

GROW

Groups and classes are available for all ages to connect and grow. For more information, visit the Welcome Table or contact Julianna.

SERVE

Sign up for opportunities to serve Sheldon, on a mission trip, or at FRC. Visit the Welcome Table or sheldonfirstreformed.com.

YOUTH

Wednesday nights.

Alpha Teens, for 7th & 8th grades, from 6:15-7:30.

RCYF, for 9th-12th grades, from 7:45-9.

Both meet in the Youth House located at the southwest corner of the campus. For more information, contact Caitie.

CHILDREN

During worship, childcare is available for children birth-3 years and Children's Worship for kids 4 years-K.

During Sunday School, classes are available for ages 3 and up.

On Wednesday night, TeamKID for 1st-6th grades from 6:15-7:30.

Visit the Welcome Table for class locations for Sunday School & Wednesday nights.

For more information, contact Julianna.

GIVE

Giving is an act of worship. You can give by placing your gift in the black offering boxes before worship, text "SFRC" to 833-484-7253, or give online at sheldonfirstreformed.com/give/.



WHO WE ARE

FRC provides worship, discipleship and community to grow in faith in Jesus Christ. Together we are building God's kingdom one life at a time.

NEXT STEPS

Can we help you get connected? Stop by the Welcome Table at the front entrance today to learn about opportunities or visit sheldonfirstreformed.com for more info.

WORSHIP

Worship at FRC any Sunday at 9:30 AM and stay for fellowship during Sunday School. Hearing assistance devices are available for use. Please ask a host at the Welcome Table.

MARCH MONTHLY GIVING

General Fund: \$ 36,650.90

YTD Benevolent Fund: \$ 37,427.38

2024 Monthly Needs: \$ 55,655.00

2024 Annual Budget: \$ 667,860.00

Average Attendance/Views: 382/81

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Apr 21 CREATIVE MOVEMENT PRACTICE: 5 PM - Downstairs in the choir room.

ANOTHER GOSPEL BOOK STUDY: 6:30 PM in the **Youth House**

Apr 22-May 4 SANCTUARY CLOSED FOR PAINTING: See insert for specifics

Apr 24 LAST FAMILY NIGHT: Meal will be served on the south lawn area - weather permitting

Apr 25 EVENING CIRCLE: 7 PM IN THE YOUTH HOUSE - note change of location

NEXT WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Apr 28 SERVICE AT SHELDON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL GYM: 9:30 AM
NO CHILDREN & WORSHIP

NO NURSERY

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

CREATIVE MOVEMENT PRACTICE: 5 PM - Downstairs in the choir room.

May 1 TEAM KID END-OF-YEAR PIZZA PARTY: 5:30-7:30 PM downstairs in the choir room

May 2 EXECUTIVE TEAM MEETING: 7 AM in Pastor's study

Do you enjoy home & seasonal decorating?

FRC is looking for a volunteer or volunteers to do the seasonal & holiday decorating at the church. We have one person who is interested but she doesn't want to do this by herself. Please contact Pastor Paul if you would like to know more information.

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY - April 24 Last Family Night of the Season

5:15-6:30 PM: Family Night Meal - Hotdogs/Brat Patties - We will be grilling & serving on the south lawn area by the Youth House

6:15-7:30 PM: Alpha Teens

6:15-7:30 PM: TeamKID

7:45-9 PM: RCYF

UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER

Apr 22-May 4 Church Sanctuary is being painted

Apr 24 Last Family Night and Meal - Meal outside on the South Lawn (weather permitting)

Apr 28 9:30 AM Worship at Sheldon Christian School
No Sunday School, Nursery, or Children & Worship

May 1 TeamKID Pizza Party

May 10 Film at the Football Field - *Facing the Giants*

May 19 Last day of Sunday School

June 28 Free Garage Sale



IT'S TAKE YOUR TRACTOR TO CHURCH SUNDAY - JUNE 30

"It's time to get our your vintage tractors, clean 'em up, gas 'em up, and take 'em for a ride."

Watch for more info in future bulletins and the Encore!
 ~ The Congregational Care Committee

SUNDAY SERVANTS

TODAY - April 21

SOUND/VIDEO

9:30 AM: Mitch, Twyla, Olivia

FIRST IMPRESSIONS TEAM: #3

MORNING COFFEE: Tami K

ELDER PRAYER: Marwin Vogel

FRONT DOOR: Jamie Elgersma

CHILDREN & WORSHIP: Sheila P, Jill H
 & Harper VM

NURSERY: Katie VP & Avery DH

SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY:

Jacob & Sami F

ORGAN: Jett

PRAISE TEAM: 9:30 AM

VOCALS: Brett, Koby, Rachel, Audrey &
 Caitie

PIANO: JoElyn & Lydia TC

BASS: Noah

DRUMS: Jason

NEXT WEEK - April 28

SOUND/VIDEO

9:30 AM: Tim, Wendy & Parker

FIRST IMPRESSIONS TEAM: #4

NO MORNING COFFEE

ELDER PRAYER: Dixon Van Meeteren

FRONT DOOR: Greg Sawyer

NO CHILDREN & WORSHIP

NO NURSERY

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRAISE TEAM: 9:30 AM

VOCALS: John, Maison, Mallory,
 Shannon

PIANO: Deanna

BASS: Kristin

DRUMS: Ethan

Service at Sheldon Christian School -
Please enter through the northeast
gym doors (off Garfield Avenue).

PRAYERS & PRAISES

- ◆ Pray for Gene & Marlys Den Hartog. Pray for Gene as he recovers from his heart surgery. Praise God his surgery went well.
- ◆ Praise God for the birth of Wyatt Richard to Graden & Ashley Nordahl. His grandparents are Lee & Darla Reuvers and Rick & Carma Nordahl and Larry & Eileen Fedders are his great-grandparents.
- ◆ Praise God for our new members: Jacob Wildeboer; Adam & Savannah Sauer and their 4 kids - Drew, Brielle, Aylah & Cambria.
- ◆ Please pray for Mary Jo Getting while she recovers from her foot surgery.
- ◆ Pray for our church during preparation for the sanctuary painting process. Pray that our service next Sunday at the Sheldon Christian School will go well.
- ◆ Pray that Blake Petersen receives a good report when he sees his oncologist on the 24th.
- ◆ Pray for blessings on the marriage of Keaton and Kali Mouw.
- ◆ Pray for those in our church who are recovering from recent surgeries and other health issues - Ed Dykstra, Jim Riemersma, Iola Whitsell, Betty Gonnerman, and Amy Renaud.
- ◆ Pray for the areas in our world plagued by war - the Middle East, Haiti & the Ukraine.
- ◆ Pray for the youth that attended the Middle School Retreat. Pray they were touched by Jesus and grew spiritually during their time at Hidden Acres.

Right after church on April 21 (today), the deacons could use people to help move pews from the sanctuary to the Fellowship Hall. We also need help moving items from the stage into the overflow area. There will be things that need to be moved on the balcony as well. Many hands will help get these things done quickly. Any help you can provide will be greatly appreciated!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO DRIVE THE CHURCH VANS

While Jim recovers from his surgery, we need at least one more person who is willing to pick up and return church members from Fieldcrest and the Christian Retirement home on Sunday mornings. Please contact Darwin Westphalen at 712-324-2748 if you would like to help out, or would like more information.

Film at the Football Field on Friday, May 10.

The outreach team is hosting a free family movie night at the Sheldon Football Field. Bring blankets (no chairs on the field please) for a night out to watch the film, ***Facing the Giants***. Free food will be served from the concession area starting at 6:15 PM. Please don't take food onto the field. The movie will start at 7:00 PM. Following the movie, you're invited to join us for a discussion on the film. This is a free event so please bring your friends and neighbors, and help spread the word!

There are also plenty of opportunities for serving at the movie night: greeting people, praying and helping lead the discussion, grilling and serving food. We would appreciate any help! Check out the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Table.

GRADUATION IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

If you are or will be a graduate, please submit the following items:

- ◆ Graduates from high school: a baby picture, senior picture and a short blurb of your future plans via email to Caitie at fcyouth@outlook.com.
- ◆ College graduates: a graduation picture and short blurb of your future plans via email to Wendy at fcsecretary@outlook.com.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR CHILDREN

TeamKID will have an end of the year celebration on May 1 from 5:30-7:30 PM. All TeamKID students and leaders are invited to attend! We will have pizza, play games, and have fun celebrating the great year we have had.

Register Your Child for Summer Camp

Save money by registering before April 15 to receive the Early Bird Discount!

FRC will also cover half the cost of the camp. The camp options fill up fast, so don't delay. To register go to <https://www.inspirationhills.org/summer-camp/>

Camp Firelight VBS is July 7-11 from 5:30-8:30 PM

It will include a free meal, Bible lessons, crafts, games, music, and fun! Children ages preschool - 5th grade are invited to take part in this fun week!

Registration for children and volunteers is now open.

Pick up a form at the Welcome Table or visit the church website to register. The QR code to the right will take you to the church website where you may register.



THE SANCTUARY IS BEING PAINTED ... and just what does that mean for us?

On April 28th FRC will not be able to hold worship in the sanctuary while it is being painted. Arrangements have been made to hold worship at the Sheldon Christian School gym on that day. You are asked to enter through the northeast gym doors. For those of you who are unable to walk or who may need assistance, limited parking is available at the school. If you are able to walk, please park in the FRC parking lot and walk to the Christian School. Shuttles to and from SCS will be available that Sunday.

HOW DOES THIS EFFECT OTHER MINISTRIES IN THE CHURCH?

- 1) The sanctuary will be closed from April 22 through May 4.
- 2) The Creative Movement presentation on April 28th is moved to May 5.
- 3) There will be **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL, NURSERY, OR CHILDREN & WORSHIP ON APRIL 28th.**
- 4) The Family Night Meal on April 24th will be held outside (weather permitting) because the pews will be stored in the Fellowship Hall.
- 5) Wednesday night TeamKID & youth activities on April 24 & May 1 will be confined to the lower & upper level classrooms, and the Youth House.
- 6) Access to the church offices will only be available through the south door during this time.
- 7) During this time, church mailboxes will need to be accessed via the north/kitchen door. They will be located in the church lounge.

"Honoring Our Past, Forging Our Future"

The Sheldon Community Ambulance Team (SCAT) is having their Annual Fundraiser Supper serving Taverns, Coney Dogs or Hotdogs with potato salad, strawberry fluff, a homemade treat

& drink. The supper is scheduled for ***Wednesday, May 22, 2024 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM*** at the Crossroads Pavilion Event Center. A freewill offering will be taken so no tickets will be sold. If you are unable to attend, donations are welcome. The proceeds raised during this event will be used for Full Body Splints.

Are you interested in becoming an EMT and joining our team of volunteers? Ask us about it!



Love on the Locals

FREE

GARAGE SALE

This is a church-wide outreach to our community as a way to show the love of Christ! **Every item donated will be given away— completely FREE!**

Let's be good stewards of the things God has blessed us with but are no longer needing or using. We want to bless everyone with something they may need or can get more use out of!

Date of Free Sale: Friday, June 28, 2024

Time: 8:30 AM—6:30 PM

What can you do to help?

1. Donate your unwanted/unused items!
 - Bibles/Devotionals are great additions!
2. Donate any hangers you don't use—shirt or pants hangers
3. Bake cookies to be served during sale
4. Sign up to volunteer online or at Welcome Table:
 - Thursday, **June 27th**—set up and organize stuff for sale
 - Friday, **June 28th**:
 - Move items outside Friday 7:30 AM (1/2 hour)
 - Greeters or Exit Persons during sale
 - Walk around during sale, organize, talk to visitors
 - Kitchen-keep cookies trays filled, etc.
 - Clean up on Friday evening, 6:00 PM

TURN OVER FOR DONATION INFORMATION



WHEN can I bring my donations? Monday, June 24—Wednesday, June 26, 2024

WHERE can I bring my donations? First Reformed Church Fellowship Hall area

HOW? PLEASE sort out your donations into the categories listed below! This saves hours of volunteer sorting time!

*Do not leave items right inside the doors!!

* Bring each sorted bag/box to marked locations in fellowship hall, hall ways, lounge, entry way by category.

Please Sort Items into Boxes/Bags in these Categories:

Women's Clothing	Kitchen Items
Women's Shoes	Tools
Men's Clothing	Sports/Outdoor Sports
Men's Shoes	Boys Shoes
Girls Clothing (baby to youth)	Hangers
Girls Shoes	Self Care/Personal Items
Boys Clothing (baby to youth)	Jewelry/Hair Accessories
Purses/Bags/Luggage	DVDs/Movies
Bedding/Blankets/Pillows	Adult Books
Holiday/Seasonal Décor	Kid's Books
Wall Hangings/Photo Frames	Toys/Games
House Décor	
Larger Items to set outside-Small appliances/Furniture, Plants, Lamps, Beds, Mattresses, etc.	

PLEASE BE SURE ITEMS ARE CLEAN AND IN WORKING ORDER!

(No tube TVs, large appliances or furniture, outdated computer equipment, or NO PAINT/STAIN CANS)

Contact with questions on large items or volunteering:

Amber Beukelman at 712-348-5960 or ambersplace730@gmail.com