

Ferry Log

Newsletter of Ferry Memorial Reformed Church ♦ June 2016

BLOCK PARTY—More blessed to give than receive

June 24th, 2016 it will happen. The sweet and smoky aroma of our block will permeate the neighborhood. Gary Hedrick will be here early in the morning, bringing his cast iron smoker up to the perfect temperature. Just enough smoke, and the perfect mix of tang and spice in his sauce. He'll field the same questions he gets every year—letting people know that there's nothing he'd rather be doing than cooking for his friends.

The face painters did an amazing job last year, and I can't wait to see what they come up with this year! Rick and Amanda Holman will....(Griffin Lownds, can I steal your joke?) be the bouncers of the bounce house. Ferry families will host lawn games like Flamingo Toss and Giant Kerplunk.



What's our plan in all of this? What is it we hope to accomplish? Let's give gifts to our neighborhood. This block party is just a beginning of what we have to offer. Let's not only have a great time at the block party, let's invite someone else along. The blessings of Christ are something we receive at Ferry; even better, the blessings of Christ are ours to share.

Rev. Walter Jones, Interim pastor

Rev. Amy de Groot Bowling, family and youth pastor

Rev. Nick Bowling, family and youth pastor

Gloria Rademaker, editor / deadline for next issue - June 20

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from Pastor Walt...

Isn't The Love of God Something Wonderful?

I came across this intriguing illustration the other day that spoke to me in a special way, and I thought I would share it now with you here this month in our Ferry Log. I know that many of you here at Ferry Memorial Church are animal lovers in general and perhaps some in particular are horse lovers, and so I trust that this illustration will speak to you as it did to me.

Nestled down in the rolling hills and hollows of southern Kentucky, the "Living Springs Ranch" is known throughout the county for its beautiful horses. Many a prize winner, and even a few animal who have had some success on the track, call "Living Springs" home. Now admittedly, I don't know a great deal about horses. [I'm more of a "dog lover," myself.] However, I have friends who do have horses, and I love to listen to them talk about their animals. It's pretty obvious to me, that those who do have animals, love those animals very much and treat them almost like children, in some cases.

Anyway, as this story is told, as you look out in one of the fields at "Living Springs," you will see two horses named Pete and Sally. At first, from a distance, especially to the untrained eye, each of the two horses, pretty much looks like every other horse on the ranch. You know, four legs, bushy tails and big brown eyes... However, if you stop and look for a moment, and really take the time to study the two animals there, you will notice something quite amazing.

Looking into the eyes of one of the animals, Pete, a seven-year old male, you will notice a glaze over his eyes that discloses to you that he is blind. His owner has chosen not to have him put down, but rather has elected to make a good home for him. This alone is amazing and says something about the love of the owner, I should think.

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Listening carefully, one will hear the sound of a bell. Looking around for the source of the sound, one will see that it comes from a smaller female horse, in the same field, named Sally. Attached to Sally's bridle is a small bell. The bell lets her blind friend know exactly where she is, so he can follow her. As one stands and watches these two friends, one sees how Sally is always checking on Pete, and that Pete will listen for her bell, and then slowly walk to where she is, trusting that she will not lead him astray.

Now, why have I chosen to tell you this story about Pete and Sally? Well, here's the point in a nutshell. Like the owner of these two animals, God does not "throw us away" just because we are "not perfect" or because we have "problems or challenges." Rather, He watches over us, provides for us, and even brings others into our lives at just the right times to help us when we are in need. That's truly the wonder of His love for each of us.

In John 13: 34-35, John shares with us a comment that Jesus once made concerning just how we are to think of and relate to one another that really needs little additional comment on my part. You've heard these words before, so I'd only ask you to think of them in the light of Pete and Sally.

"A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love and care for one another. In this way, all men will know and understand that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

As I said, God watches over us, provides for us and even brings others into our lives to help us when we are in need. Sometimes, we are like blind Pete being guided by God and those He brings into our lives. Other times we are like Sally, helping others to see God. As you go through your day today... think about Pete and Sally and how we must learn to love and care for one another.

Blessings to you all...

Pastor Jones



Submitted by Jeanne Rypma



Born to Win

based on a true story

summary from the back of the DVD:

"Born to Win" is based on the true story of Leon Terblanche. Leon is a teacher at a school for physically disabled children and is confronted with the question: "Where is God?" This sets him on a journey where he discovers that God has always been there—neither he nor the children were ever alone. He learns that no matter how broken you are, God is always our only living hope.

"Full of emotion, humor, and real-life faith struggles."

ChristianCinema.com

Do you need a quiet place to relax...ponder...read? Check out our Church Library.

Our library has a variety of books, the latest issue of RCA Today and comfy chairs.



It is located off the hallway in the narthex.

AND, if you would like to take home a video for the week...peruse the Videos available by the Library door!





A review submitted by Jeanne Rypma—

The Cost of our Silence
by David Fiorazo

This book deals with the consequences of Christians taking the path of least resistance.

summary from the rear flap of the book:

Christian in name only, America has become an epicenter for the culture war as too many of us keep ducking the issue of sin. Due to decades of Christians being silent, failing to preach the gospel and speak the truth in love, we've reached a tipping point in which political correctness refuses to coexist with religious freedom. Why do you think Christians who defend God's Word are often called hateful, intolerant, or judgmental? There are consequences in this life and for eternity, when Christians take the path of least resistance. We cannot reverse the moral decline, but we can choose to stand for righteousness as we pray for revival and be the salt and light Jesus called us to be while we're still here.

A quote from Dietrich Bonhoeffer who was executed in Germany during the rule of Hitler, for standing up for Jesus, "Silence in the face of evil is evil itself."

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!

**Summer activities for families and
Kid Connection friends!**



Friday, June 24 6 pm Block Party (see article)

Wednesday, July 13 6 pm Potluck and games at Maple Grove Park, Montague. Bring a dish to pass, hot dogs provided. Organized games and a great playground!

Friday, August 5, 6 pm Service project-beach cleanup! We care for God's creation by picking up trash on the beach. Swimming, hot dogs and marshmallow roast!

Anyone is welcome to come, young and old! Questions? Contact Dawn Auch or Renee Cherry

SR.HIGH MISSION TRIP JULY 2-9

This past year, a college freshman changed her major to social work in part because of her experiences on Ferry's sr. high mission trips. This student has always had a heart for people on the margins, and getting to know and work with people in homeless situations for the past two mission trips has encouraged her to study social work. Service trips provide an opportunity for students to get out of their comfort zone, experience God in a new way, grow deeper in faith, and possibly influence their future career!

High school students Cecelia McGahan, Rebekah Kozicki, and Katie Howard (with Lisa McGahan and Pastor Amy) head to Port Perry, Ontario for a weeklong service project July 2-9. We are joining 40 other students at this SERVE project.

Students on SERVE participate in revitalizing communities, showing compassion for the marginalized, caring for creation, providing recreation for children, performing acts of kindness and sharing the gospel. SERVE is all about joining with God

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and a local congregation in the renewal of all things.
www.youthunlimited.org/serve

The emphasis at SERVE is joining in what God is already doing in the community and local church. SERVE encourages relational ministry. A group may be assigned to rake a lawn for an elderly woman who lost her husband; they will meet her and hear her story. Other groups may sort groceries or clothes for several hours, then spend time with persons who live on the street or are underemployed and in need of a meal or something to wear.

SERVE also encourages kids to return home and continue to serve the other 51 weeks of the year in their own church and community. Thanks for your support of the sub sandwich sale! This helps make the trip affordable for our students!



Search Update...

As we move into summer please continue to pray for Ferry's Search Team. Specifically Search Team would ask that you pray for wisdom and that God will continue to guide our process and our decisions. Also pray for the next pastor that God has for us. Pray that pastor will listen for God's voice and hear God's leading. Pray that all focus be on God's will and direction for Ferry.

Thank you

F.M.R.C. Search Team



Prayer Shawl



Looking for a cool place to knit this summer?

Join Ferry's prayer

shawl ministry-new people wel-

come! Each Tuesday from 1-3 a group of women meet in the Friendship House to knit, crochet, chat and pray. The prayer shawls are given to people undergoing surgery, loss of a loved one, or other difficult time. Being wrapped in a shawl is a reminder we are wrapped in God's love, and wrapped in prayers of God's people. Join us all year, or just for the summer! Yarn is provided, just bring your knitting needles! Questions? Contact Karen Bolema 766-2078 or Sue Joyce 861-2134.

June Wedding Anniversaries

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



Happy June Birthday!

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| 03 DON POEL | 17 RON BEKIUS |
| 04 STEPHY GROTENHUIS | 17 CHRISTINE BUSSCHER |
| 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 SIKKENG |
| 12 MAUREEN JOHNSON | 27 LIZ BUSSCHER |
| 14 CYNDI AMSTUTZ | 28 GLENN MORGAN |
| 14 RAIN HAKKEN | 30 GARY RANSOM |
| 15 JIM STRASSER | 30 BRAD TATE |
| 16 BERN BOLEMA | 30 JENNIFER WEESIES |
| 16 OWEN WEESIES | |



June Volunteers!



NURSERY

- 05 Jeff & Renée Cherry family
- 12 Matt & Lindsay DeRose family
- 19 Dawn & Isabelle Auch, Kaitlyn Hamann
- 26 Rich & Gina Houtteman family

SOUND BOARD

- 05 Jeff Auch
- 12 Roger Grasman
- 19 Mark Grotenhuis
- 26 Jeff Cherry



POWERPOINT

- 05 Ryan Springer
- 12 Ann Jeffries
- 19 Casey Lownds
- 26 Lizzy Cherry

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TIME -

coffee preparers/servers

- 05 Dan & Janice Proctor
- 12 Gary & Sharon Ransom
- 19 Carol Witzke
- 26 Jeff & Dawn Auch



cookies/snacks providers

- 05 Michelle Hamann & Lisa McGahan
- 12 Lynn Ramthun
- 19 Gord & Chris Sikkenga
- 26 Rachel Weesies

GREETERS AT THE DOORS



- North entrance: Bob & Barb Paton
- South & East entrances: Dave & Beth Pickard

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

Mission of the Month
♥
Teen Challenge



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5 Worship 9:30 am Listen Groups 10:45 am & 6 pm	6 Listen Groups 6 pm	7 Prayer Shawl Group 1 pm	8 SOS 6pm (last until fall)	9	10	11
12 Worship 9:30 am	13	14 Prayer Shawl Group 1 pm Stephen Ministry 6:30 pm	15 Consistory	16 Men at PEACE 7 pm	17	18
19 Worship 9:30 am Teen Challenge	20  Ferry Log deadline	21 Prayer Shawl Group 1 pm	22	23	24 	25
26 Worship 9:30 am	27	28 Prayer Shawl Group 1 pm	29	30		