

November 25, 2018

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

Call to Worship
Grateful

Songs of Praise
One Thing Remains
How Deep The Father's Love For Us

Ministry Offering & Helping Hand Offering
Children ages 3 – 1st grade are dismissed downstairs to Children's Worship.

Scripture: Romans 8:1-17 pg. 1096
Message: Love Has The Final Word
Series: Looking In The Mirror
Rev. Andy Bossardet

Song of Response
Nothing But The Blood Of Jesus

Blessing
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The **Helping Hand Offering** will be taken in addition to our Ministry Offering. This offering is given to people in and beyond our church that are in need of financial assistance.

After the service, **join us in the ROCK** 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

Pastor Tom Grabill will bring the message.

We will **celebrate the Lord's Supper and begin Advent.**

Looking Ahead

- Congregational Meeting**
Tuesday, December 4, Sanctuary
- Cadet Supper, 5:30 - 6:30 pm**
- Christmas Family Event, 6:30 - 8:00 pm**
Wednesday, December 5, ROCK
- Children's Christmas Program**
Sunday, December 9, 9:30 am, ROCK
- Christmas Eve Service**
Monday, December 24, 6:00 pm

Calendar

Today
11:00 am Sunday School 3 yrs. - 5th grade
Christmas Rehearsal 6th - 8th grade - ROCK
High School Youth - The Lounge
Sunday School Guide Class - ROCK Room

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

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

Thursday
6:30 pm Praise Team Practice - 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:** Mary Wierenga

NURSERY TODAY
Barb Freehafer, Marcia Schierbeek, Amber Wheeler

NURSERY NEXT WEEK
Pam (Doug) Brower, Penny Maleport, Katherine Christian

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TODAY
Laurie Brower, Emily DeHaven, Jamie Wheeler

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP NEXT WEEK
Beth & Andy Emmitt, Amber Wheeler

Last Week's Giving Summary		
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Parking Lot</u>
Beginning Balance	\$ 29,051.49	\$ 46,000.00
Contributions Received	6,846.00	7,600.00
Expenses	<u>9,408.96</u>	<u>41,932.00</u>
Balance	\$ 26,488.53	\$ 11,668.00
A total of \$13,127 in Mission Celebration contributions is reflected in the General Fund balance.		

PLEASE PRAY FOR AND ENCOURAGE:

Ken Zylstra for healing as he recovers from surgery. Praises that all his reports have been positive.

Kevin Sandera as he recovers at home from his heart attack.

Nancy Couzens who is under hospice care at Byron Manor in assisted living. She is in room 3-39.

Bev Tubergen as she receives therapy at Brookcrest Rehab and Life Center.

Deb Schierbeek as she recovers from shoulder surgery.

All leaders and participants who are preparing for the upcoming Christmas Program.

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

R. & S. P. as they discern where God is leading them to serve as missionaries.



PASTOR JONATHAN WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE and on vacation this week, returning to work next Sunday, December 2. If you have any pastoral needs please contact your District Elder or the office at 616.878.1709.

THE WISER TOGETHER GROUP and **MESSY LIVING** will not meet this morning.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
Tuesday, Dec. 4 // 7:00 pm // Sanctuary
Proposed Ministry Budget for 2019 and two absentee ballots have been placed in your mailbox. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please place an absentee ballot in the offering or bring to the office by noon on December 4.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM REHEARSALS
continue this morning for children in Preschool-8th Grade. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall following the Worship Service. Parents, please direct your children to the Fellowship Hall for rehearsals.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
Sunday, Dec 9 // 9:30 am // ROCK
Dress Rehearsal for the program will be on the morning of **Saturday, December 8.**

2019 CHURCH DIRECTORY – In preparation for the 2019 Church Directory, please notify Cindy or Tina in the office (office@frcbc.com, 878.1709 ext. 101) of any changes in your phone number, address or family member status by Dec. 12.

CELEBRATE ADVENT AT HOME- Advent is a season of expectation and waiting as we prepare our hearts for Christmas. This year the church is providing materials so you and your family can celebrate the Advent season at home. We invite you to help yourself to the Advent candles and materials in the Fellowship Hall so you and your family can celebrate this time together.

PROFESSION OF FAITH CLASSES - 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.

IF YOU HAVE BEEN VISITING FIRST REFORMED in the past weeks and months, we would be pleased to include you in our flow of information and communication so that you can be better informed of ongoing ministry (such as church mailbox, phone tree announcements and church directory). While there is no obligation to become an official member, we want you to **experience the blessings** of being part of this community of faith. Please **contact the office (878.1709 ext. 101 or office@frcbc.com)** in the next week or two to make this connection.

CHURCH-WIDE SMALL GROUPS - At the start of the New Year we are starting Church-wide Small Groups. Our Small Groups will launch with a meal together on Sunday, January 27, at 6:00 pm in the ROCK. There will be some options on what day of the week and how often the Small Group will meet, but most Small Groups will meet on Sunday nights once or twice a month until the end of June. If you are interested in joining a Small Group, please sign up in the ROCK following the service, on our website, or contact the office (616.878.1709). Questions can be directed to Melanie Kilgore.

***THANK YOU** - Those who have been dealing with health concerns thank you for all the prayers, support and kindness they have received from the members of FRC.*

***HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Barbara VanderMoere who will celebrate her birthday on November 26.*

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.

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General Information

Office Hours: Tuesday–Friday 9 am - 1 pm
Church Telephone: 878.1709
Church Prayer Line: 878.1709 Ext. 2
Website: www.frcbc.com

Grace Opportunities

BYRON CENTER CHRISTMAS PARADE

December 1 // 5:30 pm

Prior to the parade, Santa and his reindeer will be in the ROCK parking lot at 4:00 pm. A chili dinner will be held at 6:00 pm at Pathway Church with a free concert at 6:30 pm to conclude this fun-filled evening.

CADET SUPPER AND FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVENT

Wednesday, December 5 // ROCK // 5:30 pm

Come and support the Cadet program with our meal (Hot Dogs and Soup). Following the meal, at **6:30 pm our Family Christmas Event** will begin

MASON JARS NEEDED - We are in need of mason jars for crafts at the Family Christmas Event. If you have new or used mason jars (pint or quart) that you can donate, please place them on the table in the Fellowship Hall by December 1.

USED CELL PHONES WANTED (working or non-working) for the Ebenezer Mission in Haiti. Please contact Ken or Mary Visser (878.9902) if you have one to donate.

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ANNUAL POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER

Ends Dec. 5 // Pick up Dec. 12

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Love Has The Final Word

Romans 8:1-17

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ²because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. ³For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. ⁶The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. ⁸Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. ⁹You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life^[a] because of righteousness. ¹¹And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you. ¹²Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “*Abba*, Father.” ¹⁶The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. ¹⁷Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

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