



The Church MOUSE

July 2014

Monthly Newsletter

Fremont United Methodist Church

JULY HIGHLIGHTS

- July 4th—Independence Day
- July 7th—Mobile Food Truck
- July 9th—FUMC Family Picnic—A Hot Summer Fun Night
- July 12th—12th Annual Garden Tour and Salad Luncheon
- July 18th—Movie and Games at Fremont Cinemas (see pg. 11)
- July 20th—Baked Goods Sunday
- July 27th—Worship and Potluck at the Shack
- July 31st—Sticky Faith Initiative (see pg. 2)



COMING SOON! SPIRITUAL GIFTS-BASED MINISTRIES

God's plan for our church calls for each member of the body of Christ to play a vital role. God wants us to find joy and fulfillment when we serve. That happens when we serve in a role that matches who God created us to be. As part of the VCI Prescription process, all adults are encouraged to discover their God-given spiritual gifts by taking a Spiritual Gifts Inventory, and using those results to serve and grow. Watch for more details soon. *A small team will be meeting this month to organize this new process and possible study.*

If you would like to be involved with this exciting new ministry, contact Sara Wolfson (924-0030 or dcefumc@att.net).

COMING SOON! FALL CHURCH-WIDE STUDY

The Christian Education team is reviewing options for the Fall Churchwide study and sermon series that will be held in October. The materials are dynamic so make plans now to emerge yourself in learning and action as we take another step forward in our VCI Revitalization Process. *To review the recommended resources and consider facilitating or hosting a small group in your home, contact Sara Wolfson (924-0030 or dcefumc@att.net).*

SAVE THE DATE! STICKY FAITH INITIATIVE - VOLUNTEERISM THAT LASTS A LIFETIME

Thursday, July 31st, 7 p.m. in Wesley Hall

Research indicates that roughly half of youth graduates, like those at our church, don't stick with their faith and fail to connect with a faith community after high school. In response to this, Fuller Youth Institute has launched the *Sticky Faith Initiative* in an effort to help facilitate changes in ministries for children and youth to develop faith in young people that would 'stick' with them beyond the high school years. Fuller Youth Institute has identified three key factors to developing sticky faith:

- *Partnering with parents in the process of discipling young people*
- *Sharing the gospel by focusing on God's grace and the role of trust in following God*
- *Integrating young people into the overall life of the church*

Come join us **Thursday, July 31 at 7 p.m.** as special guest and inspiring speaker Chad Inman shares how we can be a part of developing faith in the young people of Fremont UMC that will last them a lifetime. This special evening is sponsored by the Christian Education Team.

HELP WANTED

By Sara Wolfsen

Director of Christian Education

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It's time to assemble our Teaching Team for 2014/2015!

Our church tradition emphasizes learning and continued Christian growth at every age. The Christian Education Team is looking for parents, grandparents, and friends with a servant's heart, enthusiastic attitude and an eagerness to invest in lifelong learning opportunities. Plant the seeds of learning and help students of any age sprout and flourish at every stage of spiritual maturity. Please consider sharing your time and faith with our lifelong learners. If you are feeling God's gentle nudge to support and encourage learners of all ages, contact Sara Wolfsen to indicate your interest in any of these vital ministries:

Super Sunday School Teachers Wanted (for all age levels)

Time commitment: 2-3 hours per week or as needed. Team teaching is available.

Do you have Jesus' heart for teaching? Help students of all ages make connections and discover God in just an hour each week. Sunday school teachers prepare for weekly class sessions from the materials provided. New and additional Sunday School teachers are needed in these areas:

Preschool

Elementary

Middle High

Substitute teachers (for all ages)

Small Group Leaders Wanted

Time commitment: 3-4 hours per week for short-term studies

Do you wish to make a strong connection and talk about faith with adults that have similar interests? Our goal is to offer several small group opportunities at church and in homes throughout the year. Would you consider leading a discussion at church or opening your home and facilitating a discussion for adults during designated periods throughout the year? Contact Sara Wolfsen for more details.

Dynamic Youth Group Leaders Wanted

Time commitment: 8-12 hours per month + special activities

Join an existing team of Youth Leaders in guiding young adults through their teen years and assisting in their exploration and discoveries of faith. Help shape their future and watch them develop into mature, confident Christians. Plan and participate in regular meetings that balance education, mission and fellowship. Chaperone fun activities and educational faith experiences beyond the wall of our church. Administrative functions (paperwork, scheduling, promotion) are completed by church staff so you can focus on youth. Contact Sara Wolfsen with your interest.

Vibrant Celebration Leaders Wanted

Time Commitment: 60-90 minutes for times per year

Help children ages 3-3rd grade discover God in their very own worship time during regular worship service on Sunday morning. Your time with the children could be spent in song, story time, art projects, games, puzzles or movies. Snacks are provided by the church. Contact Sara Wolfesen with your interest by August 20 so the Fall scheduled can be completed.

Caring Nursery Helpers Needed

Time commitment: 1-3 hours six times per year

Love and care for our littlest Christians (birth through 3 years) so parents can attend worship service and adult classes. Male and female volunteers must be fourth grade or older. This voluntary position is ideal for grandparents, parents and students. Contact Sara Wolfesen with your interest by August 20 so the Fall schedule can be completed.



ENERGIZE! YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

We're making plans for a lively Youth Ministry for 6th - 12th graders this year! Parents and youth, watch for details on Facebook, website and e-mail updates.

FALL ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

Lifelong learners at every age enjoy a variety of learning opportunities. Watch the bulletin and next month's newsletter for complete details.

Sunday School classes resume September 7th!



Fremont United Methodist Church Picnic in the Park (Rain or Shine)



Loving Others

Wednesday, July 9th at Fremont Lake Park Pavilion

We start gathering at 5:30pm.....Dinner at 6pm

**Please bring a dish to share, a lawn chair if you have one,
yard games, and swimsuits/towels for the kids.**

We will provide hotdogs & fixins, table service and drinks

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

July 1st Trisha Cook July 2nd Matt Clausen Noah Lippard July 3rd Josh Robinson Jim & Anne Featherstone July 4th Ryan Carter Claudia Boltz Bud & Anne Stressman July 5th Cliff Somers Jack Hendon July 6th Darrell Proctor Kyle Proctor July 8th Carolyn Hummel Terry Hebert July 9th Gary & Karen Wolford Chris & Jean Matthews July 10th Lorraine Winchel Jim Helgemo Cindy Leiter Shirley Woodring July 11th Josh Sturtevant Amelia Stressman July 12th Scott Crandell Susan Phillippy Bev Blamer Liam Gibson	July 12th continued Jim & Sherri Anderson- Patterson July 13th Elizabeth Crandell Bertram Vermeulen Katie Kallenbach Jason & Heidie Snyder July 14th Jerry Townsend William Van Dyke Alexander Miller Courtney Miller Steven Miller July 15th Blake Locke July 16th Nathan Carrier Jean Smith Debbie Merritt Logan Leneski July 17th Sherri Anderson-Patterson Jim & Gloria Helgemo July 18th Pam Semlow Marcus & Katie Sabo July 19th Alyssa Bradshaw July 20th Gail Warnement Emily Lauritzen Austin Matthews Naylan Matthews	July 21st Nick Stern Makenna Scott July 23rd Elizabeth Evans Megan Adsmond July 24th Heath & Jennifer Scott July 25th John Somers Trevor Ponton July 26th Steve Adsmond Keri Holmberg Kristin Holmberg Brian Klomp Dale & Lenore Bacon Ted & Barb Clark July 27th Gary & Linda Ward July 28th Kristian Phillippy July 29th Joyce Billingsley Amy Robinson Jean Sturtevant Aimie Reinhold Dawn Locke Richard & Martha Kallenbach Mike & Kelly Philo July 30th Brad Geeting Gary Wolford Morris & Kristin Braafhart July 31st Matt Claflin
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Our Prayer List

Ruth VanDam Andy Hawes Roscoe Breckenridge Jan Kremmel
Pat Shue The family of Verna Rabe The family of Sharie Geeting
Our community
Our schools, teachers and students.
Those who need healing.
Those in our military.
Those away at college.



Having Difficulty Getting Out

Peggie Stone Burr Hunt Christine Williams John Brewster
Harry Geeting Anne Hartsema Anna Lee Moon Lila Rynberg
Harry Splitstone Derilda Rattin Kristian Phillippy Arnold Woodring
Leona Willis Lois Sanderson Nina Shaw Ruth Ann and Bert Nurmi
Claude and Pat Shue Darrel and Pat Proctor

Loving Others

If you would like to add someone or have them continued on the prayer list, please contact the church office. 231-924-0030 or umcfremont@att.net

On the first of each month all names will be removed from the prayer list in the weekly bulletin and the Mouse unless requested to remain.

Please ask the person if it is ok to list them on our prayer list.

WE ARE READY TO BUILD THE ARK!

The groundbreaking has taken place and excavation for the footings has begun!! Soon we'll be ready for your help. Many of you have mentioned you'd like to work. Once the foundation is complete, many hands will be needed. We will be communicating by email to let everyone know what days we will be working and what is going on. If your email isn't on our ark list, please send it to Joan Purdy: jmariepurdy@yahoo.com.



Serving the World

WHO IS A STEPHEN MINISTER?

A Stephen Minister is a congregation member who has been recruited, selected, trained and commissioned to provide one-to-one lay caring ministry to people in a crisis situation or any other need for care. A Stephen Minister prays for and with their care receiver, really listens as the care receiver talks through his/her difficulties and reflects back the care receiver's feelings and ideas so as to help the care receiver recognize, express and accept his/her feeling. A Stephen Minister understands the importance of confidentiality. This church is blessed to have the following Stephen Ministers: Karen Barnes, Sue Conway, Richard Crandell, Keith Essebagggers, Gloria Helgemo, Donna Oliver, Trisha Somers, Carole Sutphen and Ardie VanArman.

Please contact any one of these people if you have questions about the Stephen Ministry or think you might need a Stephen Minister.



SUMMER WORSHIP MUSIC

- June 29th—Praise Band
- July 6th—Robin Hollowell
- July 13th—Martha Kallenbach
- July 20th—Women's Choir
- July 27th—Worship at the Shack

12th ANNUAL SALAD LUNCHEON, GARDEN TOUR, AND GIFTS OF GRACE MARKETPLACE

Mark your calendars for our annual Garden Tour, Saturday, July 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This year in addition to four gardens we have a unique vegetable garden and a home tour!

Relax and enjoy a salad luncheon and crafts at "Gifts of Grace Marketplace" in Fellowship Hall during the day.

Ticket prices: The garden tour is \$6.00 and the luncheon is \$6.00 (served until 2 p.m.)

Featured Gardens....

Bob and Ann Derck
5644 Circle Dr.
Newaygo

Paul and Rose Kolanbrander
7981 Ransom Dr.
Newaygo

Garden/Home Tour
Jo Goering
583 Pickerel Dr.
Newaygo

Vegetable Garden
Fremont Wesleyan Church
918 Garden Ave
Fremont

Memorial Garden
Fremont United Methodist Church
351 Butterfield St.
Fremont

*All proceeds benefit the mission projects at the Fremont United Methodist Church

Serving the World

YOUR FINANCE UPDATE

Thank you to all who remain so faithful in their financial stewardship to this church. We have an excellent history of giving and generosity at the Fremont United Methodist church. Even though we've been under-performing the past couple of years, the renewed excitement and energy we're seeing in our church gives us great hope for a financial recovery as well.

But, at the moment, we continue to track year-to-date behind where we were last year. This is a little concerning since we have an increased pledge base in 2014 compared to 2013. At the end of April we were behind 9% and it improved slightly in May to being behind by 7%. In May we collected \$18,800 towards our general fund - but general expenses for the month totaled \$20,600—so, we lost a little ground. By mid-year, we'd like to be 40% paid on our ministry shares. Our formulas for giving trends based on our pledge base indicate that this should be an achievable goal in 2014. If you're behind in your giving and can catch up in June, it could go a long way towards our June finance position being in a much better state.

Continue praying for all of the ministries of our great church.

From the Missions Team

Laura Hansen, Co-Chair

Every Child Needs a Family

The Bible calls us to care for orphans, the poor and the vulnerable. This is Bethany's daily work as a child-focused, Christ centered agency.

As stated by Bethany Christian Services: We warmly welcome you as a partner in Bethany's ministry to children and families. In Michigan, we are pleased to serve the community by:

- Helping women who face unplanned pregnancies.
- Finding loving homes for children.
- Helping families get through a crisis.
- Strengthening families through counseling and other services.

We appreciate your partnership in our work, which meets a great need. There are an estimated 3.2 million unplanned pregnancies each year in the United States. Of those, approximately one-third or 1.2 million are aborted. Bethany works to address social challenges like these. We are a pro-family organization serving on the frontlines of need.

Bethany Christian Services are demonstrating the love and compassion of Jesus Christ around the globe as they work to keep families together and find families for children in need, because a world with 163 million orphans is unacceptable.

Our loose change for July has been designated to partner with Bethany Christian Services in their dedicated mission of a world where every child has a loving family.

Loving Others, Serving in the World

Loose change for May was \$150.00 designated for Red Bird Mission

Four bags of groceries were delivered to True North for the month of May.

There were 76 families served at the June Food Truck. Fifty people were served a meal in Fellowship Hall.

Baked Goods table on June 1 amounted to \$100.00 for UMCOR.

Thank Yous

True North—For your donation of 113.9 pounds of food on 5/6/2014 to the True North Food Pantry.

Dates To Take Note Of

July 4—Independence Day

July 6—Missions meeting at 8:30 AM in the church library

July 7—Food truck volunteers needed at church by 4:15 PM to help unload the truck for food distribution at 5 PM. Thank you to all volunteers, your time and service is greatly appreciated.

July 20—Baked Goods Sunday. We welcome and thank you for donated baked goods. Proceeds go to UMCOR.

In closing, a couple of quotes regarding our liberty and independence:

“Liberty is too precious a thing to be buried in books. It costs too much to be hoarded. Make us Lord, to see that our liberty is not the right to do as we please, but the opportunity to please do what is right.” Peter Marshall

As the Declaration of Independence was being signed, Samuel Adams stated, “We have this day restored the Sovereign to Whom all men ought to be obedient. He resigns in Heaven and from the rising to the setting of the sun, let His Kingdom come.”

Serving the World

MAKING FRIENDS IN OUR COMMUNITY!

The Bridge Team has been prayerfully planning a fantastic event to make friends in our community! Fremont United Methodist Church will be hosting a 'Private Movie Event' at the Fremont Cinemas on July 18, 2014. **This is a big event and we will need your help!** We will be having games (10am-Noon) in the parking lot next to the movie theater. We need help setting up and running these games, along with help greeting the people who stop by. We would like two helpers to greet and welcome the people (144 people) that come to the movie event! There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board just outside the sanctuary doors. We'd love your help!

If you have questions, please ask Karen Barnes, Jessica Cobb, or Gary Evans.

July Calendar

Tuesday, July 1

6PM Stephen Ministry

7PM SPRC

Wednesday, July 2

8AM Men's Interfaith Breakfast

12PM Christian Ed. Committee

Thursday, July 3

7PM Membership Care Committee

Sunday, July 6

8:15AM Missions Committee

Monday, July 7

10AM Garden Angels

4:15PM Food Truck Volunteers

5PM Mobile Food Truck

7PM Boy Scouts

Tuesday, July 8

10AM Adult Christian Ed. Team

6PM Stephen Ministry

Wednesday, July 9

5:30PM Family FUN Night

Thursday, July 10

7PM Ad. Board Meeting

Saturday, July 12

12th Annual Garden Tour, Salad

Luncheon and Gifts of Grace

Marketplace

Monday, July 14

7PM Boy Scouts

Tuesday, July 15

Mouse Articles Due

6:30PM Girl Scout Leaders Meeting

Monday, July 21

7PM Boy Scouts

Tuesday, July 22

6PM Stephen Ministry

Friday, July 25

Mouse Workers Assemble Mouse

6PM Daniel Plan Potluck Dinner

Sunday, July 27

Worship at the Shack

Monday, July 28

7PM Boy Scouts

Thursday, July 28

7-9PM An Evening with Chad Inman

Every Week at Fremont UMC

Sunday

9AM Coffee

9:30AM Worship

10:30AM Coffee

Monday

10AM Garden Angels

Tuesday

10AM Bible Study

6PM Praise Team

Wednesday

7AM Men's Breakfast

10AM Staff Meeting

1PM Worship Planning

Thursday

6:30AM Sm. Group-scripture
sharing @ Koffee Kuppe

10AM PowerPoint Team

*Be sure to check the church website at **fremont-umc.org** for the most up-to-date calendar.

***Please contact the church office, Sara, or Pastor Marty to put your meetings/events on the church calendar. Also: Please call with any changes.**



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Prayers for Our Church Family Calendar

July 1

Hill,
Orien and Joyce,

July 2

Hills,
Carol and Dale,

July 3

Hoffman, Ryan

July 4

Hollowell, Ashley,
Cadence

July 5

Hollowell, Lena

July 6

Hollowell,
Rodney and Robin

July 7

Holmberg, Keri

July 8

Holmberg, Kristin

July 9

Homan,
Steven and Terry,
Steven, Veronica,
Zander, Mayala,
Madel

July 10

Homsher,
Carl and Laurene

July 11

Hooker, Shirley

July 12

Hummel,
Mike and Carolyn

July 13

Hummel,
Mike and Jennifer,
Devin, Hunter
Hannah, Taylor
Hannah, Aubrey

July 14

Hunt,
Burr and Beverly

July 15

Hunt,
Jerry and Becky,
Tiffany, Tyler, Travis

July 16

Ingall, Cynthia,
Jake, Amber Duff

July 17

Iocca, Colleen,

July 18

Isenhardt,
Martin and Lindsey,
Colton, Ruby

July 19

Jansma,
Robert and Joan

July 20

Jaunese,
Dave and Paula

July 21

Jennings, Joseph

July 22

Jones, Carol,
Erik, Dan, Bill, Marc

July 23

Kallenbach,
Richard and Martha,
Katie, Alex

July 24

Kidd, Jo Ann

July 25

Klemp, Kathy,
Kaitlin

July 26

Klomp,
Jack and Mary Ellen

July 27

Klomp,
Kent and Patti,
Brian, Beth

July 28

Korstange,
John and Kathy,
Whitney, Eric

July 29

Kraley,
Lee and Sondra

July 30

Kremmel,
John and Jan

July 31

Kroeze, Jenny



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Return Service Requested

Fremont United Methodist Church



Sunday Morning Worship

9:30 am

Discovering God Loving Others Serving the World

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