

January 6, 2019

Lord, lead us to be grace-filled, outward focused, and a safe place to meet you and walk with you.

Call to Worship
Heaven Came Down

Song of Praise
O Praise The Name
Be Thou My Vision

Ministry Offering
Children ages 3 yrs. - 1st grade are dismissed downstairs to Children’s Worship.

Scripture: Philippians 3:15-21 pg. 1140
Message: “Why Church?”
Series: Why Church?
Pastor Jonathan DePoy

Communion

Song of Response
Jesus Messiah

Blessing
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This morning we will **celebrate the Lord’s Supper.**

Please **join us in the ROCK** following the service for coffee and cookies (follow the crowd down the stairs, through the tunnel and into our gymnasium on the southwest corner of our campus).

Next Sunday

Our series, “Why Church” continues with Pastor Jonathan DePoy bringing the message from **1 Corinthians 12:12-31** titled “Many Members, One Body.” The **Nelson Band** will lead us in praise.

Calendar

Today
10:45 am Coffee and Cookies in the ROCK

Monday
5:30 pm Hope Unexpected “Monday Meets”
7:00 pm Body & Soul Fitness - ROCK

Tuesday
5:45 pm Administrative Team Meeting - Consistory Room
6:45 pm Women’s Bible Study - The Lounge
7:00 pm Consistory Meeting - Consistory Room
8:00 pm Elder Team Meeting - Consistory Room

Wednesday
8:45 am Body & Soul Fitness - ROCK
6:30 pm GEMS, Cadets, K-Club
6:30 pm Son Seekers - The Lounge

Thursday
6:00 am Body & Soul Fitness – ROCK
11:00 am Nancy Couzen’s Memorial Service - Sanctuary



PRAYER ROOM – Orv Boerman will be in the Prayer Room this morning. Please stop by and share how we can pray for you. The Prayer Room is located behind the Annex (side room used for additional seating).

Next Week: Janice Blouw

NURSERY TODAY
Beth Emmitt, Jenna Maleport, Megan Van Sweden

NURSERY NEXT WEEK
Michelle Van Sweden, Marcia Schierbeek, Katherine Christian

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP TODAY
Luanne Deater, Nate Slachter, Stacy Wheeler

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Luanne Deater, Jamie Wheeler

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are in need of more volunteers in the Nursery and on our Nursery Committee. If you would be willing to serve in this area, please contact Laurie Brower (217-8710) or Melanie Kilgore (269-330-0155 or melanie@frcbc.com).

PLEASE PRAY FOR AND ENCOURAGE:

Our Search Team, Consistory & Staff in our time of transition to our next Senior Pastor.

Bev Tubergen who has moved to Byron Manor. May she adjust to her new surroundings.

Dave Roelofs’ father who is in rehab. Pray for strength and balance to return.

Mike Schierbeek who will be having outpatient hernia surgery on January 8. Pray for the surgery to go well and for complete healing.

Hugh Thiel, who is our **Post High Student of the Month for January.**

Our Local and Global Missional Partners.

Our military and their families: **Andrea Goeman, Jon Heintz and Josh Munsee.**

AS WE LIVE OUT GOD’S MISSION, THANK GOD FOR:

R. & S. P. as they prepare to serve in the Netherlands after the first of the year.



SUNDAY SCHOOL will not meet today. Classes will resume on **January 13.**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLUBS resume this week.

THE 2019 GIVING ENVELOPE BOX SETS have been placed in your mailbox.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER - Please send your information to the church office by **tomorrow at 10 am** (office@frcbc.com).

CHURCH PHONES – Our main phone line is still under construction at this time. Please call **878.9359** to reach the office or the prayer line.

THE MEN’S BIBLE STUDY will NOT meet this Monday. They will **resume on January 21.**

DIRECTORY CHANGES - If you have changed your address or phone number, please inform the office (878.9359, office@frcbc.com) so we can stay in contact with you.

PROFESSION OF FAITH CLASSES – Begins next Sunday

Classes will meet in room #11 (behind the Annex) during the Sunday School hour on January 13, 20 and 27. If you or someone you know are interested in making Profession of Faith, or have questions about what Profession of Faith is, please contact Pastor Jonathan and/or your District Elder.

SEARCH TEAM COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, January 15 // 7:00 pm // Consistory Room

Pastor Nate DeWard will be our guest as we meet for the first time. Contact Burk Holzgen (878.1498) if you have any questions.

TRAINING FOR ALL NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Sunday, Jan. 20 // 10:30am OR Sunday, Jan. 27 // 11:45am

We will be holding a Nursery Training in January regarding children's safety and security (Parents are welcome to attend). Both trainings will meet in the Nursery. Please make every effort to attend one of the meetings. Contact Laurie Brower (217-8710) or Melanie Kilgore if you are unavailable at those times.

CHURCH-WIDE SMALL GROUPS

Launches January 27 // 6:00 pm // ROCK

Our Small Groups will launch with a meal together. If you missed the sign-up, *there is still time to join a group* if you contact the office right away. If you plan on attending this event and are in need of child care, please contact Melanie Kilgore (Melanie@frcbc.com, 269.330.0155).

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE IN 2019 - If you or your spouse (or your children for that matter!), are interested or willing to take on a Bible Reading Challenge, then we want to give you the resources! You can either read your trusty Personal Bible (and translation!), or you can download a Bible app.on your phone or computer (thebibleproject.com - scroll to the bottom of the page) that will automatically send you the daily readings and explanatory videos. If you are using your Bible, a hard copy schedule of the daily scripture reading for the year can be found either in the back of the sanctuary (Lobby) by the stairs or by the mailboxes in the Fellowship Hall.

CHURCH STAFF

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If you or someone you know desires a **word of counsel and prayer**, please contact Pastor Jonathan (616.610.7801) or your Elder/Deacon Team.

Elder/Deacon Care Teams

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Administrative Deacons

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General Information

Office Hours: Tuesday–Friday 9 am - 1 pm
Church Telephone: 878.9359
Church Prayer Line: 878.9359 Ext. 2
Website: www.frcbc.com

2019 SUMMER CAMPS - Cran-Hill Ranch and Camp Geneva

Because we believe in the value of a Christian camping experience, First Reformed Church will pay 50% of the camp fee for children who want to attend summer camp at Cran-Hill Ranch or Camp Geneva. Brochures are located by the mailboxes in the Fellowship Hall. All registrations are done online. When registering your child(ren), please use the following codes:

- Cran-Hill Ranch – www.cranhillranch.com
Sponsorship Code 1024840-50P2019
- Camp Geneva – www.campgeneva.org
Promo Code 9707-50P

WE WISH TO THANK our entire “church family” for walking along our sides as Nancy went through the many doctors and hospital visits in 2018. Special thank you to Pastor Jonathan and Elder Mike Schierbeek for their time of prayer with her. The cards and visits lifted her spirits and gave her encouragement during her Hospice stay at Byron Manor. Blessings! ~ Steve and Suzan Couzens

Grace Opportunities

POST HIGH-LIGHT OF THE MONTH

Once a month we will highlight a Post-High person in our church. At the end of the month, we will send out a Care Package with written notes of encouragement and Gift Cards. If you would like to send a note of encouragement or donate a gift card, please place them in Lori Hofman’s mailbox. Please direct any questions to Pastor Jonathan (jdepoy@frcbc.com, 878.9359 ext. 102) or Lori Hoffman (698.7385).

QUILT MINISTRY MEETING

Wednesday, January 16 // 9:00 am // Room #5

We are in the process of starting a quilt ministry. If you would like to be a part of this ministry (with or without experience), please come to an organizing meeting on January 16. Please use the west door by the game area. Call Mary Wierenga for further information (878.7414).

Last Week’s Giving Summary

Beginning Balance	\$ 8,784.71
Contributions Received	9,841.00
Expenses	<u>1,871.87</u>
Balance	\$ 16,753.84

Helping Hand Report for 2018

Deposits	\$ 9,502.00
Withdrawals	\$ 4,035.00

“Why Church?”

Philippians 3:15-21

All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. ¹⁶ Only let us live up to what we have already attained. ¹⁷ Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. ¹⁸ For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

Notes
