the mother returned to her seat only to discover that the child was missing.

Suddenly, the curtains parted and spotlights focused on the impressive Steinway on stage. In horror, the mother looked at the stage and saw her little boy sitting at the keyboard of the magnificent instrument, innocently picking out, "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star."

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At just that moment, the great piano master made his entrance, quickly moved to the piano, and with a broad smile on his face, whispered in the boy's ear, "Don't quit. Keep playing." Then, leaning over, Paderewski reached down with his left hand and began filling in a bass part. Soon his right hand reached around to the other side of the child, and he added a running obbligato.

Together, the old master and the young novice transformed what could have been a most frightening, embarrassing situation into a wonderfully creative experience. When the two finished, after a moment of absolute silence, the concert hall erupted into applause. The audience was so mesmerized by what they had all seen and heard that afterwards, few could recall what else the great master played. But everyone present would never forget the classic, "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star."

Perhaps that's the way it is with our God, too. What we can accomplish on our own in this life is really hardly noteworthy. We try our best, we may honestly try... but the results aren't always graceful, flowing music. However, with the hand of the Master on ours... our life's work can truly be beautiful. Does that make sense to you?

The next time you set out to accomplish something... listen carefully. You may hear the voice of the Master, whispering in your ear, "Don't quit! Keep playing!" In that moment, may you know the feel of His arms around you and know that His hands are there, helping turn your feeble attempts into true masterpieces. For me, the words of Paul in Philippians certainly strike a resonate chord here when he reminds us, "We can do all things through Christ, who gives us strength." [Philippians 4:13]

"Remember, God doesn't seem to call the equipped, so much as He equips the called." Blessings to you all....

Pastor Jones



SOS welcomes 5th graders! I love Wednesdays at Ferry. Kid Connection (our ministry program to K-5) was a fantastic success this year. It took a team of dedicated teachers, helpers, and volunteers to run Kid Connection—I appreciate every one of you. Ending the year with bird houses and a pizza party was icing on the cake. Nice job everyone.



While Kid Connection has completed its year, SOS will run until the end of the school year. This is an opportunity to "graduate" our 5th graders early into the SOS program. If your child is in 5th grade right now—they are invited to SOS. Sweet, right?

Here is what we do? We play raucous games! When it gets warm we will throw lots of water balloons! We are also serious about growing in faith. This year we've been praying for one another and sharing devotions in a group setting while challenging students to develop personal habits of nightly devotions and prayer. We also sing together, watch videos, drink slushies, learn how to use the Bible and be familiar with it—this year focusing on the fruits of the Spirit.

So if you are in 5th grade, WELCOME, and bring a friend, we love sharing what's happening at SOS with new people.

Pastor Nick



Happy April Birthday!

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| 01 MaKenna Flanders | 13 Grace Brower |
| 01 Chris Sikkenga | 13 Vern Peterson |
| 03 Dianne Weesies | 14 Kobe McCoy |
| 04 Brock Weesies | 15 Chris DeRose |
| 05 Kay Drinkwater | 16 Hawk Hakken |
| 05 Rich Weesies | 17 Rachelle Johnson |
| 06 Rachel Springer | 18 Dave Roodvoets |
| 07 Cara Falkowski | 20 Nick Bultema |
| 07 Kim Springer | 20 Luke DeRose |
| 08 Katie Bultema | 20 Jim Sytsma |
| 08 Lynn Nelson | 20 Jim VanderMaas |
| 09 Rachel Weesies | 22 Griffin Lownds |
| 09 Karl DeWitt | 24 Bill Jellema |
| 09 Ben Jeffries | 24 Chris Ritchie |
| 11 Rick Holman | 26 Bob Paton |
| 11 Ken Kooiman | 28 Margaret Amstutz |
| 11 Gayle Strasser | 28 Linda Schutter |
| 12 Cathy Aulerich | 29 Pastor Amy Bowling |
| 12 Nicole Grask | 29 Luke Hakken |
| 13 Marcia Brichan | |



April Wedding Anniversaries

- 05 Neil & Jeanne Flanders
- 16 Mike & Lisa McGahan
- 29 Bill & Karen McClain
- 30 Jim & Gayle Strasser



April Volunteers!

NURSERY

- 03 Scott & Angie Schutter, Emma Hector
- 10 John & Michelle Hamann family
- 17 Brian & Sarah Balon
- 24 Janice Proctor, Ann Beishuizen, Lizzy Cherry



SOUND BOARD

- 03 Jeff Cherry
- 10 Jeff Auch
- 17 Roger Grasman
- 24 Mark Grotenhuis



POWERPOINT

- 03 Lizzy Cherry
- 10 Ryan Springer
- 17 Ann Jeffries
- 24 Casey Lownds

Children's Church

- 03 No Children's Church
- 10 No Children's Church
- 17 Eric & Rachel Weesies family (lesson 19)
- 24 Pastor Amy, Dawn Auch, Rachel Houtteman, and Braley Johnson



COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TIME -

coffee preparers/servers

- 03 Dan & Janice Proctor
- 10 Gary & Sharon Ransom
- 17 Carol Witzke
- 24 Jeff & Dawn Auch

cookies/snacks providers

- 03 Lynn Ramthun
- 10 Gord & Chris Sikkenga
- 17 Rachel Weesies
- 24 Brad & Susan Tate



GREETERS AT THE DOORS

North entrance: Harlan & Donna Rypma
 South & East entrances: Ben & Ann Jeffries



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