

Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.

There is joy in the Lord's presence. We welcome every worshiper present and invite everyone to discover the joy of God's unending love. Join us downstairs after worship for a dinner and so we can know each other better.

Prelude

Announcements

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

Time of Praise

Ministry of Music

Keri Smith

Congregational and Offering Prayer

Presenting our Gifts

The offering is for our members and regular attendees. If you are a visitor or a guest, please do not feel obligated to give.

Children, age three through third grade, may leave for Kids' Own Worship held downstairs in the east wing.

Please fill out the Fellowship Pads at this time, and pass them down the row. When the pads get to the last person, please tear out the page and put in pad holder so page is visible.

Scripture Song of Songs Chapter 1 page 668

Message "A Lover's View"

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Closing

Benediction

Postlude

A "Toddler and Me Room" is available at the back of the sanctuary for parents and their children.

A staffed nursery is located downstairs for newborns to three-year-olds.

Personal sound systems are available for those who have a difficult time hearing. Ask an usher for details.

Song sheets are available at the Information Station or from the ushers, if you are unable to see the monitors. Enlarged Song Sheets and Bulletins are located at the Information Station for those who would like to use them.

Assisting Today

Greeters: Rich & Tabby Heemstra, Derek & Lara Herrema, Dan & Di Hoffman

Ushers: Mark Van Der Molen, Mark Hamstra, Mark Kuiken, Brock Peterson

Nursery: Craig & Vicki Anderson, Kalynn Anderson, Alan Klemp

Kids' Own Worship: Emma Allen, Micah Schaefer, Tyler Niehoff, Nicole Van Schouwen, Alyssa Hoffman, Elijah Schaefer, James Allen, Jessica Hoffman, Tim Schoonveld, Brandon Van Soest, Chris Schaefer

Prayer Room: Darlene Donis, Twila Smith, Hazel Wisz

This Week at the Church

Today

Everyone is invited to join the fellowship team downstairs for a Potluck Lunch following the morning worship service.

11:30 – Connection Class meets in the Consistory room.

4:00 – Worship Choir Practice! We will be singing at the Maundy Thursday service and Easter Sunday. Many voices needed!

5:00 – Stephen Ministry Training in the Lounge.

Youth Opportunities

3:30 – Ashley, Starla, and Twila's junior high girls' Small Group meets at Twila's home until 5:00 p.m. Bring your Bible.

4:30 – Marvin Toppen's junior high boys' Small Group meets at Marv's until 6:00 p.m.

5:00 – Denny, Dan, and Kevin's teen boys' Small Group meets at Denny's until 7:00 p.m.

6:00 – Molly, Michelle, Mandy, and Tabby's high school girls' Small Group meets at Molly's.

6:00 – Rhonda and Darla's high school girls' Small Group meets at Rhonda's.

6:00 – Cheryl & Darlene's high school girls' Small Group meets at Cheryl's.

6:00 – Chris' high school Small Group meets at his home.

Monday

7:00 – Children's Ministry Team meets in the Consistory room.

Tuesday

9:00-3:00 – GED class in the Lounge.

7:00 – Morrell Circle meets in the Lounge. Diana Hoffman leads lesson 3 and Phyllis Gaillard provides refreshments this meeting.

7:00 – Adult Develop Team meets in the Consistory room.

7:00 – Discovery Group meets at the home of Dave & Connie Fieldhouse.

Wednesday

6:45 – Faithweaver Friends and S.O.S. Carnival Night! All children ages three years to 5th grade are welcome with their families! Games, face painting, and free cookies and punch! Join the fun!

6:45 – Celebration (Youth Group for 6th grade thru high school) meets in Youth Building on the Safe Harbor side.

6:45 – Living Fire Year 2 meets in the Consistory room.

6:45 – Stephen Ministry Continuing Education meets in the Lounge.

Thursday

6:00 – Illiana Classis meets at American Reformed Church. Mark Boer and Bill Hamstra will be our elder representatives.

Sunday (March 14)

7:30-9:30 – Living Fire Year 2 meets in the Consistory room.

9:00 – Sunday School!

- Little Lights (age 3 thru Kindergarten) meet in the west wing green room downstairs with the piano in it.
- Beacons (grades 1-5) meet in the east wing downstairs.
- Junior High and High School meet in the Youth Building.
- Adult Opportunities:
 1. **Are you balanced:** Spiritually? Emotionally? Physically? Come to adult Sunday School in the Lounge as we work together to "get it together!" Child card provided.
 2. Discipleship-The Good and Beautiful God: Falling in Love with the God Jesus Knows. These classes meet downstairs.

News & Notes

A Trustworthy Ministry ~ Our Stephen Minister trainees will focus on *Confidentiality* this week in our training. We will learn the principles of confidentiality so that anyone who is ministered to by a Stephen Minister can be confident that any communication will not be shared with anyone else. We thank God for the continuing dedication of our Stephen Minister trainees and Stephen Ministers. We ask for your continued prayers for each of them.

Homebound Communion will be served on Wednesday. If you would like to have a home visit, contact your caring elder or the church office 987-5156 by Tuesday.

Baptisms? Professions of Faith? The Caring Elders will meet Monday, March 15, at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to have your child baptized or make profession of faith, please call the church office by Monday, March 8, to make an appointment to meet with the Caring Elders on that night. Profession of faith, joining the church, or membership transfer requires the completion of the Connection Class.

Easter flower order forms were placed in your church mailbox last week. To order, fill in the form and mail or bring to the church office by Tuesday, March 9. Extra order forms are available on the Information Station.

The time has come to update and refresh the Greeters List! Update sheets are located on the Information Station in the narthex and by the Coffee Table downstairs. Please stop for a moment and put your name down to joyfully welcome people to First Church on Sunday mornings. Also, we would appreciate the best phone contact number.

Camp Manitoqua forms are available in the church office. First Church will pay \$125.00 towards the registration for your child and one friend to any Reformed Church camp. Return your completed form and payment to the church office.

The Property Team is accepting mowing bids for the church and parsonage grounds, and also for the cemetery grounds. Job descriptions for each may be picked up in the church office. All bids are to be sealed and are due by March 15. Bids may be brought to the office or put in the Property Team mail slot in the narthex. Contact Jim Toppen if you have any questions.

Dr. Ursula Saqui, LMFT, a Christian, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, in cooperation with Chicago Christian Counseling Center, maintains an office in First Reformed Church of DeMotte. For information, appointments and fees: call 800-361-6880, www.chicagochristiancounseling.org

March 7, 2010

Remember in your daily prayers

Our Church Family:

Many of our youth and adult leaders will attend Acquire the Fire in Muncie, Indiana, next weekend. Please keep them in your prayers.

Dennis Nannenga had a biopsy on Friday and returns to the doctor on Monday for the results. Keep Dennis, Jennifer, and family in your prayers.

Lorretta Hamstra has moved to Oak Grove for rehab.

Norma Madderom returned home following her knee replacement surgery and is doing well.

Be in prayer for Bess Bult, Stacy DeHaan, Christine Goetz, Arlene Hamstra, Lorretta Hamstra, Millie Hamstra, Roy Schlarp, Alvin Seegers, and others who have health concerns.

Sympathy:

We extend our sympathy to Verl and Jan Van Riessen and family in the death of Jan's father, Jack O. Boerigter, on Wednesday. Pastor Jack was a former pastor here at First Church.

We extend our sympathy to Ted and Marian Hathaway and family in the death of Marian's sister-in-law, Eileen Belstra, from Wisconsin.

Thank You:

A special thank you to my church family for the meals, the cards and especially the prayers said for me during and after my surgery. So good to be a part of a caring church family. Lois DeYoung

For those unable to be with us:

Oak Grove
Judy Hamstra Marie Hamstra
Millie Hamstra
Bethshan
Becky Przybylski Joey Swart

Corpus Christi Group Home
Abigail Mullins

Anne Janavich is studying in Argentina this semester. She plans to return home the end of June.

Her address is:
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Her blog address is: anne-adventureinargentina.blogspot.com

Pray for God's blessing on her studies and for her safety while away from home.

Youth Opportunities:

Coming Events: New Mexico Mission Trip! Yes, it's planned! June 11-21 to Mescalero, New Mexico. See Chris for more details! Deposit is due March 17.

Ministry Dollars (Giving for week 26 as of February 28, 2010)

General Fund (for operating fund)	\$ 9,698.29
Average budgeted per Sunday	\$ 11,729.00
Year-to-date weekly average	\$ 11,990.67
Percent on Budget	102%
Other offerings	\$ 130.00

Coming Dates:

March 12-14	"Acquire the Fire"
March 14	Connection Class
March 14	Worship Choir Practice at 4:00 p.m.
March 28	Sixteen Cities Concert
April 1	Maundy Thursday Communion Service
April 3	Easter Egg Hunt
April 4	Easter
April 17	Ladies'/Girls' Night Out
May 2	Collingsworth Family Concert

Connect with God
Develop a Christ-like Character
Build the Kingdom



To Make a Prayer Chain Request:

If you have a prayer request, Monday thru Friday, call the Church Office at 987-5156, or email at frcod@netnitco.net. After 4:30 p.m. or on weekends, contact Sally Hamstra at 987-2297, email bashfarm@midwaynet.net, or Carol Eenigenburg at 987-3311, email eburg@netnitco.net.

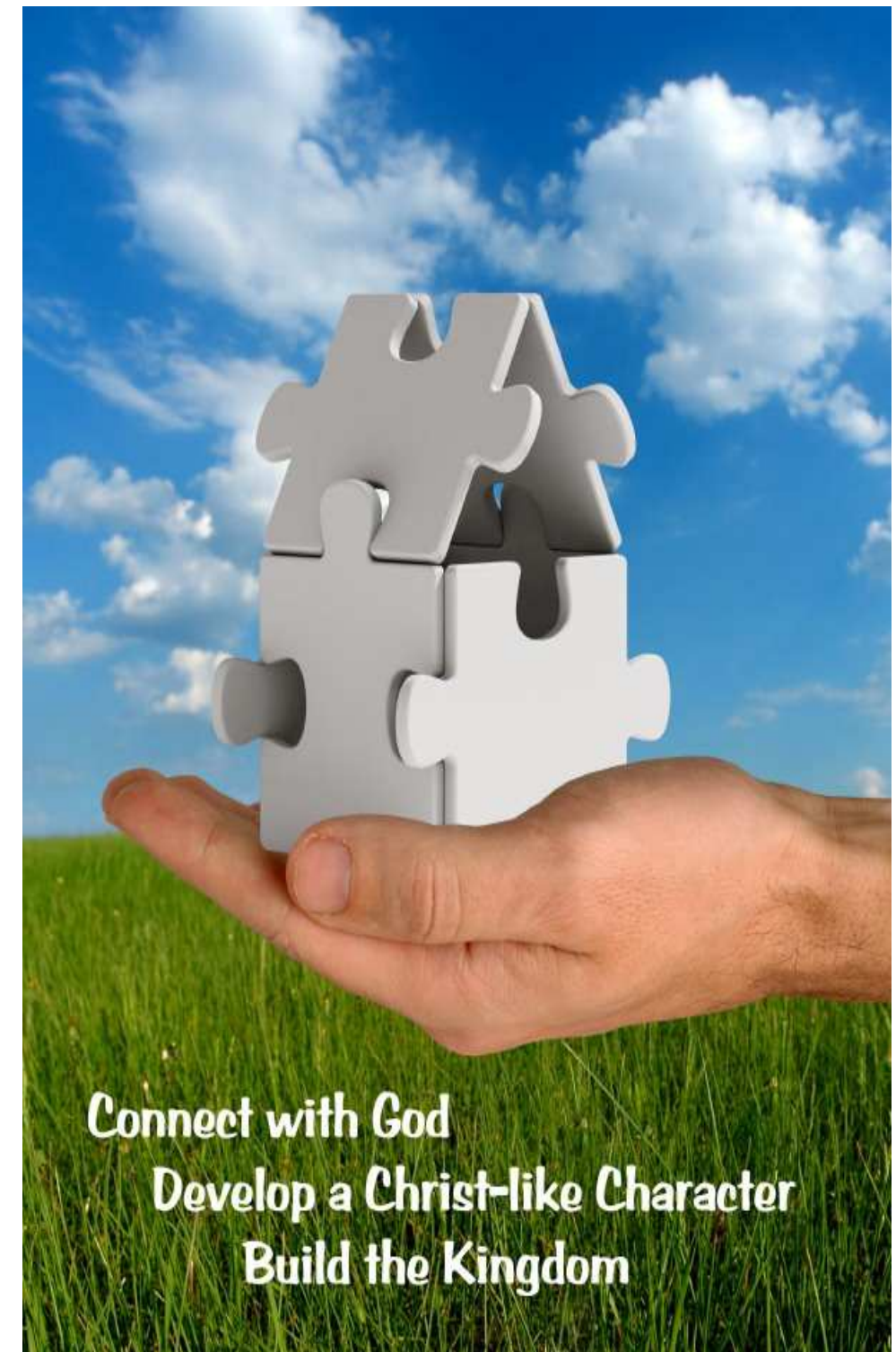
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