

# THE FOCUS

First Reformed Church  
January 2024

## January Church Calendar

### Sundays:

- Congregational Worship: 8:30 & 10:30 AM
- Promise Kids: dismissed from worship
- College Breakfast: 9:30 AM, 1/14, 21, & 28
- Children Sunday School: 9:40 AM
- Youth Sunday School: 9:45 AM
- Adult Education: 9:40 AM, "The Guide" Bible Study, resuming 1/14 (1/14, 21, & 28)
- Adult Education: 9:45, "David: The King Who Wouldn't Stop Dancing" - a Bible study led by Tom Hydeen, beginning 1/14 (1/14, 21, & 28)
- Sunday Evening Gathering: 4:00 PM

### Mondays:

- PiYo: 6:30 AM
- Pray Around the Pulpit: 6:30 AM, 1/8 & 22
- Monday Evening Women's Bible Study: 6:30 PM, new study, When You Pray, beginning 1/22 (1/22 & 29)

### Tuesdays:

- Staff Meeting: 8:30 AM
- Naomi Circle: 1:00 PM, 1/23
- Full Consistory Meeting: 7:00 PM, 1/9

### Wednesdays:

- Blocks & Knots: 1:00 PM
- Library Board Meeting: 1:00 PM, 1/10

### Wednesday Evenings:

- Evening Meal: 5:15 PM
- Kids Choir: 5:50 PM
- Children K-1 (What's in the Bible): 6:30 PM
- Children 2-5 (AWANA): 6:30 PM
- JAM Middle School Youth Group: 6:30 PM
- Men's Bible Study: 6:30 PM
- Prayer Warriors: 6:30 PM
- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 PM, 1/3, 10, 17, & 24
- SURF High School Youth Group: 8:00 PM

### Thursdays:

- PiYo: 6:30 AM
- Thursday AM Women's Study: 7:30 AM, 1/4 & 18
- Senior Adults Gathering: 2:00 PM, 1/11
- Women's Volleyball: 8:00 PM

For more information or to join these activities please visit our website at [frcoc.org](http://frcoc.org) or call the church office at 737-4909.

Happy  
New Year 2024

**SUNDAY EVENING  
GATHERINGS**  
Resume January 7 at 4pm

All Sunday Evening Gatherings  
will be at 4pm for  
January & February



**BREAKING FREE FROM TEMPTATION**  
New sermon series starting January 7  
@ 8:30 & 10:30 AM

## January Birthdays & Anniversaries

### January 1:

- Paul Janssen
- Beth Tullar
- Wayne Westenberg
- Rick & Lori Scholtens

### January 2:

- JoAnn De Jong\*
- Aubrey Kuiper
- Chad Oolman
- J.R. Siebersma\*\*
- Laura Vander Stelt
- Mike & Laura Vander Stelt

### January 3:

- Christine Dykstra
- Corky Koerselman
- Lora Vander Pol

### January 4:

- Kaatje Bloemendaal
- Jim Bonnecroy
- Keith Buss
- Dean Koele

### January 5:

- JD Pluim

### January 6:

- Ken Oldenkamp
- Al Vogel
- Todd & Mary Tracy

### January 7:

- Alan De Boer
- Rachel Van Ravenhorst
- Amy Van Roekel

### January 8:

- Eleanor De Jong\*\*
- Paul Smit

### January 9:

- Maggie De Koster
- Dean Endrulat
- Kevin Tullar

### January 10:

- Linda Donaldson

### January 11:

- Nate Fischer
- Malia Maassen

### January 12:

- Brent Carmichael
- Jacen Huizenga
- Gaylen Vander Lugt

### January 13:

- Callum Faber
- Barrett Fischer
- Ken Meendering
- Diane Westenberg

### January 14:

- Paul Beltman
- Kyle Boersma
- Mike Meyer
- Glenn & Nancy Vos

### January 15:

- Renee Guthmiller
- Luke Korver
- Christian Sage
- Silas Snieder

### January 16:

- Bert Aarsen
- Karie Stamer
- Kyle & Kelli Boersma
- Aaron & Amanda Haverdink

### January 17:

- Selah Rau
- Albear Van Zee

### January 18:

- Chase Carmichael

### January 19:

- Sarah Kuiper
- Mary Lundgren
- Audrey Wichers

### January 20:

- Allen Jeltrema
- Tyler Vellinga

### January 21:

- Gavin Leusink
- Lori Scholtens

### January 22:

- Dana Brenneman
- Denise Dekker
- Skylar Schmidt
- Lowell & Connie TenClay

### January 23:

- Gerald Jongerius\*
- Kale Van Ravenhorst

### January 24:

- Aden De Jong
- Judy Vander Wege\*

### January 25:

- Audrey Landegent\*\*
- Randy Ritsema

### January 26:

- Joe Bomgaars
- Bob Schalekamp
- Rick Scholtens

### January 27:

- Dustin Endrulat
- Miriam Vellinga

### January 28:

- Nathaniel Sage
- Sara Van Zee
- Eunice VanDer Weide\*

### January 29:

- Rachel Honken

### January 30:

- Ron K. De Jong
- Brayden Dykstra
- Peg Smith
- Levi Van Ravenhorst

\_\_\_\_\_ = Anniversary | \* = 80+ | \*\* = 90+ | \*\*\* = 100+



## January College Breakfast Servers

### January 14:

- Craig and Leah Pennings
- Ray & Diane Raak
- Randy & Bev VanDe Griend
- Rose Vande Brake
- John & Sara Reyhel
- Sherri Koerselman
- Judy Vander Wege
- Tony & Kolbie Vande Brake

### January 21:

- Kurt & Jill Wierda
- Joel & Angie Boersma
- Kevin & Karen Vanden Brink
- Marty & Tami Guthmiller
- Wayne & Diane Westenberg
- Kevin & Kara Verschuure
- Brent & Ellie Carmichael
- Daron & Emily De Jong

### January 28:

- Mark & Teresa Gunderson
- Leanne Bonnecroy
- Teri Anderson
- Tim & Amy Struck
- Cristi Kelch
- Norma Krosschell
- Doug & Teresa Brunsting
- Doug & Jamie De Jong

## January Connections Volunteers

### Sanctuary Greeters

#### January 7:

- Ray Lynn - North Door
- Deb Lynn - Center Door
- Clark Pennings - South Door

#### January 14:

- Shelly Ritsema - North Door
- Doug De Jong - Center Door
- Randy Ritsema - South Door

#### January 21:

- Ruth Hoogeveen - North Door
- Mary Tracy - Center Door
- Kevin Hoogeveen - South Door

#### January 28:

- Steve Connell - North Door
- Cindy Connell - Center Door
- Chase Vermeer - South Door

### Door Openers

#### January 7:

- Linda De Smit - North Door
- Ruth Lyftogt - South Door
- Jamie De Jong - Welcome Center

#### January 14:

- Aletha Beeson - North Door
- Shonna Hector - South Door
- Marie Vermeer - Welcome Center

#### January 21:

- Star Van Gelder - North Door
- Phil Van Gelder - South Door
- Mary Oldenkamp - Welcome Center

#### January 28:

- Pat Brenneman - North Door
- Jeff Otto - South Door
- Meg Otto - Welcome Center

### Coffee Servers

#### January 7:

- Clark & Jaki Brenneman

#### January 14:

- Doug & Teresa Brunsting

#### January 21:

- Deb & Keith Buss

#### January 28:

- Gary & Judy Cleveringa





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Dear Members of FRC,

Thank you for all you have done for me through the years and for acknowledging my retirement. It was very special for Laurie and I. The many words of encouragement and the thank yous were special to hear and read. Thank you for the generous love offering and for the good memories. You are a blessing to our family.

Keeping our eyes on Jesus,  
Galen Kleinwolterink

Merry Christmas First Reformed Church! I hope you guys have a great Christmas celebrating the birth of Jesus. We just wanted to take a moment to thank you for all that you do for us college students.

It's really helped us grow in our faith. Thank you for providing breakfast and the care packages, it really means a lot to us.

See you next year!  
From Northwestern students,  
Brooke & Lisa

Thank you so much for providing breakfasts for college students every Sunday. This has been a huge blessing to me.  
Natalie Lausen

Thank you First Reformed Church youth group for packing boxes at Bibles for Missions/Legacy Thrift Store. Many hands make light work.  
-Your friends at Legacy Thrift

Here's an exciting update and thank you from Michael Goldsmith,  
**the US/Haiti Country Director at Hope Health in Action**

We recently conducted some analysis on our solar energy system at HCBH, which we have thanks to your church's generosity. The results of the analysis were incredibly encouraging - this past year:

- the battery/solar system powered an average of 56% of the hospital's total power
- saved HCBH approximately \$100,000 USD in fuel costs
- the solar system was critical when HCBH came within two days of running out of fuel completely

Without the energy from the solar panels kindly donated by First Reformed Church, the hospital would have had to close its doors, leaving hundreds of vulnerable patients without the care they desperately need.

