

Sunday School-new faces have joined the team! We are glad for their love for Christ and desire to help us grow deep as a church!

PreK and K Katie Bultema

1st-3rd Ken Vanderstelt

4th-5th Carissa Biggs

6th-8th Rachelle Johnson and Michelle Hamann

9th-12th Harlan and Donna Rypma

Layover *Growing Up* (and growing deep in God!)

Friendship House *not a fan* with Pastor Leighton

Picking Teams

I'm sure you remember picking teams for a games in gym class or on the playground. Perhaps even holding your breath to be picked and hoping not to get picked last. Funny how something with no lasting value can create such anxiety and memories. What irony then that when we become adults we so often feel a sense of relief that we don't get picked, or we shy away from being noticed so we never have our names called, so to speak.

I don't mention this to shame anyone, but rather to heighten our resolve to be in prayer for those who do serve and lead among us. We are in process of selecting and electing new elders and deacons for the year ahead. And what they need most from us is our prayers. Prayers for wisdom and discernment. Prayers for courage and strength. Prayers for their families and for use of time. Prayers for personal growth, patience, and endurance. And whether they are serving for the first time or the fifth time they need our prayers for unity and camaraderie as they grow together as elders and deacons serving alongside each other.

As I was reflecting upon the names of those nominated I reflected back on the selection process to replace Judas:

Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection. So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. Then they prayed, Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs. Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles. Acts 1:21-26

I've usually been drawn to the request for God to show which

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There are many ways to get connected at FMRC!

Kids Hope mentors meet with a Montague elementary student for one hour each week. One hour can change a child's life! Some students need help with homework, some just need a caring adult to listen and pay attention to them, and all kids love a game of Uno! You don't need to be an expert, just a person who cares. Training is provided. Talk to Sue Moulds soon! Mentoring begins this month.

Can you pray for a Sr. High student once a week, send birthday/Christmas cards, and an occasional encouragement card? If so, please sign up in the Fellowship Hall. Snowbirds, you can pray from Florida or Arizona! Questions to Pastor Amy

Like to knit or crochet? Join the prayer shawl team on Tuesdays 1 pm-3 pm. Questions to Sue Joyce or Karen Bolema

Rev. Leighton Seys, senior pastor

Rev. Amy de Groot Bowling, family and youth pastor

Rev. Nick Bowling, family and youth pastor

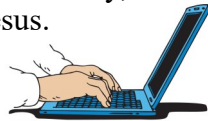
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one should serve since God truly knows them. But as I read it this time I was struck by the description of the role to: become a witness of Jesus' resurrection. As you read the rest of the description it is simply about when they began to follow and what they saw. But this phrase is not about what they currently are or currently are doing. It is about who they will become.

I know elders and deacons are different than Apostles. But much more than simply having a focus on whether someone meets the minimum requirements to serve, we should focus also on who they will become by serving. Of course God knows the heart, but let us pray for the whole person, and not only for those we are now selecting, but also for those already serving. That God will continue to help them become elders and deacons who serve with boldness and gladness for all at Ferry, to the honor and glory of the one they serve, Christ Jesus.

Pastor Leighton



Consistory Update on GLS

Consistory took the last month to review feedback from the Global Leadership Summit. They spoke to many who attended. Pastor Leighton shared from his trip to Chicago with other pastors following the Summit. After praying and discussing it at the past two meetings, consistory voted to host the Summit again next year. We see that many who attended were blessed by attending and believe it will be a blessing again next year to Ferry and the Community.

Among the questions raised two are ones that we will keep asking as we move forward to help us evaluate its impact:

- 1) Will this continue to require a huge time commitment of staff? Some factors that lead to the extra work will not happen next year, we will have longer to prepare and we will have experience from this year to be our new starting point. Our feeling is that it will require less time next year.
- 2) Will this really lead to having better equipped volunteers, retention of volunteers and more volunteers? Honestly, it is

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Our fall programs have kicked off with Archery Tag and a pizza party!



Thanks to all our fantastic volunteers who are sharing God's Word and building relationships with our kids through teaching, play, and good conversations!

In ALL areas of our life, we grow in faith! FMRC's faith formation programs include...

Head-knowing about God

Heart-believing in and loving Jesus

Hands-serving

J.U.M.P. (formerly Kid Connection) is for PreK-5th graders. Each week, students learn about God's Word, and live out their faith through an onsite service project or craft. Dawn Auch, Renee Cherry, Mark Grotenhuis and Brandi Seys lead.

S.O.S. (6th-8th) In S.O.S. we talk about the Bible and how it relates to our lives. We also talk about issues that middle school students face such as peer pressure, family relationships, friends, etc. We begin each night playing games with the Sr. High. Once a month our students will live out their faith through service. October-raking leaves (date TBD). Pastor Amy, Laura Ritchie lead, Nicole and Paul Grasak are service leaders.

Sr. High (9th-12th) Sr. High students will dive into deep discussions of faith and theology-and play games, too! Pastor Nick, Gary Hedrick, and Stephy Grotenhuis are looking forward to a great year. Archery Tag at Kickoff was awesome! birthday/Christmas cards, and an occasional encouragement card? If so, please sign up in the Fellowship Hall. Snowbirds, you can pray from Florida or Arizona! Questions to Pastor Amy



Celebrating October Birthdays!

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| 03 Phil Brower | 22 Brayden Berson |
| 06 Hannah Moulds | 25 Sandy Huttenga |
| 08 Carissa McGahan | 27 Deb Markel |
| 08 Dave Rypma | 28 Ben Bowling |
| 13 Donna Rypma | 28 Joann Heck |
| 19 Briann Hamann | 28 Gloria Rademaker |
| 19 Dean Lohman | 28 Morgan Weesies |
| 19 Sue Moulds | 30 Amy Weesies |
| 20 Mike Joyce | |



October Wedding Anniversaries

- 09 Steve & Deb Markel
 11 Dave & Chris DeRose
 14 Phil & Mary Brower
 15 Gary & Diane Hedrick
 19 Mike & Sharon Barnhardt
 23 Ryan & Lindsey Weesies
 31 Gary & Sharon Ransom



October Volunteers!

NURSERY

- 01 Janice Proctor, Ann Beishuizen
 08 Brian & Sarah Balon
 15 Kevin & Lynn Ramthun family
 22 Randy & Carissa Biggs
 29 Nick & Katie Bultema family



SOUND BOARD

- 01 Roger Grasman
 08 Mark Grotenhuis
 15 Jeff Cherry
 22 Jeff Auch
 29 Roger Grasman

VIDEO

- 01 Tony Moulds
 08 Griffin Lownds
 15 Trent Grasak
 22 Isabelle Auch
 29 Tony Moulds

POWERPOINT

- 01 Ryan Springer
 08 Casey Lownds
 15 Lizzy Cherry
 22 Ann Jeffries
 29 Ann Jeffries

Children's Church

- 01 Diane Levandowski, Shelley Berson (lesson 43)
 08 Ann Beishuizen, Joyce Brownell (lesson 44)
 15 Jeff & Renée Cherry family (lesson 46)
 22 Kevin & Lynn Ramthun family (lesson 47)
 29 Dan & Wanda Lownds family (lesson 48)



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too soon to know. We have heard good things from those attending, but may not know the answer to this until we get a few years down the road. We also think the once a month follow up will aid us in helping train and equip our church.

We currently have 8 people signed up for next year. You can sign up now for the lowest price available ever. \$79. this price is good through Oct 24. See bulletin or contact office for pass code. You can also fill out sheets on the sign up table.

One last change. Last year we emphasized that volunteers could come for free. And that still is going to be available. But this year I want to encourage those who plan to volunteer to go ahead and purchase a ticket. We will use these to give away as scholarships so that others might be able to attend.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TIME VOLUNTEERS:

coffee preparers/servers

- 01 Tony & Sue Moulds
 08 Lois Brinks & Carol Brand-Twa
 15 Gary & Sharon Ransom
 22 Mark & Diane Levandowski
 29 Dan & Janice Proctor

cookies/snacks providers

- 01 Brad & Susan Tate
 08 Margaret Amstutz
 15 Karen Bolema
 22 Katie Bultema & Donna Rypma
 29 Bonnie Gouine, Phyllis Zatzke





Mission of the Month (MoM)

Food & More Program



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am classes World Communion Sunday	2	3 10 am Bible Study 1 pm Prayer Shawls Muskegon Classis meeting	4 all events 6-7:30 pm: J.U.M.P. S.O.S. Sr. High Alpha	5 6:30 pm bell choir 7 pm Men at Peace	6	7
8 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am classes Disability Awareness Sunday	9	10 10 am Bible Study 1 pm Prayer Shawls 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry	11 all events 6-7:30 pm: J.U.M.P. S.O.S. Sr. High	12 6:30 pm bell choir	13	14
15 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am classes 10:30 am Congregational meeting After the Summit Peace with Justice Sunday	16	17 10 am Bible Study 1 pm Prayer Shawls Consistory	18 all events 6-7:30 pm: J.U.M.P. S.O.S. Sr. High Alpha	19 6:30 pm bell choir 7 pm Men at Peace	20	21
22 9:30 am Worship Hunger banks 10:45 am classes	23 	24 10 am Bible Study 1 pm Prayer Shawls	25 all events 6-7:30 pm: J.U.M.P. S.O.S. Sr. High	26 6:30 pm bell choir	27	28
29 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am classes Reformation Sunday	30	31 10 am Bible Study 1 pm Prayer Shawls				