

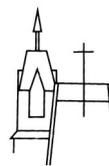
April BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Theresa Reid
- 01 Chris Sikkenga
- 02 Giana Weesies
- 03 Dianne Weesies
- 04 Brock Weesies
- 05 Rich Weesies
- 06 Rachel Springer
- 07 Cara Falkowski
- 07 Kim Springer
- 08 Katie Bultema
- 08 Lynn Nelson
- 08 Rachel Weesies
- 09 Karl DeWitt
- 09 Ben Jeffries
- 11 Rick Holman
- 11 Gayle Strasser
- 12 Cathy Aulerich
- 12 Nicole Grask



- 13 Marcia Brichan
- 13 Grace Brower
- 13 Vern Peterson
- 14 Kobe McCoy
- 15 Chris DeRose
- 17 Joanne De Haan
- 17 Rachelle Johnson
- 18 Dave Roodvoets
- 20 Nick Bultema
- 20 Luke DeRose
- 20 Jim Sytsma
- 20 Jim VanderMaas
- 22 Griffin Lownds
- 24 Naomi Huttenga
- 24 Bill Jellema
- 24 Chris Ritchie
- 26 Bob Paton
- 28 Margaret Amstutz
- 28 Linda Schutter
- 28 Anna Smit
- 29 Pastor Amy
- 30 Rich Breuker

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



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Ferry Memorial Reformed Church, Reformed Church in America



Reset Button



In video games and computers there is a reset button you can use to erase the memory and start over. Sometimes you want to reset back to the beginning. Sometimes you want to just go back and redo a recent choice that didn't go as you had hoped. Life isn't like that; we don't get to go back and start all over again. But what if you could? What if life gave you a chance to stop where you are and start again? What would you most like to turn out differently this time?

Some of you, as you're reading this, may have been home with your whole family for days now and you wonder when will it be over. You long to reset things to normal like resetting your computer when it stops working properly. Or maybe you'd rather fast forward past this part, like in a movie clip. Just skip over the boring or scary parts.

Remember, "This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." - Psalm 118:24

Let's use that as our reset button every morning, no matter what happened the day before. No matter what obstacle you may face today, remember God made this day. And He blessed you and me with life. We have every reason to rejoice and be glad. This is not a denial of the real world, but an acknowledgement of whose world it ultimately is.

So, what can you do today to rejoice and be glad? What thing can you do for others to help them rejoice and be glad today? Who could use a smile or a kind word?

Pastor Leighton



YOUTH & Family SCOOP

Grandparents, aunts and uncles-as our kids are home during “shelter in place,” your ongoing relationship is very important! Stay connected with them through handwritten cards, Facetime, packages of small treats, and phone calls. Kids are struggling to find a “new normal”, and your calm influence in their lives is helpful. And pray for them!

Our sr. high students were very disappointed to not be able to attend GENESIS in March. They were very much looking forward to an awesome weekend with 1000 other high school kids from around Michigan. However, the Governor’s orders to not gather in large groups came 2 days before GENESIS was to happen, and had to be cancelled. GENESIS team and the hotel were very gracious about the last minute cancellation, and each student will be receiving a full refund. And, because GENESIS only happens every 2 years (they were unable to reschedule for this year with the hotel), they are going to try and accommodate those who are juniors and seniors this year, and allow them to participate in 2 years.

SERVE update-Seven girls have signed up to attend SERVE in London, Ontario this summer. SERVE has extended the deadline to April 15; sign ups before April 15 will receive the \$300 rate. After April 15 the cost goes up to \$350. This is an amazing opportunity to serve God and our neighbors! We have one spot left, so sign up ASAP if you would like to go! Contact Pastor Amy for more info.

Currently, we are not meeting for Sunday School or youth group. However, we are connecting online with our sr. high and middle school students. Please keep praying for our kids, that we may be drawn closer to God in this time.

Pastor Amy

FINANCIAL INFORMATION 01/01—03/31/2020

	<u>ACTUAL OFFERINGS</u>	<u>BUDGETED</u>
General Fund		
January	\$ 21,596.09	\$ 28,829.81
February	\$ 46,614.43	\$ 28,829.81
March	\$ 23,680.50	\$ 28,829.81
Missions		
Jan 1-Mar 31	\$ 4,562.00	\$ 3,612.50 qtr.

Financial Snapshot

We have now had two weeks of online-only worship. We know that means different things for many of you. Some are now at home, some may be working extra, and some may be somewhere in between. We also know this means financial concerns for some are just around the corner. While we are reaching out and seeking to help in our community all we can, we realize that this is beginning to be reflected in our weekly offerings as people shift to online giving or mailing them in to the office.

For that reason we are exploring all avenues for financial resources that are being made available from our denomination and classis, to government assistance, to charitable grants. While we may be able to weather this from what we have as reserves for now, we do not know how long this crisis will impact our congregation. So, we feel it is prudent to do all we can to be good stewards and work to use our funds the best we are able.

Additionally, should you yourself or your family have a need, please let us know so we can pray for you and help to find ways to meet the needs in our community.

Finally, we want to thank you for your faithful giving and generosity. We had several who had their mandatory minimum distributions come to us in February, which was a great blessing for us.

