



# Connections

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## Connected through Prayer

- Pray for those we know who are recovering from accident, illness, or surgery.
- Today, pray for **Janet T** who is at Newaygo Medical Care.
- **Carolyn H** has returned home after a brief hospitalization.
- **Shirley P** will be having surgery on Monday, May 20. Pray for successful surgery and a good recovery.
- Continue to pray for families who are grieving.
- Always keep in prayer those members and friends who are dealing with long-term health concerns.



## Connected through Celebration

We look forward to being able to celebrate these birthdays this week:

May 20 Diane B  
May 24 Lori J  
May 24 Elaine T

Congratulations to our Graduates this year!

**Fremont High School:** Justina S  
Easton H

**Fremont Christian School:** Mayson H

We also wish to congratulate Grace F who graduates from Western Michigan Christian and Evie F who graduates from Fremont Christian! They had a celebration with their Trinity CRC family earlier this spring.



## Connected through Worship:

Worship notes for this week:

- Welcome to worship today! **Our worship time is 10:00am and is available in many ways:**
  - In-Person
  - Livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube.
  - Remain in your car and tune in via FM radio at 87.9. **Worship materials are available inside the building or online.**
  - Follow the link on the website for the video on the following day.

Our offerings on Sunday are received in-person in our offering boxes, through the mail, or through your bank will be put toward **Church Operations.**

Community Evening Worship will be here at First this evening at 5:00pm with Mr. John Byl leading. Next week, there will not be an evening worship service due to the holiday.

**Next Sunday, May 26 (Memorial Day weekend), our church will be participating in a combined outdoor worship at Veterans' Park beginning at 10 am.** We are looking forward to worshipping together with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Golf carts will be available for those needing assistance entering the park from their parking location. A Kids Korner will be available for kids ages 4-10. Fellowship is encouraged following worship and will include refreshments. An offering will be received for Camp Sunshine, a ministry that provides camp experience for youth and young adults with special needs. The camp will be at Camp Henry this year in early June. For those unable to attend in person, the service will be livestreamed

at <https://www.youtube.com/@firstfremontcrc1886>



### Connected through Events:

The “**First CRC Connection**” Zoom meeting **will be connecting again and sharing time together this week Wednesday, May 22 at 7:15pm.**

#### Weekly Calendar (5/19-5/26)

Sun (19)	10:00am 11:15am 5:00pm	Worship @ First; THRIVE1 class; celebrating grads! Coffee Fellowship Community Evening Worship
Tue (21)	6:30pm	GriefShare
Thu (22)	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sun (26)	10:00am	Worship @ Veteran's Memorial Park ; Happy Memorial Day!



### Connected through Faith Formation

#### Ascending Leaders Discipleship

- The Discipleship Team continues in their work of strengthening the discipleship path of First Fremont. We have several things we are working on!
- Check out the definition of discipleship here at First!

**Discipleship is a daily process through the seasons of life where we accept Jesus' invitations to grow toward maturity in Him through knowing and experiencing His love and forgiveness and responding to it through engaging God's Word, worshiping, praying, and serving together.**

- Small group ministry is happening! Pray that God would work mightily through those groups!
- Assessments of all our current ministries will be happening continues with a short two question form for ministry leaders and participants.

**Encounter**, our Bible Reading program, has concluded. The website has all the readings that have been done along with study information. You're encouraged to work through or reread and study Scripture this summer. Invite a friend or two to study with you! Look for another group to begin in the fall.

**Men's Bible Study** and Men's Prayer Time are important ways to connect with God and with each other. Join us on Thursdays at 8:00am!

**THRIVE** classes for grades PK-5 meet during the second half of morning worship. THRIVE for middle and high school students meets following morning worship for mentoring and lessons on Women of the Bible.

**FYSH** (high school): meets on Sunday evenings at 7:13pm for Bible study and hanging out at Second CRC. There are other activities throughout the year. Watch for announcements about summer activities!

**OASIS** (middle school): meets every other Wednesday at Fremont Christian School from 6:30-8:00pm for Bible study and fun activities! Watch for summer activities!



### Connected through News and Information

#### Church office hours:

- Tuesday: 10-12
- Wednesday and Friday: 10-3

Mark your calendars for **The Gathering! On Sunday, June 2, following worship**, we'll gather as First Fremont along with our new family members from Trinity, to share together what it looks like to belong at First Fremont and all the opportunities to serve and be served by God's family here. The Gathering will include a light lunch following the sharing time.

We are grateful for the many people in our church family who volunteer their time and efforts for God's kingdom! We will be having a **Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 6:00pm to celebrate you!** If you volunteer for **any** ministry here at First

Fremont, please RSVP to the church office with the number in your family attending by Friday, June 7.

**ELEVATE Your Sport and Your Life!** We are excited to announce that Elevate Sports Camp will be happening again this year! Our dates for Camp are **July 22-25. We are now open for volunteers to sign up! Check out what positions are available and sign up at the Welcome Center.**

Do you like to make spaces warm and welcoming? Do you like to decorate for holidays and special occasions? Consider being part of our new **Creative Team!** To learn more, sign up [here](#) or at the Welcome/Coffee center.

**Rooms of Refuge needs the following items:**

- Lysol Disinfecting Wipes
- Paper Towel
- New or gently used sheets, pillowcases, and blankets
- Men's Shampoo
- Men and Women's deodorant

**Please drop off any donations to Love INC's Help Center in Grant (Mon-Fri between 9 and 3) or drop at the collection table outside the Fellowship Room.**

**HAND2HAND Update:**

The Hand2Hand ministry in Fremont will be wrapping up the school year very soon. Please bring in your donations of applesauce cups and fruit cups and help kids to finish this year strong!

**Mission Trip Opportunity!** Do you have a heart for sharing Jesus with others and helping in a tangible way? Greg and Janiece are planning a mission trip for 10-12 people to work with Vision 3:16 ([www.eyeglassvision316.com](http://www.eyeglassvision316.com)) in Mexico. The trip would be from November 2-9, 2024. Please check out the flyers under the mailboxes and on the bulletin board for additional information. Contact Greg (231-519-0006) or Janiece (231-519-6686) to learn more about this amazing opportunity!

**PUZZLE LOVERS!** We have a puzzle exchange in the church library. Bring a puzzle, take a puzzle without the need to fill in a card! Check it out on the right-hand side of the library toward the window. Enjoy!

Giving Update:

- We are blessed by your continued and generous giving! Offering boxes are available at the doors during worship. You may give on the way in or on the way out. Giving may also be done by US Mail, or electronically through your bank.
- Giving through the month of March was 94% of budget need. Thanks for your continued generosity.



**Connected to our community and your neighborhood**

**Our Community Bulletin Board, right outside the church office,** has information about many happenings around town and in our region.

**Insight Pregnancy Services will be hosting the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Walk 'N Waddle on Saturday, June 7, from 10am-12:30pm** (registration begins at 9:00am) at Veteran's Memorial Park here in Fremont. This event includes a short 1-mile loop around the park (where you have people sponsor your walk!), activities for families, a relay race featuring local pastors, picnic food, and fun! **If you would like to raise funds and walk, grab a packet from the Welcome Center. If you want to sponsor a family, you may also do that at the Welcome Center!** Make sure to come out for this amazing event showing your support for the value of human life!

**Bridge Newaygo** is a network of Newaygo County churches (First CRC is an integral part of this ministry!) working hard to give hope and help to single moms. In order to provide more resources and reach more moms, Bridge Newaygo needs your help! Please visit our Facebook page by searching "Bridge Newaygo" on Facebook and "Like" our page. We also invite you to "share" our posts and spread the message that the Christian community is here to support single moms by sharing Christ's love and providing resources to

those in need. Please visit our website at [bridgenewaygo.org](http://bridgenewaygo.org) for more info on our organization. Thank you for supporting our work!

We are a praying church. The CRCNA Prayer Team invites you to join online in monthly Prayer Gatherings. We will meet virtually on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 11:00am EST for one hour of prayer led by the CRC Prayer Team. Our goal is that this is not the only prayer opportunity for CRC members/groups. We would like this to be a grassroots effort that includes many more people than we can host in one session per month. We encourage you to lead your own prayer group at a time and place and in the language that works best for you. We will provide you with Prayer Guides and even set up a zoom meeting if needed. If you have questions or comments, please contact us by emailing [Prayer@crncnpartners.org](mailto:Prayer@crncnpartners.org).