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**First
Fremont**
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First's Fruits



Spread some Christmas Cheer!

Send Cards To Our Homebound Members

As you prepare to send out your Christmas cards, plan to add our homebound members to your list.

Bags set up in the Fellowship Room for each homebound member. Cards will be collected until December 15.

This year's recipients include Wayne Chrystler, Betty Hallmeyer, Ann Karnemaat, Maxine Luchies, Lillian Oosterhouse, Grant Parsons, Connie Pell, Norm Weaver, Lois Witte, Mark Witte, and Cobie Wolfson.



Hand2Hand Provides Food for Students

Hand2Hand Fremont has been working hard during this second year of providing weekend meals to at-risk kids in our community! They are currently serving 165 students each week.

First Fremont works with the middle school where we have 29 students that we serve. Our delivery team completed their first round of Thursday deliveries in October and will deliver again in December, February, and April. Our packing team will go to work in January when we pack for all of the students on Tuesday evenings.

Our bags are packed and prayed over before they go out to students and families. What a blessing to be able to

pray for the families in our community and to include encouragement in each bag!

The pantry is running quite low at this time of the year. Frequently needed items include the pre-packaged snacks that First Fremont is responsible for as well as peanut butter and jelly. If you would please add to your grocery list items like granola bars, crackers, and cookies that are pre-packaged in the small size packages, the pantry would certainly be grateful!

If you have questions talk to Becki Sweetman or Louise Breuker and we can help you! Cash donations are always accepted (checks to Inspire Church) as that is used to purchase other items like shelf-stable milk and cereal.

Thank you for your continued support of this critical ministry here in Fremont!



Middle School & High School Ministries>>>

Oasis

Oasis has been a blast recently! Within the past month or so, we've had two awesome events. First, we went to Fruit Ridge Hay Rides & Corn Maze in late October. Early on in November, we also took about 50 students and leaders to a Muskegon Lumberjacks game, followed immediately by a Late

Nighter at First Fremont until 1:00 AM. We've continued to work

through different themes found in the book of Proverbs, and we leave students with a challenge question to wrestle with until Oasis meets next. We're gearing up for our

winter camp, Elevate, at CranHill Ranch. Our students are selling Season's un-bake pizzas to raise money for their camp cost and would love if you would help support them in their efforts! -KM



WyldLife



WyldLife has been consistent this whole semester, and praise God for that! We continue to see more and more new faces at club, and we're unbelievably excited to be preparing for our Winter Weekend up at Timber Wolf Lake. We're still getting students to sign up, but this will undoubtedly be our biggest trip

since WyldLife began this past January. Our WyldLife leaders are pouring their hearts out for these students, and it definitely shows. Praise God for everything God is doing in the lives of teenagers in Fremont. -KM



Rooted

Rooted, our high school group, has been challenged recently by looking at different "Unsung Heroes" found throughout the Bible. We've been working through what their lives and stories reveal to us about the character of God, and what that might mean for us today. We've also had some fun events, like our trip to Robinette's later in October and our game night with Second CRC's FYSH group this past Sunday.

-KM



Crossroads Prison Ministry

Our Crossroad Ministry continues to help people in prisons all over the world come to know the Lord. We know that prayer changes people's hearts and helps them grow spiritually, so we are encouraged as mentors to pray much for our students.

In correcting a lesson each week, we hear from our students the prayer needs that concern them and they request that we pray for them.

Following are a few quotes and requests that students ask their mentors to pray about:

-Clayton tells his mentor that he is receiving more help from the Crossroad Bible Study than he ever has had before in other Bible Studies he has done. He wants His mentor to pray with him and ask God to send him a Christian wife and help him establish a Christian home and family; also that government leaders will seek God's help in running our country. He states that he became a Christian 17 years ago when he was first sent to prison.

-Gilbert desires prayer for God's blessing on him and also on the Crossroad Ministry, also that he will surrender his will to God and

be obedient to the Word and to the Holy Spirit.

-James asks for prayer for his family members who need Christ in their lives. His sister is an atheist, even though she seems to like to hear the message of the Bible; she is also very tenderhearted and intelligent.

-Mario shares with his mentor that he has been persecuted for his faith and has now been able to move into a faith-based dorm. He also knows that he is where God wants him to be.

It is truly a blessing to see these people grow in their faith. If you would be interested in becoming a mentor and helping a prisoner come to know the Lord, please call Chris at 924-5776 or Joyce at 924-0907. They will be happy to help you get started. You will be truly blessed as you help these people grow in their faith. -JF



Living Hope

We are grateful to God as He continues to bless our Living Hope Ministry. So far this year we have distributed 279 "New Testament Holy Bible's," 212 "Children's Bible Story Books," 104 "Spanish Children's Story Books" and 77 "Spanish New Testaments," as well as 647 Christian Booklets in Newaygo, Oceana and Muskegon Counties.

Our volunteers place a return postcard in each Bible and people who pick up our material and wish to learn more about God's Word, can send for Bible Study Courses. We have been blessed to be able to send out several Bible Study courses so far this year. They have been sent to Newaygo, Charlotte, Norton Shores, Fremont and Taylor, Michigan.

We are very grateful for the faithful service of our volunteers: Ron & Sally Bielema, Marian Breuker, Bob & Joyce Brummel, Frank & Shirley Bunce, Bob & Mary Derks, Joyce Frens, Betty Harmsen, Wayne & Sandy Mast and Wayne Scott, They deliver our materials to Hospitals, Dentist and Doctors offices, Camp Grounds, Laundromats, Restaurants, Med Centers, Motels and other places of business.

We covet your prayers and financial support as we continue to carry on in this part of God's Kingdom work. -JF



NEW MEMBERS!

First Fremont Welcomes the Miller Family

On November 24, we had the privilege of welcoming to First Fremont CRC Brian and Jackie Miller, along with their three children: Brody, Mackenzie and Logan.

The Millers are a busy family. Brian is a turkey farmer and manages a number of locations in the Fremont and Ravenna areas. Jackie is an early childhood teacher with Fremont Public Schools.



Brody (5th grade), Mackenzie (3rd grade) and Logan (K) all attend Fremont Christian School. They love motocross, competing around the state through the summer. Brody also plays hockey with the Muskegon Junior Jacks. Welcome!



From the pastor....

Looking back...Looking ahead

It's not quite the end of 2019 yet, but it's a good time to take a look back and anticipate what the year 2020 will hold for us.

Every year includes change, accomplishments and things we need to postpone until next year. This year was no exception.

Here are some things that have happened so far in 2019:

- WyldLife ministry in Fremont started
- Started a "Bored with Winter" Board Game event
- Opened our Prayer Room
- Held our first-ever Elevate Sports Camp
- Held our second annual Block Party and Outdoor Worship
- Women's Retreat in September

- Welcomed 2 new families
- Said an earthly farewell to Art Luchie, Max Luchies, Bill Lummen and Alma Scott.

As we look ahead to 2020, there is much that we do not know, but we do know that God will continue to guide us by his Spirit. Here are some things I'm looking forward to.

- "Bored with Winter" games is back!
- Another week of Elevate Sports Camp
- A special event just for men
- Some small groups starting

Would you join with me in giving thanks to God for his faithfulness in the past and in asking for his continued guidance in the future? -DS



coming soon >>>

Mark your calendars

December 8 – Congregational Meeting – following AM worship

December 8 – Western Michigan Christian HS Chamber Choir – 6:00 pm

December 15 – Kids' Christmas Program – 6:00 pm

December 22 – Candlelight worship @ Trinity CRC – 5:30 pm

January 4 – Game Day returns!

January 12 – Core classes resume

BIRTHDAYS

DECEMBER

02 Janice Frens
04 Steven Maynard
06 Wayne Mast
07 Ronald Brinkman
07 Adair Deters
07 Easton Herman
08 Sharon DeKryger
09 Jack Lubbers
14 Lavonda Smith
20 Olivia Hansen
22 Brett Bartolameolli
22 Mary Derks
27 Ann Karnemaat
28 Vicki Hall
29 Wayne Berens
29 Michelle Maynard
30 Nicole Hansen
31 Roger Deters

JANUARY

01 Sandra Mast
01 Tammy Martinez
03 Shirley Bunce
04 Shirley Poll
08 Deborah Wolfen
11 Alvin Mast
13 Shane Jacobs
15 Megin Boes
17 Betty Hallmeyer
20 Ruth Roberts
22 Gregory Zahrt
23 Carson Herman
25 Sylva Witte
26 Pamela Cosens
29 Edith Deters
30 Katherine Van Goor
31 Louise Breuker

ANNIVERSARIES

DECEMBER

01 Larry & Ruth Brinkman
05 Paul & Candy Breuker,
10 Joe & Nicole Hansen

JANUARY

27 Grant & Evelyn Parsons

Merry
Christmas
&
Happy
New Year!



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