



Fellowship News

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“THE WORD OF THE LORD”

By Rev. Jeremy Visser

It's officially summer, and that means we get to enjoy a brief window where our portion of the earth tilts towards the sun and we remember why we chose to live in Michigan. During the month of July, as you lean into the sun, make a commitment to also lean into the Word of God. Let it be your source of light, warmth, and blessing this summer.

Pastor Shawn has us beginning a four-week series in the Old Testament book of Malachi on Sunday, July 7. The first sermon in this new series will be my last as a Pastor at FRC. I love this decision because it displays that while Pastors come-and-go over the life of the church, the Word of God remains and carries on until the Lord returns. In other words, it means the message and not the

messenger remains the center and focus in the church. Praise be to God that it is the Word of the Lord that endures forever.

The book of Malachi is a series of disputes where God makes an accusation against His people, they complain and reject, and God offers a final word on the matter. This is a fascinating read and one that will help you to see the nature and character of God. It's my prayer that you will take the next four weeks to read Malachi six times—once for each dispute in the book!

In Malachi, you will see the sovereignty of God in all things: His absolute holiness, our inherent sinfulness, His long-suffering, our lack of gratitude, His mercy, our idolatry, His faithfulness, and the blessing that comes to those in the

Lord on the Day of the Lord. God desires to restore His people and give them a new heart in this inspired letter. In Malachi, the human condition is on full display and so is the need for the promise and provision of Christ from God our covenant-keeping Father. May this book lead you to greater awe of God the Father, deeper reality of the grace of Christ, and absolute dependence on the Holy Spirit's power for daily living.

It has been a privilege to point you to Christ through the Word of God week-by-week over the past six years. It brings me great joy knowing that this will not waver, as you continue to submit yourselves to the Word of God this July in the book of Malachi.

VISSER FAMILY FAREWELL



Join us on Sunday, July 7, as we celebrate the faithful ministry of Pastor Jeremy and Marie at FRC.

Refreshments, encouragement, and conversation will take place in the lobby between and after the morning worship services.

NEW FAMILIES AT FELLOWSHIP

GORDON AND LOIS SWEERS

Gordon is retired from Byron Center Public Schools and Lois is retired from Hudsonville Public Schools. Their hobbies include traveling and enjoying time with their children and grandchildren.

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ARLYN AND DEB BOHL

Arlyn is a retired truck driver, and he now drives for Hand2Hand. Debra is also retired, but now works part time in the Hand2Hand office. They have three adult children and five grandchildren. They enjoy camping, going for walks, reading, and gathering with the family for Sunday lunch. FRC family includes Arlyn's brother, Wayne and Judy Bohl. Their son, Kevin and Georgetta (Aiden) Bohl also attend FRC.

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616-745-8757 (Debra)

OUTREACH NEWS

BACKPACK DRIVE

What child doesn't want to go back to school with a new backpack? Beginning July 7, FRC will be collecting new backpacks for the Love INC Back-to-School Program. These backpacks will then be distributed by Love INC to children in need. Backpacks may be placed on the table in the lobby until July 28.



MISSION TRIP TO GUATEMALA 2020

FRC is heading back to Guatemala February 6-13, 2020! We will be partnering with Paradise Bound Ministries to build houses, serve at medical clinics, and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. We would love for you to join us in this one-of-a-kind trip.

Please prayerfully consider this unique opportunity to provide for both the physical and spiritual needs of the Guatemalans that we will serve. To learn more about this trip or to show your interest, we ask that you attend a meeting on Sunday, July 14, in the Fellowship Hall at 11:45am.

If you have any questions regarding the trip, or if you plan to participate but cannot attend the meeting on July 14, please contact Matt Nederveld at mnederveld@nederveld.com.



GUATEMALA

MEET THE STAFF

With 21 staff members, it can be a challenge for the congregation to know all of us—and to remember how we serve the Bride of Christ. Over the course of 2019, each staff member will be sharing some information about themselves as a way of introduction or reminder.

Hi. My name is **Karen Longstreet**. I am a part-time Assistant Secretary in the FRC Church Office. I work on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday every week.

I have been serving at Fellowship since November 2004. And my job has changed throughout the years. I began working primarily in the Music Department. But my job now includes compiling, editing, and printing the weekly bulletin; recruiting team members and volunteers for the church nursery; staffing the nursery on a weekly basis; and inputting membership attendance. I also serve as a member of the Worship Team.



My husband, Craig, and I have been married for 33 years—and we've been members of Fellowship the entire time. Our family includes four grown children (who are all married) and the blessing of eight grandchildren. We enjoy that they all live nearby.

Hello Fellowship, my name is **Les McElwee**. I'm the Facilities Manager at FRC.



It's my responsibility to keep Christ's church in its best working order. I oversee everything from the heating and cooling system to the lighting and fire suppression system. There's also the 11 bathrooms to keep operational. And, I ensure that the 2019 32-passenger bus and the 2005 Chevy van and trailer are always ready to go. In short, I'm responsible to know everything from top to bottom as well as everything that's between the walls of the church! I also oversee and assist our great custodial staff.

Outside of work, I have a loving wife, Lorraine, to whom I've been married to for 35 years this August. We like camping up north and boating on Lake Michigan. We have two daughters: Abby Lieffers and husband Chad (and grandkids: Jaxson, Jazzy and Jayda) and Alexa and Trevor Zokoe. I'm also a member of the Georgetown Fire Department.

TURNING POINT YOUTH MINISTRY (9TH-12TH GRADES)



TURNING POINT IN JUNE

- During the month of June, we had the opportunity to celebrate with many of our graduates at their Open Houses. We are looking forward to all that God does in and through them in this next season of their lives.
- June also marked our final preparations for our Belize Trip which will take place from June 29-July 5. Please pray that God will make Himself known to participants and those we interact with, that He will be glorified, and that many will experience His love through our service.

If you would like to follow along with what is happening on the trip, go to ppm.org/11256.

LOOKING AHEAD

We will share stories from Belize via an in-service video (Moment for Mission) once we return in July. Be sure to join us as we celebrate together all that God is doing in Belize and here at Fellowship.

SLEEPING BEAR DUNES EXPEDITION

All 2019-2020 high school students are invited to a day of play in the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore on Saturday, August 3. We'll leave at 8:00am and return at 11:00pm. The cost is only \$5 and includes lunch and dinner.

Sign up at frchudsonville.org/turning-point.



YOUNG ADULT'S MINISTRY (AGES 18-25)

HIAWATHA YOUTH CAMP RETREAT

Here is a great way to get connected to other young adults in the area. Join Rooted Ministry on the Hiawatha Youth Camp Retreat in the Upper Peninsula from August 1-4. The cost is only \$35, and we are arranging carpool transportation. Cory Nederveld is the speaker for the weekend. It will be a great opportunity to open God's Word, to worship, and to have fun with others.

The deadline to register is July 24. You can do so by going to frchudsonville.org/young-adults. For a full calendar of Rooted Ministry opportunities, go to rootedyoungadults.com/schedule.

BIBLE STUDY

Let's open God's Word together on Wednesday evenings beginning at 8:00pm. Every Wednesday of July (except July 3), we will engage with one or two chapters of 1 Timothy—experiencing all that God has for us from the text. Bring your Bible and a pen and join us in Room 109.



NEW LIFE YOUTH MINISTRY (7TH-8TH GRADES)



NEW LIFE IN JUNE

New Life kicked off Summer Vacation with a day of roller coasters and waterslides at Michigan's Adventure. This trip was all about having fun and building relationships through a shared experience. Here are some great photos!



THIS MONTH IN NEW LIFE

At the end of July, New Life is headed to Expeditions Unlimited in Baraboo, Wisconsin, for our Annual Lead Camp! The week will be full of fun activities including a high ropes course, canoeing, hiking, and more. As we worship through song and teaching, we will learn what it means to dream wildly as we follow Jesus. This is going to be an awesome week!

As we return from our trip, be sure to check out our Facebook page for photos from our week at facebook.com/frcnewlife/.

LOOKING AHEAD

- Outgoing 8th Graders: you're invited to a beach day at Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore! Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 3, from 8:00am-11:00pm. Your cost is only \$5 and includes lunch and dinner. You can sign up at frchudsonville.org/turning-point or at the Youth Ministry Bulletin Board.
- It's crazy to think about the fall already, but mark your calendars—our first New Life of the year is on Sunday, September 15!

6TH GRADE VBS

We had a blast during this year's VBS, The Incredible Race! Unique to the rest of those attending VBS, the 6th grade students go off campus for our daily activities. Our week included Terry Hall, Rebounderz, 8th Ave. Park, and Hudsonville Lanes. Although these shared experiences built relationships, the whole week was focused on all of God's people, from every tribe and nation, running this race together. Take a look at some photos from our week of VBS.



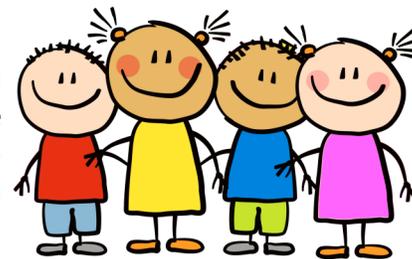
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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<p>Wives' Bible Study One Day Principleship Group Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>18 06:30am-Scripture and Prayer Men's Bible Study 08:00am-Women's War Room 9:30am-Redoration to Boulder Ridge 01:00pm-Pickleball 07:00pm-Deacon's Meeting 08:15pm-Men's Basketball</p>	<p>19 <i>Office Closed</i> 09:00am-Pickleball 07:00pm-Hower/Kramer Reception</p>	<p>20 07:30am-Dawn Patrol 09:00am-Mountain Biking Group</p>
<p>Wives' Bible Study Principleship Group Men's Bible Study (through July 29)</p>	<p>25 06:30am-Scripture and Prayer Men's Bible Study 08:00am-Women's War Room 01:00pm-Pickleball 08:15pm-Men's Basketball</p>	<p>26 <i>Office Closed</i> 09:00am-Pickleball</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>Wives' Bible Study Principleship Group Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>STAFF VACATIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian Boom: June 29-July 5 (Belize Trip) • Les McElwee: June 23-July 2 • Karen Longstreet: July 9-11 • Drew Placzek: July 10-16 • Linda Folkert: July 15-18 • Earl Slotman: July 21-28 • Shelli Schultz: July 22-26 • Brian Boom: July 23-29 (Lead Camp) • JD Dyer: July 24-29 (Lead Camp) • Brian Boom: July 18, July 30-August 3 		

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

REGISTRATION FORMS

Parents of children age three through 6th grade: this spring we mailed an important letter from Fellowship about our Children's Ministries. The letter had information about each of our programs, including age requirements and descriptions. A registration form has been posted on our website.



This form **NEEDS** to be filled out every year so that we can enroll your child into the programs **YOU** choose with all of their up-to-date information. **Please register your children as soon as possible so we can begin planning.**

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

A sign up form for our Annual Children's Christmas Program is also on the website. Parents need to submit that form as soon as possible if your child would like a speaking part in the Children's Christmas Program.

**We offer many opportunities for your children.
Where can YOU help this fall?**

SUNDAY MORNINGS



8:30 and 11:00am
Three Year Olds

(Sept. through June)



8:30 and 11:00am
Four Year Olds Through
Kindergarten

(Sept. through June)



Three Year Olds
through Sixth Grade

*(late September
through early May)*

WEDNESDAYS — 6:30-8:00PM — LATE SEPTEMBER-MARCH



Four Year Olds Through
Kindergarten



First Through
Third Grades



Fourth Through
Sixth Grade Girls



Fourth Through
Sixth Grade Boys

Sign up to help on the Children's Ministries Bulletin Board.

ADULT MINISTRIES

FELLOWSHIP'S WOMEN'S RETREAT

The retreat will be held October 11-13 at Grace Adventures. The cost is \$70. This is a great opportunity to grow spiritually in God's Word and a wonderful opportunity to meet other women.

Our speaker this year is Vivian Mabun, a dynamic author, speaker, and cancer survivor who is passionate about seeing God raise up a generation of leaders who will have a cultural and spiritual impact on campuses, families, churches, and communities around the world.

Housing is bunk-bed/open concept (think kid's camp). Other opportunities off-site may be available for an additional cost.

If you are interested in more information or would like to get your name on the list of attendees now, please contact Sherri Wabeke at sherri.wabeke@gmail.com or 540-4640.



FRC DISCIPLESHIP BLOG

Even though it's right for Americans to celebrate freedom and to honor those who made it possible through their military service, things get blurry and dangerous when we mingle American patriotism with theistic language. We need to be careful about seamlessly blending "God and Country" with apple pie and ice cream or baseball and hotdogs. We need to realize that when we sing, "America, America, God shed His grace on thee," that we're talking about common grace and that God sheds His grace over the entire world. And we need to keep in mind that many who get goosebumps when Lee Greenwood sings, "God Bless the U.S.A.," don't realize that God's blessing of eternal life isn't conferred with their American citizenship. Equating American citizenship with citizenship in the Kingdom of God can be an eternally fatal misunderstanding.

"God and Country Christianity" is the title of the July 1 FRC Discipleship Blog article. Open the blog and read more about the Cultural Christianity that's so prevalent in Bible Belt America. The Discipleship Blogs are written by Jim DeHorn and emailed to subscribers every Monday morning. To subscribe, click on the *Resources* heading of our website, then click on the *Discipleship Blog* icon.

DAWN PATROL

July's Dawn Patrol will, as always, be held on the third Saturday of the month (July 20). Join with the men of Fellowship as we gather to strengthen and encourage each other. Our goal is to grow as men of God who seek to lead our families and our church as we've been commanded to do. We kick things off at 7:30am sharp and break the huddle at 8:30am. We want you to be back with your families before the day gets too old. Dawn Patrol is for men of all ages and stages of spiritual maturity. Contact Jim DeHorn at 669-1213 with any questions.

BIBLE STORIES WITH GRANDMA

Bible Stories with Grandma is ready to begin! Thank you to our volunteers for reading to the little ones in this new ministry at Fellowship. Would you like to be a story reader? Sign up on the sheet located on the Adult Activities Bulletin Board.



WANT MORE?

Malachi is the last book of the Old Testament and it contains the final words from God for around four hundred years until the appearance of John the Baptist and Jesus the Messiah. Malachi prophesied in 3:1 that "I will send my Messenger, and He shall prepare the way...and the Lord whom you seek, shall suddenly come to His temple." In July, our Sunday morning sermon series will be based on the book of Malachi. Make sure you take advantage of the "Want More?" articles available on the bulletin tables each week as we work our way through this rather obscure book of the Bible.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

FISHING TOURNAMENT



The Fishing Tournament will take place on Saturday, August 3, at Fisherman's Landing on Muskegon Lake from 7:00-11:30am (with prizes and lunch immediately following). If you have a boat that you plan to use in the tournament, we need you to sign up on the sheet located on the Adult Activities Bulletin Board no later than Sunday, July 14. Please include on the sign-up sheet any seats you may have available to offer to others who wish to attend but don't have their own boat. On Sunday, July 21, we will then offer any available seats to others in the congregation. Contact Linda Folkert at 669-1213 or lfolkert@frchudsonville.org with any questions.

REDORATION TRIP TO BOULDER RIDGE

Join us on Thursday, July 18, as we head to Boulder Ridge Wild Animal Park. We will board the bus at Door D at 9:30am. At Boulder Ridge, there is a narrated bus that will take us to see many animals at the zoo; additional animals are just a short walk away. Due to funds being available in our treasury, this event is free for everyone who attends. Following the zoo, we will have lunch at Nighthawks Food in Alto. Payment for lunch will be your own responsibility. Sign up on the sheet located on the Adult Activities Bulletin Board.

YOUNG FAMILIES' PARK PARTIES

All FRC Young Families are invited to Maplewood Park on Tuesday, July 16! We have the pavilion reserved from 4:30-8:00pm. Come whenever you'd like. You may choose to eat at home first or bring supper along with you to the park. We will have a dessert potluck around 7:00pm—please bring something to share. Sign up on the sheet located on the Adult Activities Bulletin Board if you plan to attend. Contact Lora Hendriksen at lorahendriksen@gmail.com with any questions.



MOUNTAIN BIKING



Do you mountain bike? Please join our bike group on Saturday, July 20, at 9:00am at Luton Park in Rockford (5950 10 Mile RD NE). The park features a native prairie, pines, hardwoods, marshes, and three bridge crossings over Rum Creek. We meet in the SW corner of the parking lot at 9:00am—but please sign up in advance on the sheet located on the Adult Activities Bulletin Board so we know who is coming. If you have any questions, please contact Matt VanEk at 644-3815.

MEET THE STAFF

If you are a regular attender of FRC, or if you have been worshipping with us for only a short time, our staff would like to meet you. Please join members of the FRC staff on Sunday, July 21, at 9:50am in the Sanctuary South Side Seating Area. This is an informal time to meet members of the FRC staff and to learn about their area of ministry.



SENIOR GAME DAY

Join us on Wednesday, July 17, from 1:30-4:00pm in Room 107. Bring along a game if you have a specific one you think the group would like to play. Sign up on the sheet located on the Adult Activities Bulletin Board if you plan to attend.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES



Everyone--including FRC members, friends, and neighbors, is invited to our Neighborhood Fun Night on Thursday, August 1, from 6:00-8:00pm. We'll have inflatables, games, face painting, bubbles, a splash pad, and more! Food (hot dogs, chips, cookies, ice cream, cotton candy, and popcorn) will also be provided. Everything is FREE! Come on out and join the fun! Invite your friends and neighbors!

Volunteers Needed

We need over 175 volunteers to make this Outreach Event the best it can be. There are sign-up sheets on the Adult Activities Bulletin Board. Please consider signing up for the game or area you would like to help. We are asking our volunteers to sign up for only a 30-minute shift so they still have time to enjoy the fun themselves. Sign up for as many shifts as you'd like.

Contact Dawn Feenstra at dfeenstra@frchudsonville.org or Linda Folkert at lfolkert@frchudsonville.org or call 669-1213 if you have any questions.

JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday!

- Bill Donker (94) July 10
- Jerry Mulder (81) July 10
- Ginny Grasman (95) July 11
- Jane VerKaik (85) July 18
- Ellen VandenBand (89) July 19
- Lenore Pontier (91) July 25
- Lila Katje (82) July 26
- Marv Dekkinga (80) July 27

Happy Anniversary!

- Rick and Mary Boschma (50) July 3
- Jim and Cynthia Zuidema (55) July 3
- Andre and Gretchen Felix (60) July 11
- Jim and June Packer (65) July 23



Birthdays 80 years of age and above are listed here each month. Anniversaries are listed in increments of five after 50 years.

Contact the church office if you would like a monthly listing of all birthdays and anniversaries of Fellowship members.

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for the flowers, cards, and prayers that have been sent during Don's recent illness and diagnosis. We are grateful, too, for the phone calls and visits from the Pastors. We expect with chemo that there will be some rough days ahead, but know that with the continued prayers and support of FRC, we can get through and prepare for surgery in the coming months. Thanks again!

-Judy and Don Benninger

Thank you to all those who reached out to our family after the passing of Larry's mother, Ruth Bruins Bremer. The visits, calls, and cards meant so much to us! We are grateful to belong to Fellowship Reformed Church!

-Lyn and Larry Bruins

-Casey and Sarah Bruins; Emma, Hannah, and Wyatt

Thank you for all of your prayers, love, and support during our dad's journey and home-going. It was so appreciated. Thanks to the Pastor who did an amazing job honoring dad's wishes.

-The family of Bart Bylsma

Thank you to everyone for the prayers and cards following my shoulder surgery. I am ahead of schedule on my recovery and hope to be golfing again soon.

-Gary Dyke

Thank you so much for your prayers, caring and encouraging words, and the Pastor's phone calls and visits. A special thanks to Carol Huisinh for her phone call and for all the cards I received following my recent surgery and radiation treatments following my breast cancer diagnosis.

Sandy Groenendyk and family

Thank you Fellowship Family for your prayers, cards, visits, and words of encouragement following my knee replacement and recovery.

-Wayne Koster

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers, cards, and words of encouragement following my recent surgery. I'm grateful for a church family who reaches out with love and support as you do.

-Judy Mejeur

A big thank you for the many cards, gifts, and food during my recent health problems. Also, thank you to the Pastors who called.

-Linda Plumert

I am grateful for such a loving church family. Thanks for all the cards and phone calls. A special thanks for the spring bouquet. It really cheered me up.

-Marilyn Sturm

Thank you to my dear Fellowship Family for all your acts of kindness and care during my recent fall and surgery. Everything was appreciated very much.

-Nancy Ulberg

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to Fellowship for the cards, prayers, and visits from the Pastors during Sarah's illness, and the beautiful and personal funeral service and lunch after her passing.

-The Family of Sarah VanGeest

Thank you to our Fellowship family for the many prayers, cards, and plant in the passing of Doug's father, Clarence.

-Doug, Danielle, Ty, Geneva, and Ripken Wagenmaker

I would like to thank those who sent cards after my recent medical issues. Also, thanks for the flowers that I received and to the Pastors for their visits.

-Harold Zwyghuizen

A huge thank you to Marie Visser who has so faithfully served as our Meal Coordinator for the past several years. You did such a great job and your efforts were so very appreciated! We now welcome Kristin VanderWal who has graciously volunteered to take over the coordination of this ministry.

-The FRC Congregation

Thanks so very much to the well over 100 people who participated in the Memorial Day Parade. You represented FRC in the very best way possible! A special thanks to Beverly Mulder for driving our bus and to David and Sherry Fik for letting us use their truck to distribute the candy from (and to David Fik for driving the truck). A shout-out also goes to Donna Snyder for providing us with some extra-special candy to distribute to some extra-special people along the parade route. We hope many of you will be able to join the fun next year!

-Linda Folkert; Social Events Coordinator

Thanks to everyone who donated items for our Military Care Packages and to everyone who signed their cards. We received many great items that are sure to be appreciated by them. A special thanks to Beverly Mulder for packing the boxes.

-Linda Folkert; Social Events Coordinator

Thank you so much for your prayers and financial support for the ministry work of Positive Options. What an encouragement you have been to us. Please keep us in your prayers. We are totally reliant on the Lord for wisdom, courage, and grace to minister the message of life and Christ.

-Sandy Ohlman; Lakeshore Pregnancy Center

Thank you for your generous and encouraging gift to Harmony Homes. I can't tell you how much I appreciate your support for our important ministry to adults experiencing developmental disabilities. With the help of gifts like yours, we can continue to provide needed housing and services to 12 current residents, and also prepare for 12 additional residents moving into brand new homes in 2019. These are exciting times at GHH!

-Art Opperwall; Executive Director of Harmony Homes