# THE FOCUS

### **January Church Calendar**

#### Sundays:

- Congregational Worship: 8:30 & 10:30 AM
- Promise Kids: dismissed from worship
- College Breakfast: 9:30 AM; 1/11, 18, & 25
- Children (PK-5) Sunday School: 9:40 AM
- Youth (MS & HS) Bible Study: 9:45 AM
- Adult Education: 9:45 AM
- Sunday Evening Gathering: 4:00 PM
- Parables Book Study: 5:30 PM; 1/4 & 18
- FRC Groups Leader Training: 7:00 PM; 1/18

#### Mondays:

• PiYo: 6:30 AM

#### **Tuesdays:**

- Men's Bible Study: 6:30 AM
- Staff Meeting: 8:30 AM; 1/6, 13, & 27
- Staff All-day Retreat: 1/20 (Office Closed)
- Consistory Meeting: 7:00 PM; 1/20

#### **Wednesdays:**

• Blocks & Knots: 1:00 PM; 1/14 & 28

• Library Board Meeting: 1:30 PM; 1/7

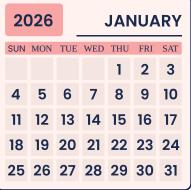
#### **Wednesday Evenings:**

- Evening Meal: 5:15 PM
- Kids Choir: 6:00 PM
- K-5 Ministries: 6:30 PM
- JAM Middle School Youth Group: 6:30 PM
- Men's Bible Study: 6:30 PM
- Prayer Warriors: 6:30 PM
- 2026 Mission Trips Info Meeting: 6:30 PM; 1/28
- K-5 Prayer Partners: 7:00 PM; 1/21
- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 PM; 1/7, 14, & 21
- SURF High School Youth Group: 8:00 PM

#### Thursdays:

- PiYo: 6:30 AM
- Senior Adults: 2:00 PM; 1/8
- Women's Volleyball: 8:00 PM

For more information or to join these activities please visit our website at frcoc.org or call the church office at 737-4909.









## SUNDAY EVENING GATHERINGS

January - February at 4 pm



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### January Birthdays & Anniversaries

# Content of this section not available online.

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

#### **ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Come Any Sunday, Leave Encouraged

#### Journeying as Disciples

Faith and Finances led by Josh Goslinga and Bob Vander Schaaf Chapel, 9:45 - 10:25 AM

#### The Guide

Testimony and Impact of Stephen Office Conference Room, 9:45 - 10:25 AM **YOUNG ADULTS & COLLEGE** 

# Real Talk: Faith & Life

Belong, Grow, and Lead

January Focus: Mentorship

Sundays @ 9:45 - 10:15 AM in the Library

# January College Breakfast Servers

#### January 11:

- <u>Doug & Peg Te Grotenhuis</u>
- Jana Vermeer
- · Mary Oldenkamp
- Dawn Van Den Bosch
- Kathy Meendering
- · Audley Van Peursem
- · Stefan & Miranda Maassen

#### January 18:

- Jim & Bonnie Huygens
- Brent & Tara Oolman
- Leanne Bonnecroy
- Sara Burmakow
- · Nick & Mikkell Baker
- Jeff & Meg Otto
- · Gerald & Amy Van Roekel

#### January 25:

- Craig & Leah Pennings
- Dana Brenneman
- Marty & Tami Guthmiller
- Denise Sneller
- · Ronja Jung
- Bruce & Kristina Vander Stelt
- Brent & Ellie Carmichael

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

1 Peter 4:10

Thank you for using your gifts to serve with joy and intention, helping create a welcoming space where lives are shaped, and faith can flourish.

#### **January Connections Volunteers**

#### **Coffee Servers**

#### January 4:

• Mary Reinders & JoLynn Van Steenwyk

#### January 11:

· Jeff & Meg Otto

#### January 18:

• Ray & Diane Raak

#### January 25:

• Kris & Ann Korver

#### **Outside Door Openers**

#### January 4:

- Renee Guthmiller North Door
- John Sage South Door

#### January 11:

- Amy Eben North Door
- Rachel Zeutenhorst South Door

#### January 18:

- Renee Wynia North Door
- Marie Vermeer South Door

#### January 25:

- Josh/Whitney Fakkema North Door
- Addi Yamba South Door

## MELGOME

#### **Sanctuary Greeters**

#### January 4:

- Jeff Kliegl North Door
- Ray Lynn Center Door
- Jack/Julia Vander Stelt South Door

#### January 11:

- Nora Mulder North Door
- Emma Wiersma- Center Door
- Brett Mulder South Door

#### January 18:

- Janice Noto North Door
- Audley Van Peursem Center Door
- Cheryl Van Steenwyk South Door

#### January 25:

- Dawn Kroese North Door
- Jamie Balcom Center Door
- Emma Wiersma South Door

#### **Welcome Center**

#### January 4:

· Bev De Jager

#### January 11:

• Ruth Lyftogt

#### January 18:

• Megan Burmakow

#### January 25:

• Renee Wynia

## IGNITE YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Des Moines - March 13 & 14

**Grow as a leader.** Ignite is a selective youth leadership conference that equips students to lead with faith, character, and confidence, with coaching before and after the event.

APPLICATIONS OPEN NOW AT FRCOC.ORG/IGNITE



## THE FOCUS First Reformed Church January 2026



**The Beast Feast** raised over \$13,000 for the Aden De Jong Scholarship at NWC and Special Youth Challenge Ministries. *"Thank you to everyone who helped plan, donate food or auction items, serve, and attend the beast feast. The turnout was overwhelming, and we were so blessed by this fun evening."* 

Every Thursday morning, more than 200 women gather in our church through **BSF** (**Bible Study Fellowship**). Though unaffiliated with First Reformed Church, this ministry fills our space and continues to grow, with messages recorded here now shared at BSF gatherings across the country. "Thank you for welcoming BSF into this place with open arms. Because of you, women, children, and families are encouraged in God's word every week. We are grateful for your hospitality."

You are invited to help us celebrate the 95th birthday of JR Siebersma on Saturday, January 3, 2-4 p.m. at the Landsmeer Ridge Community Room in O.C. Please come and help us celebrate our Dad.

**Thank you** for your generous **Thanksgiving Offering** in support of ATLAS. Through your gifts,
\$22,000 was raised to help ATLAS convert their
basement into temporary housing for men in need
of short-term living space. Your generosity is
already making a meaningful impact in our
community.

Director Dave Joseph shared this note of thanks: "ATLAS has been so blessed by First Reformed Church's recent Thanksgiving offering! Thank you so much for your church's commitment to our community and to advancing the Gospel. We are incredibly grateful to partner with churches like First Reformed to do the work of ministry in Orange City. You are a blessing to many. Thank you!"

#### **Bountiful Table Ministry Update**

Through Bountiful Table, we shared 80 food boxes, each valued at about \$90. Every donation helped reach people who needed to know the church sees them and welcomes them. Each eye-to-eye exchange mattered. Thank you, truly, for the part you played.

#### What we heard:

- "Thank you for having everything ready to go. Your church is a blessing to many." — Community member
- "The families are certainly grateful for the boxes of food. That was obvious." — Delivery volunteer
- A member was able to refer someone through their workplace who shared that they were alone and wondered if a church offered food.
- One woman who stopped by asked about attending and touring the church. Though she lives a couple of towns away, the warmth and care she received made it feel like home.

