

KIDS' CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Sunday, December 12 // ROCK Service

Dress Rehearsal Saturday Morning, Dec. 11 // ROCK

Parents and kids, our Christmas Program is just around the corner. Mark the date on your calendar. Rehearsals are during the Sunday School Hour.

PRAISE TEAM LED BY KIDS - If your child (ages 8-18) would like to participate in our kids-led Praise Team the morning of our Christmas Program, please contact Melanie at melanie@frcbc.com or 269.330.0155.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP LEADER NEEDED - We are looking for an extra Children's Worship Leader to guide our children in worship during a portion of the worship service. Children's Worship Leaders share a Bible story and lead our children in an activity. All lessons and materials are provided and prep is minimal. If you would be willing to lead our children in worship, please contact Melanie Kilgore (melanie@frcbc.com, 269.330.0155).

REIMBURSEMENT CHECKS from the office will now be placed in your mailbox in the Fellowship Hall instead of being mailed out. Contact the office if you have any questions or concerns (office@frcbc.com, 878.1709 ext. 101)

FRCBC SHIRTS - Would you like to have a First Reformed Church shirt? These shirts will be available in the ROCK, following our worship service for the next several weeks. A suggested donation of \$10 is appreciated.

NEW LIBRARY – Come check out our newly renovated library located off the east side of the Fellowship Hall. Books, puzzles and dvds are available.

HOPE TREE CHRISTMAS EXCHANGE

We are supporting Hope Unexpected (a ministry to single mothers and their children) again this year with our Hope Tree Christmas Exchange. The Christmas tree is located in the back of the Sanctuary with ornaments that have items to purchase written on them. These items will be given to the mothers and families connected to Hope Unexpected. If interested, please take an ornament and return the gift (gift wrapped with the ornament taped to it) under the tree or to the church office. All gifts are due by December 5. Questions? Contact the office (office@frcbc.com, 878.1709 ext. 101).

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If you or someone you know
desires a **word of counsel and prayer**, please contact
Pastor Andy (878.1709 ext. 104) or your Elder/Deacon Team.

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by Kiley Ford

First Reformed Church

This year's artwork for our Advent season bulletins was made by young people in our church. This week's drawing is from Kiley Ford.

November 28, 2021

Reaching Others for Christ's Kingdom

Call to Worship

For Unto Us A Child Is Born/Open The Eyes Of My Heart

Songs of Praise

Come Thou Fount

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Ministry Offering

Children ages 3 yrs. - 1st grade are dismissed downstairs to Children's Worship

Scripture: Jeremiah 29:4-14 pg. 763

Message: "We Need A Flourishing Community."

Series: "Need a Little Christmas Now"

Pastor Andy Bossardet

Communion

Song(s) of Response

Build Your Kingdom Here

Blessing

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Please join us in the ROCK following the service for coffee and cookies (follow the crowd down the stairs, through the tunnel and turn left into our gymnasium).

This Morning

On this first Sunday of Advent, we will **celebrate the Lord's Supper.**

The Helping Hand Offering will be taken along with the Ministry Offering (plate will be passed one time). This offering is given to people in and beyond our church that are in need of financial assistance. If you do not have a "Special Givings" envelope, please use one of our new red Helping Hand envelopes (located in the pews, by the mailboxes and at the back of the church) for your gifts and write your givings number on it.

Next Sunday

Pastor Andy Bossardet continues with the Advent sermon series **"Need a Little Christmas Now."** The message will be from **Ezekiel 37:1-14**, titled **"We Need New Life In These Dry Bones."**

Calendar

Sunday

9:30 am FRCBC Worship Service - Sanctuary and live streamed on YouTube & Facebook

10:45 am Coffee and Fellowship - ROCK Snacks & Sunday School -3 yrs. - 8th grade

11:00 am High School & Adult Sunday School - The Lounge Sunday School Guide Class - ROCK Room

Monday

5:30 pm Hope Unexpected "Monday Meets"

Wednesday

6:30 pm K-Club, GEMS Club, Journey Youth Group

Thursday

6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal - Sanctuary

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NURSERY TODAY

Lauren Thiel, Mari Evers

NURSERY NEXT WEEK

Laurie Brower, Erin Delany

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Amber Wheeler, Jamie Wheeler

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Heather Bossardet, Katelin Ford

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CONGREGATIONAL BUDGET MEETING

Tuesday, Dec. 7 // 7:00 pm // Annex

The Proposed Ministry Budget for 2022 has been sent by consistory to the congregation for approval at our annual congregational meeting. Please check your email inbox, your home mailbox, or the table in the narthex for copies of the budget. A more detailed Budget is available in the church office. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please place an absentee ballot in the offering plate, or bring to the office by noon on December 7.

PLEASE PRAY FOR AND ENCOURAGE:

Ryan Parcher in the passing of his uncle, Dick (his father's brother), last Saturday after battling prostate cancer. Please pray that Ryan, his father, and family will feel God's peace and comfort at this time.

Dominic Russell whose aunt passed away unexpectedly last Saturday. May he and his family feel God's comfort upon them.

Ken Terhaar who is under hospice care at Grand Village Assisted Living. Please keep his family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Kathryn Kik and her family as she continues under hospice care.

Others with ongoing health issues and those awaiting surgery.

Those who are away from family and home during this holiday season.

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

Our military and their families: **Andrea Barron, Josh Munsee and Amber Wheeler.**

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

Joshua & Carol Ngunta – who are home from Mali for a home assignment.

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR PRAYER: You can contact your elder team or any one of these people on our confidential prayer team: Janice Blouw, Mary Visser, Mary Wierenga, Pat Sankey, Patti Van Singel, & Marilyn VandeBunte

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BYRON CENTER DOWNTOWN CHRISTMAS EVENT

Saturday, December 4 // 4:30-6:30 pm

We will be decorating cookies with kids attending the event in the Huntington Bank parking lot. If you would like to help, please contact Melanie or stop by and make a cookie with us!

HOPE UNEXPECTED is looking for individuals or groups to sponsor the families we serve this year for Christmas. Please email Jessi at jessi.hopeunexpected@gmail.com if you are interested.



Jeremiah 29:4-14

This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵“Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. ⁷Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.” ⁸Yes, this is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: “Do not let the prophets and diviners among you deceive you. Do not listen to the dreams you encourage them to have. ⁹They are prophesying lies to you in my name. I have not sent them,” declares the Lord. ¹⁰This is what the Lord says: “When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. ¹¹For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. ¹²Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. ¹³You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. ¹⁴I will be found by you,” declares the Lord, “and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you,” declares the Lord, “and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile.”

Week of November 28



Please pray for the following members of our church family during this coming week.

NATE, JILL, LOGAN, CREW & REMY MEYER

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**JOSHUA, MICHELLE, REBECCA, HENRY,
ANNA & MADELINE MUNSEE**

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& OUR GEMS

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Our Prayer Team is *available to you.*

Please email how we can pray for you to:
Janice Blouw
(type “prayer request”
in subject line) blouwtbjkb@aol.com
or call her at 878.1916

*“...My house shall be called a house of prayer...”
Is 56:7 & Mt 21:13*

Birthdays This Week



**NANCEE HOLZGEN
NOVEMBER 28**

**EMILY BEUTE
MASON BROWER
NOVEMBER 30**

**CAMERYN BOERMAN
BRIAN WESTBROOK
DECEMBER 02**

**AL ROMERO
DECEMBER 03**