

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 30, 2024

Prelude *Amazing Grace*

Welcome

*Song of Worship *Mighty to Save*

*Greeting

Prayer of Kindness

All: The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Kathy: Kindness is an attribute of God. Kindness is what God shows to us in spite of our failures.

All: The Spirit moves us to loving actions toward others through Kindness.

Kathy: As a gift of the Holy Spirit, we are all empowered to be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another as God, in Christ, forgave us.

All: Holy Spirit, dwell in us to sense your leading to practice kindness in all we do.

*Songs of Worship *Come Thou Fount*
Jesus Strong and Kind

Scripture – Luke 6:43-45

Sermon *Kindness*

Offering of Our Tithes, Gifts & Prayer

Offertory Song *Revelation Song*

Announcements

*Sending Song *My Friends May You Grow in Grace*

*Blessing

Postlude *When the Role is Called Up Yonder*

**All who are able, please stand.*

Worship Leaders: Pastors – Jeff Watson, Matt Cook, Melanie Kilgore; Prelude/Postlude – Pamela Boone Slagter; Liturgist – Kathy Geurink; Sign Language Dance – Anna, Seamus & Stacy Brown, Pam Jackman, Pastor Melanie Kilgore

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 cake and coffee in the Fellowship Room 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 Luke 6:43-45 titled "Kindness."

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

Summer Sunday Connect (Preschool-5th Grade) downstairs during the service TODAY!

NEXT WEEK Pastor Melanie Kilgore continues the series – Fruit of the Spirit. She will be preaching from Matthew 20:1-16 and Matthew 7:15-20 titled "Goodness & Generosity".

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:

- **Wayne Veneklasen** is hospitalized at Blodgett with an infection in his leg.
- **David Timmerman** is having a heart procedure July 24.
- **Mike VanWyhe** is dealing with leg spasms and not sleeping.
- **Kay Mekkes** will be celebrating her 102nd birthday on July 6.
- **Meg Oskam** (Maria Oskam's sister-in-law) has liver cancer and has started treatment at John Hopkins Hospital.
- **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, Bob Waters, Casey Dutmer, Doug Hunderman, Helen Huizenga, Roy DeJonge, Heather Dykstra, and Jeremy Ross.**

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 23, 2024

Offering Plate: \$ 7,483.00

Online: \$ 4,792.00

Text to Give - 616-208-4301

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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

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...

...so much for the wonderful reaction of love on the passing of my wife and love, Lois. Those attending her funeral, the outpouring of cards and calls were honoring her. Bless you all. **Bob Morehouse**

THIS WEEK – THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED JULY 3 & 4

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

9:00am Ladies Golf

WEDNESDAY

6:00am MegaMen Bible Study

5:30pm Praise Team

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!

Food Pantry Needs canned fruit, canned meat, pancake mix and syrup, beef stew, crackers, Jell-O, pudding, Hamburger or Tuna Helper, shampoo, toothpaste and bar soap. Please leave food in the cart located in the Activity Center.

Bible Runners – If you have any Bibles in any condition, that you would like to donate to the mission project, Bible Runner, 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

July Prayer Walks- Join us on Tuesday mornings at 9:00am for Prayer Walking around Grandville. Meet in the church office.

Post High Get Together (late teens - early 20s)– July 10, 6:00pm at the Smitley's. Bonfire and burgers.

Art in the Park – Thursday, July 11, 10am-Noon at Hager 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 6th graders – incoming 8th 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 \$35/student. RSVP to Madelyn (madelyn@firstgrandville.org) by Sunday, July 28. Sign up here if you plan to go: <https://forms.gle/KL8xXfwPp9Teh6M8>

Lost & Found – A green water bottle and a white water bottle can be found in the office.

Grandville Serve Day List- Wednesday, July 24

Morning: Starts at 9am

- Window Washing at Grand Heritage Manor +
- Creative Patio Painting at Tippy Cow
- Landscaping & Weeding at Mission Point Nursing Home +

-Mid-Morning-Mid Afternoon: 10am-2:30pm (includes lunch)

- House & Car Cleaning for a Young Family +

Early Afternoon: Starts at 1p

- Painting Community Garden Fence at South Elementary +
- Back to School Teacher Appreciation Bag Assembling * #
- Landscaping for Elderly Couple +

Late Afternoon: Starts at 3pm

- Craft Prep for City of Grandville Events * +
- Weeding at East Elementary Community Garden +
- Root Beer Floats and Games at Rose Garden Assisted Living # *

Evening: Starts at 5:30 (and includes a grab and go dinner)

- Landscaping Clean Up for New Grandville Couple +
- Community Clean Up & Traveling Lemonade Stand #
- Ice Cream Social at Apartment Complex #
- Work at Legacy Thrift Store- Time: 2 hours TBD

*Low Mobility Friendly **

Age 10 and Up +

Young Children Friendly #

Sign up at the Sign Up Center or on the Google Form