

# Ferry Log

Newsletter of Ferry Memorial Reformed Church ♦ August 2016

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Regardless, this is good news—almost 60% of teens have never had sex. We praise God that he created us as sexual beings, and given us God honoring ways to use our sexuality, as we find in the Bible. And we praise God that risky behaviors (including sex) for teens are dropping!

Pastor Amy

CDC results can be found at:

[www.cdc.gov/healthyouth/data/yrbs/results.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/healthyouth/data/yrbs/results.htm).

About 16,000 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students from 125 schools participated in the study.

CBS news article [www.cbsnews.com/news/teen-survey-sex-drugs-smoking-trends/](http://www.cbsnews.com/news/teen-survey-sex-drugs-smoking-trends/)



## Memorial Garden Bricks

If you would like to place a brick in the memorial garden, please pick up a form from the sign-up table in Fellowship Hall and bring or mail the completed form to the office. Cost of imprinting: \$30. Questions? Ask Gloria Rademaker ([fmrchurch@charter.net](mailto:fmrchurch@charter.net))



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*Rev. Leighton Seys, senior pastor*

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*Rev. Amy de Groot Bowling, family and youth pastor*

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*Rev. Nick Bowling, family and youth pastor*

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*Gloria Rademaker, editor / deadline for next issue - August 22*

## Meet Pastor Leighton Seys!

Before his arrival in August, I (Pastor Amy) asked Pastor Leighton a few questions to help FMRC get to know him!

What is your favorite pizza? Fricano's—everything but (anchovies) with double cheese

What is the last movie you have seen? *Machine Gun Preacher*—a drug addict turns his life around, begins a church, then goes to Sudan to rescue boys who were forced to join the rebel army

What are you currently doing for devotions? I am getting ready for a Christian leadership summit in mid August, so I'm looking into what speakers have written and put online.

What do you and Brandi like to do together? We love to go for walks, and out to eat

What are you looking forward to at FMRC? I am looking forward to working on a staff at a larger church, and doing things collectively with others.

What are you looking forward to about living in West MI? We are looking forward to being surrounded by trees! The places we have previously lived are so wide open that we could see so far in the distance, with no houses, no nothing, and felt a little isolated. Even the highways in West Michigan are lined with trees.

You are beginning a sermon series on prayer in August. Why did you choose to begin your ministry here preaching on prayer? Prayer is the most valuable and important thing we as Christians can do with each other and for each other. If we are going to begin ministry together, prayer is the quickest way to unite us in following Christ and His vision.

## Installation Service for Rev. Leighton Seys Sunday, August 14, 3 pm



### What is an installation service?

At the beginning of a new pastoral call, the local Classis installs a pastor. It is similar to FMRC's installation of new elders and deacons each January as they begin their term of service with us.

### Who attends?

The Ferry Memorial Reformed Church congregation, Muskegon Classis elders and pastors, and the Seys' family and friends.

### What is the service like?

It is a worship service with some "official" parts. Rev. Seys will take vows to faithfully serve FMRC as pastor, and the congregation will be asked to affirm "their covenant with the minister God has given them". Muskegon Classis also officially receives Rev. Seys as a member.

### Should I come?

Yes! Installation services don't happen often in the life of the church, only when a new pastor is called. It marks a new beginning in the relationship of a church and pastor, and you get to be a part of it! Coffee and cake reception to follow.



## Teen risky behavior drops



According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), risky behavior for teens in the U.S. has decreased in the areas of smoking, drinking, using marijuana, and notably in the area of sexual activity. In the last year, the percentage of high school age teens who have ever had sex decreased to 41% (from a high of 54% in 1991) after hovering around 47% from 2001-2013. That's a big drop! Other risky sexual behaviors are down as well; teens having sex before age 13 dropped to 4% (inching down from a high of 10% in 1991), kids with at least 4 partners is down to 11% (18% in 1991).

Are teens having less sex? It seems so; the CDC is interested in the results of the next study (in 2018) to make sure this isn't a statistical "blip". Teen pregnancy and teen abortions are down, which some attributed to better use of birth control, but this study implies that teens are also simply having less sex. Why? Researchers aren't sure. A few theories (from an interesting cbs.com article)

1. Our culture is shifting-kids are more likely to text a significant other from home than go to "Lookout Point and park", one researcher said. Similarly, 40% of kids reported they spend 3 hours or more on the computer a day, spending less time away from home participating in risky behavior (and also, less time outdoors-the CDC noted an increase in teen obesity)
2. We as a culture (especially teens) have begun to talk about sexuality more openly, so what was once "taboo", and an "adult only" topic, is no longer so. Teens are less likely to use sex as a way to rebel or as something to "reach for", John Hopkins University researcher Beth Marshall theorizes.

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# Happy August Birthday!

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 02 Vern Christiansen     | 11 Don Rypma            |
| 02 Nick Moulds           | 11 Deb Schutter Jellema |
| 03 Gordon DeVries        | 12 Bill Groenewoud      |
| 04 Doreen Bekius         | 13 Ken Giddis           |
| 04 Bonnie Gouine         | 16 Matt DeRose          |
| 04 Aveanna McCoy         | 17 Collin Breit         |
| 04 Matt Springer         | 17 Tom Johnson          |
| 05 Esther Arnett         | 18 Drew DeRose          |
| 05 Leigh Johnson         | 23 Sarah Balon          |
| 05 Ellen VanderMaas      | 23 Bill Knoester        |
| 07 Darren Breit          | 24 Eliza Bowling        |
| 07 Tom Oakes             | 24 Phyllis Zatzke       |
| 08 Sharon Barnhardt      | 25 Beth Pickard         |
| 08 Andrew Johnson        | 26 Roger Grasman        |
| 09 Bailey Hawkins        | 26 Cora Hoezee          |
| 09 Ginny Sytsma          | 29 Ian Flanders         |
| 10 Marilyn Vanden Heuvel | 31 Joshua Holman        |
| 11 Myla Ramthun          | 31 Clayton Johnson      |




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# August Wedding Anniversaries

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|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 01 John & Michelle Hamann  | 16 Paul & Nicole Grasak         |
| 02 Kevin & Linda Schutter  | 17 Harlan & Donna Rypma         |
| 03 Roger & Linda Starring  | 18 Nick & Amy Bowling           |
| 05 Bern & Donna Doornbos   | 19 Don & Barb Poel              |
| 05 Dennis & Jodie Roesler  | 19 Bill & Marilyn Vanden Heuvel |
| 07 Bern & Karen Bolema     | 23 Ron & Doreen Bekius          |
| 08 Jim & Ginny Sytsma      | 25 Tom & Rachelle Johnson       |
| 09 Gordon & Doris DeVries  | 25 Jim & Sue Morford            |
| 11 Leigh & Maureen Johnson | 26 Gord & Chris Sikkenga        |
| 11 Dan & Wanda Lownds      | 27 Jeff & Renée Cherry          |
| 12 Bruce & Susan Kelly     | 27 Rich & Carol Witzke          |
| 15 Jerry & Marcia Brichan  | 30 Ross & Debbie Falkowski      |



# August Volunteers!

## NURSERY

- 07 Brian & Sarah Balon  
 14 Janice Proctor, Ann Beishuizen, Lizzy Cherry  
 21 Kevin & Lynn Ramthun  
 28 Carissa & Randy Biggs, Amanda Johnson



## SOUND BOARD

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



## POWERPOINT

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

## COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TIME -

### coffee preparers/servers

- 07 Dan & Janice Proctor  
  
 14 Gary & Sharon Ransom  
  
 21 Don & Barb Poel  
 28 Jeff & Dawn Auch



### cookies/snacks providers

- 07 Bonnie Gouine & Phyllis Zatzke  
 14 Michelle Hamann & Lisa McGahan  
 21 Lynn Ramthun  
 28 Gord & Chris Sikkenga

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



# AUGUST

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

	1	2 Prayer Shawl Group 1 pm	3	4	5	6
7 Worship at 9:30 am  ACWL Thoreau Trio Concert 7:30 pm	8	9 Prayer Shawl Group 1 pm	10 Stephen Ministry Supervision 6:30 pm	11 ACWL 4-Hand Piano Concert 7:30 pm	12	13
14 Rev. Seys Installation Service, 3 pm  Family Promise ⇌	15	16 Prayer Shawl Group 1 pm	17 Elders 7 pm Deacons 7 pm Full <b>Consistory</b> 8 pm	18 Backpack event 5-7 pm at Lebanon Lutheran Church	19	20
21	22 	23 Prayer Shawl Group 1 pm	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Prayer Shawl Group 1 pm	31			