

THE FOCUS

First Reformed Church
August 2026

August Church Calendar

Sundays:

- Congregational Worship: 8:30 & 10:30 AM
- Legos in the Loft: available for families during worship
- Backpack Blessings: during 8:30 & 10:30 services; 8/23
- NWC Athlete Breakfast: 9:30 AM; 8/16
- College Breakfast: 9:30 AM; 8/23 & 30
- Status Update: 9:45 AM; 8/30
- Evening Gathering: 5:30 PM
- Kids and Youth Volunteer Orientation: 5:30 PM; 8/30
- Middle School at Thunder Road: 2:45 PM; 8/9

Mondays:

- PiYo: 6:30 AM
- Women's Bible Study (*See for Yourself*): 6:30 PM

Tuesdays:

- Men's Bible Study: 6:30 AM
- Staff Meeting: 8:30 AM
- TABS (Women's Bible Study): 2:00 PM; 8/11
- Naomi Circle: 1:30 PM; 8/25
- Consistory Meeting: 7:00 PM; 8/18

Wednesdays:

- Mrs. K's Summer Storytime: 10:30 AM; 8/5
- Blocks & Knots: 1:00 PM; 8/12 & 26
- Middle School Nerf Night & Nuggets: 4:00 PM; 8/5
- NWC Athlete Meal: 5:00 PM; 8/12

Thursdays:

- PiYo: 6:30 AM
- Mary Martha Circle: 2:00 PM; 8/6
- Senior Adults: 2:00 PM; 8/13
- Women's Volleyball: 8:00 PM

Saturdays:

- Run Club: 6:30 AM

Mission Trip:

- Brazil: 8/28 - 9/6



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

August Messages

- AUG 2:** Book of the Week: Revelation
- AUG 9:** Serve: God at Work in Us
- AUG 16:** Serve: God at Work Through Us
- AUG 23:** Grace for the Journey
- AUG 30:** Being a Christ-Follower

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

AUGUST 23
during the services



KIDS & YOUTH: Bring your backpack to church for a special prayer time.



SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Return to 2 Services August 2 @ 8:30 & 10:30 AM



August Birthdays & Anniversaries

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available online.**



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

You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand. Psalm 16:11

August College Breakfast Servers

August 23:

- Jim & Bonnie Huygens
- Cheryl & Dale Hiemstra
- Monique Schiebout
- Marlys De Koster
- Dave & Sandy Harmelink
- Eric & Rachel Van Ravenhorst
- Anna Popova
- Josh & Whitney Fakkema
- Kevin & Karie Stamer

August 30:

- Craig & Leah Pennings
- Kayla Tindall
- Linda Vander Zwaag
- Jade Hubers
- Dean Hilbrands
- Daron & Emily De Jong
- Angie Boersma
- Barry & Lora Brandt
- Auley Van Peurse



August Connections Volunteers

Sanctuary Greeters

August 2:

- Jenny Bruxvoort - North Door
- Randy Ritsema - Center Door
- Shelly Ritsema - South Door

August 9:

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

August 16:

- Renee Scholten - North Door
- Shonna Hector - Center Door
- Mark Gunderson - South Door

August 23:

- Austin Schlatter - North Door
- Larry Dokter - Center Door
- Judy Dokter - South Door

August 30:

- Paul Kraai - North Door
- Arlis Kraai - Center Door
- Brian De Kock - South Door

Outside Door Openers

August 2:

- Addi Yamba/Gino Bernabe - North Door
- Josh Goslinga - South Door

August 9:

- Gary/Judy Cleveringa - North Door
- Suzanne Haverdink - South Door

August 16:

- Renee Guthmiller - North Door
- Bruce Vermaat/Lori Vander Molen - South Door

August 23:

- Rachel Zeutenhorst - North Door
- Jeff Otto - South Door

August 30:

- Mary Tracy - North Door
- Megan Burmakow - South Door

WELCOME

Coffee Servers

August 2:

- Vonda Heronemus & Mary Reinders

August 9:

- Brad & Sherrie Vande Weerd

August 16:

- Kurt & Jill Wierda

August 23:

- Phil & Star Van Gelder

August 30:

- Kevin & Kara Vershuure

Welcome Center

August 2:

- Les Cleveringa

August 9:

- Betty Vande Brake

August 16:

- Bev De Jager

August 23:

- Amy Eben

August 30:

- Renee Wynia

Your gifts. Serving together. For His mission.

There's a place for you to belong and **make a difference.**



Explore opportunities at
frcoc.org/volunteer

Serve. Grow. Impact.
TOGETHER FOR HIS GLORY



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The Henry G. & Charlotte E. Huitink Endowment Fund was established to provide financial assistance to graduate students pursuing training for pastoral ministry and/or ministry work. For additional information or to apply for a scholarship, please contact Merilee Pennings in the church office.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LAUGHS

Helping Families Win

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 2

STARTS AT 5:30 PM

Food • Games • Community

COMEDY WITH BOB SMILEY AT 6:30 PM



**HIGH-ENERGY COMEDY
FOR ALL AGES**
frcoc.org/families



Thank you to all who called, stopped or brought food after my recent hospitalization. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated. Thank you to Pastor Mark for his visit and calls. Praise and thanks to God for his healing.
Helene Gayer

Children's Camp in Ukraine

In June, we had the opportunity to partner with Pastor Vadim in Kyiv through our connection with Dave Nonnemacher. Through our Missions Budget, we were able to help send 20 refugee children to a Christian camp called Vysota, which translates to "The Heights."

The timing of this opportunity has been especially meaningful. As bombing in and around Kyiv has intensified again over the past several weeks, these children have been able to spend time in a safe, encouraging environment where they can experience God's love, build friendships, and simply enjoy being kids.

Thank you for your faithful generosity. Your giving allows us to come alongside trusted ministry partners at just the right time, providing practical support and sharing the hope of Christ in meaningful and impactful ways.

Hear the impact you've made at frcoc.org/missions.

