

**LOVE**  
**JOY**  
**PEACE**  
**PATIENCE**  
**KINDNESS**  
**GOODNESS**  
**FAITHFULNESS**  
**GENTLENESS**  
**SELF-CONTROL**  
**GALATIANS 5:22-23**

## **FIRST REFORMED CHURCH**

Grandville, Michigan

**Welcome to Worship at First Reformed Church**  
**June 23, 2024**

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| Prelude   | <i>How Great Thou Art</i>                             |
| Welcome   |   |
| *Song of Worship                                  | <i>Everlasting God</i>                                |
| *Greeting   |   |
| *Songs of Worship                                 | <i>Great Are You Lord</i><br><i>Be Thou My Vision</i> |
| Scripture – James 5:7-12                          |   |
| Sermon  | Patience  |
| Dominican Republic Youth Mission Trip Testimonies |   |
| Offering of Our Tithes, Gifts & Prayer            |   |
| Offertory Song                                    | <i>There Was Jesus</i>                                |
| Announcements                                     |   |
| *Sending Song                                     | <i>His Mercy is More</i>                              |
| *Blessing   |   |
| Postlude  |   |
| <i>*All who are able, please stand.</i>           |   |

**Worship Leaders:** Pastors – Jeff Watson, Matt Cook, Melanie Kilgore; Prelude – Rachael & Hannah Barone; Offering – Mike Dertien & Sharilyn VanWyhe

**WELCOME to First Reformed Church**

We're so glad you're here! May you experience the presence of the Living God. If you are visiting, welcome! There are guest cards in the pews you can complete and put in the offering plate. Feel free to stop by our Welcome Desk near the main entrance – we'd love to connect with you! Please join us for coffee in the Activity Center following the service.

**FOR KIDS** – Kid's worship bags and Sweet Reward papers are available as you enter the Sanctuary. Completed Sweet Reward papers can be turned in at the Welcome Desk for a sweet treat.

**Mother's Room:** The "Mother's Room" is accessible off the Fellowship Room to tend to the needs of babies.

**TODAY at First** Pastor Jeff Watson continues the series – Fruit of the Spirit. He will be preaching from James 5:7-12 on "Patience."

**Nursery** (birth – 3 year olds) can be dropped off in the nursery when you arrive and picked up after the

worship service.

**NEXT WEEK** Pastor Jeff Watson continues the series – Fruit of the Spirit. He will be preaching from titled “Kindness.”

### **FIRST REFORMED CHURCH PRAYERS & CONCERNS**

For prayer updates during the week, please call the **Prayer Line** – 534-0113

#### **We extend prayers of healing & comfort for:**

- **Ron See** is home but still weak.
- **David Timmerman** is having a heart procedure July 24.
- **Bob Morehouse** grieving the loss of his wife Lois.
- **Esther Dawdy** (Jon Hull’s grandma) is under the care of hospice.
- **Pray for peace in Ukraine and the Middle East.**
- **Continued prayers for: Don Scovel, Mike VanWyhe, Bob Waters, Casey Dutmer, Doug Hunderman, Helen Huizenga, Roy DeJonge, Heather Dykstra, and Jeremy Ross.**

#### **Prayers for our campers this week:**

- **Daphne Nichols**

#### **Please keep all our military troops in your prayers, especially:**

**Jeremy Stegehuis, Jeff Shuck & Tony Shuck** (Betty Isenga’s grandsons), **Ben Westrick, Ben DeRuyter** (Jack and Jackie’s grandson), **AJ Frens** (Duane & Gail’s grandson), **Abram Swart** (Jack & Myrt Manders grandson), **Taran Silva** (Masan Silva’s brother), **Sylas Belden** (Ken & Barb VanderHeide’s grandson).

#### **Please keep in your hearts, minds, and prayers:**

Our **Family at Home members** - Eloise Anderson, Crystal Baum, Mary Lou Besteman, Helen Dertien, Marilyn DeVree, Kay Mekkes, Bob Morehouse, Kay TenHaken, Joyce VanderMarkt, and Trudie Wierda.

In case of an emergency and no one is at church, you may call Pastors Jeff Watson - 616-250-7148, Matt Cook - 616-893-4189, Melanie Kilgore - 269-330-0155, or consistory Vice President Lee Cook – 616-446-7880, or any of the other elders.

**Church Facebook Group** – Check out our new Church Facebook Group called “First Grandville Congregational Connection.” Here you can see upcoming events, announcements, and links. You are also welcome to post prayer requests or look for a sub for an area you serve in. Questions? Contact Pastor Melanie.

#### **Stewardship Update:**

Offerings received June 16, 2024

Offering Plate: \$ 6,701.00

Online: \$ 2,899.00

**Text to Give** - 616-208-4301

## **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

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|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Kay Mekkes      | 102 on the 6 <sup>th</sup> |
| Shirley Ghysels | 84 on the 11 <sup>th</sup> |
| Nancy Robinson  | 82 on the 12 <sup>th</sup> |
| Phil Davis      | 84 on the 20 <sup>th</sup> |
| Gordon Waddell  | 85 on the 20 <sup>th</sup> |
| Jack Manders    | 83 on the 24 <sup>th</sup> |
| Don Alderink    | 89 on the 29 <sup>th</sup> |

## **Mission Partners of the Month**

**Jodi Oppenhuizen** – Jodi is the director at the Christian International School of Prague. The school provides an affordable Christian education to students from all over the world.

**Beyond 26** – is a faith-based organization that bridges the gap between local businesses and a community of job seekers with disabilities in Grandville and the wider West Michigan community.

## **THANK YOU...**

...with all my heart. Eight months have passed. We got through chemo, surgery and 6 weeks of recovery. The prayers, cards, hugs and words of encouragement just keep coming. I don't know about other churches but for me First Church is number one. By the grace of God and the prayers of many, I am back.

**Don & Jan Scovel**

## **THIS WEEK**

**MONDAY**

8:05pm Men's Softball Game at Hughes Park

**TUESDAY**

9:00am Ladies Golf

5:30-7:30pm          Splash Pad Night

## WEDNESDAY

6:00am                  MegaMen Bible Study  
1:00-4:00pm          High School Youth Group Pool Party  
5:30pm                  Praise Team

## THURSDAY

9:00am                  Zumba

## ONGOING MINISTRIES

**MegaMen Bible Study** – Wednesdays at 6:00am in the Youth Lounge. Come for Bible study and fellowship. Contact: Dave Lidgard (dlidgard@hpseagles.net) or Bob Stelma (mstelmau78@yahoo.com).

## OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE OR SERVE

**Grandville Serve Day Project Leaders** – We are looking for project leaders for our various projects for Serve Day. Project Leaders work alongside Pastor Melanie to oversee a specific project (i.e. landscaping, painting, clean up, school projects, etc.) If you are interested in being a Project Leader, please contact Pastor Melanie.

**Grandville Serve Day Sign Ups** – Join us as we serve our community and love our neighbors. The bulletin insert includes a list of serving opportunities planned throughout the day for a variety of ages and skill levels. Most projects are 2-3 hours long and are scheduled throughout the day to fit into a variety of schedules. Sign up at the Sign-Up Center or on the Google Form. Questions? Contact Pastor Melanie.

**Hand2hand** – We are still collecting donations for hand2hand throughout the summer! We are receiving non-expired, non-perishable food donations. Items needed are:

popcorn packets, trail mix, pudding snack packs, granola bars, fruit snacks, applesauce/fruit cups, crackers, raisins, any bagged snack, instant oatmeal, cereal, instant mac 'n cheese.

These items need to be in individual packets. Please place your donations in the box in the Narthex.

Thanks for your support of this ministry!

**Bible Runners** – If you have any Bibles, new or used, in any condition that you would like to donate to the mission project, Bible Runners. Please drop them off at the church office.

**Bus Drivers** – We need more bus drivers to drive the church bus to events. Bus drivers need to have a CDL license. The church will pay for training and licensing. If you are interested, contact Jeff VanDuinen.

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Splash Pad Night** – Tuesday, June 25, 5:30-7:30pm at Rosewood Park. Pizza dinner and drinks will be provided. Please sign-up at the Sign-Up Center or RSVP to Madelyn (madelyn@firstgrandville.org) by **TODAY** to ensure that we have enough food!

**College Age Get Together** – July 10, 6:00pm at the Smitley's. Bonfires and burgers.

**Art in the Park** – Thursday, July 11, 10am-Noon at Hagar Park. All ages are welcome!

**Next Neighborhood Night** – Wednesday, July 17, 5:30-7:30PM. Invite your friends and neighbors and bring a lawn chair for a water night! Questions? Contact Madelyn (madelyn@firstgrandville.org).

**Cran Hill Camping Weekend July 19-21, 2024** – There are still a few spots open for our church campout. Spots are available first come first served. This is a fun weekend to get to know other people from our church and La Casa church. If you would like more info or to reserve your spot, contact Cheryl DeVries (616-443-2002 youravoncheryl@gmail.com) or Tony Williams (616-970-2221).

**Invitation to All Singers** – the Chancel Choir will have a Y'all Come Choir Sing in the service on August 18. Copies of the "Y'all Come Sing" music are in the Gossett's mailbox. If you're interested in joining us, take a copy. We will rehearse on August 11 after church and sing in the worship service on August 18.

## **YOUTH MINISTRIES**

**Middle School Youth Group** (incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders – incoming 8<sup>th</sup> graders) – Michigan's Adventure trip, Thursday, August 1, 9:45am-6:00pm. Meet at church at 9:45! We will take the bus to Michigan's Adventure for the day and will return to church around 6:00pm. Cost is \$30/student. Sign up here if you plan to go: <https://forms.gle/KL8xXfwPp9Teoh6M8> Contact Madelyn (madelyn@firstgrandville.org).

**High School Youth Group** (incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders – outgoing 12<sup>th</sup> graders) – Come and have fun at the Church Youth Group pool party, Wednesday, June 26, 1:00-4:00, at 3501 Apache Ct.! There will be burgers, hotdogs and lots of yard games! If able to come, sign up so we know how many burgers and dogs to have. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084DACAA22A6FF2-50079464-first> Please bring something to share (chips, veggies, cookies, pop, etc.) Contact Abby Kleinheksel (akleinheksel@gpsbulldogs) or Brian Breuker (brianbreuker@gmail.com).