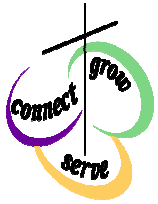


1st Connection



Seeking to...*Live Simply* so that others
may *Simply Live*

-a communication of the FRC family
February 14, 2010

This Week at First

Wed.— 9:30 A.M. Women's Bible Study, Rm. 17
10:45 A.M.—Noon "Kid's Play Group" meeting every 1st and 3rd
Wednesday. Snack provided - bring your own drinks.
Call Elizabeth (924-7172) with questions.

Family Night

5:30—6:15 P.M. Family Night Dinner - **Everyone's Welcome!**
6:15 P.M. Prayer Meeting in Fireside Room (Pastor Kevin)
6:30 P.M. Praise Team Practice
6:30—8:00 P.M. Kingdom Kids (4 & 5 year olds)
GEMS/Cadets - for 1st - 8th grade

Fri.— 7:00—7:45 A.M. Men's Lenten Breakfast - at the Wesleyan
Church. The Beatitudes of Jesus, Matthew 5:1-12, theme:
"Blessed are poor in spirit and the meek." All men are
welcome!

8:00 P.M. thru 8:00 A.M. Saturday - GEMS Sleepover

Sat.— 1:00 p.m. Cadet Winter Adventure at Doug Grau's property, 1039 N.
Warner. Meet at church at 12:30 if you'd like a ride. There
will be a variety of winter activities plus hot chocolate and the
'famous' Cadet soup. Please bring a can of soup and your
permission slip. Fathers are also invited.

Looking Ahead:

February 25 - Crafters and Laughter Crew will meet 4-11 p.m. Pack up your
projects and join us for a night of fun and laughter. Please
bring a snack to share, come and go when you must.

March 2 and March 4 - Congregational Forums - The Forums will be a time
to share any input and answer any questions you might have
about two new ministries. (Gift-based ministry - how we do
ministry and "Care groups" - a new ministry).

March 7-21 - Adult Explorers Class

March 20 - FRC's "Neighborhood Indoor Resale Market". Information
and registration forms are available at the *information center*.
Register by turning in your form with payment to the church
office, space is limited.

The Battle is Over! UM received \$207.49 and State received \$149.41 total-
ing \$356.90 for the Guatemala fundraiser. **Thank you** to all who participated.

The All Church Car Derby and Pancake Supper is coming April 16. All
are invited to participate in the Derby and cars can be purchased from a
Cadet Counselor starting today, for \$3, at the display in the Gathering
Room. Counselors will be available if you have any questions.

TEEN EXPLORERS starts today in PK's office! All teens looking to
"explore a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through making a Con-
fession of their Faith, are welcome!

Sunday Mornings



Come to the
Prayer Room
at 8:45

Before Worship to pray for 15
minutes. Let's pack the room
with prayer and people!

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Church building open:

Sunday—All day
Monday—Thursday 8:30 am—5:00 pm
Friday—Saturday - Closed



Happy Birthday

February 17 - Carl Buitendorp
February 18 - Laura Weiden
February 19 - LouAnn Johnson
Dan Knuver

Missionary Birthday
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Mark Overbeek - February 18

Happy Valentines Day

**STARTING NEXT WEEK: THE LENTEN
SERMON SERIES - DISCOVERING YOUR
GREAT WORTH TO GOD!** It's a shame; it's
sad, but true! People can have Christ in their
life, but never discover their great worth to God!
Life is just...well...one day after the next! But
God has great plans for anyone, He gives His
grace too! And for the next seven weeks
(during Lent) we'll *Get into God's Word* so He'll
get deep into your heart, and tell you...how
much you mean to Him! Join us each week...
to discover your great worth to God!

TRUE LOVE!

Remember that "first love?" That first boy or girl that took your breath away, made you stammer, or sweat profusely? I do. It was in the 8th grade. Her name was Nancy... Nancy...Nancy something. Oh well; while I can't remember her last name, I remember being so nervous about asking her to officially be my girlfriend that I dropped the token of my affection - a "friendship ring" - in the grass when I asked her, and then having to look for it for what seemed like an eternity (Yep - pretty smooth). I was sure it was "true love"! It lasted a couple of months; school let out, Nancy moved away, and I never saw her again. Broke my heart for about a week (hey; things move quickly when you're an 8th grader)!

True love. On this week where "true love" is celebrated...What is it, really? Can an 8th grade crush be "true love"? How about a high school romance? Can it happen instantly? Does it take years? *What exactly, constitutes...true love?* A love that lasts, and is strong enough to endure all an intimate relationship brings? *It's a serious question! Real serious.* Because if an 8th grader, a young person in high school, or someone pondering marriage believes they are experiencing "true love"...it is serious! It's incredibly important to know what "true love" is...no matter who you are.

Today's message is about "true love"...but it's just a small window to open your heart to God speaking about what "true love" really is. Whether you're an 8th grader, senior in high school, college student, an "old and married person", someone in a relationship and/or someone looking for "true love"...I hope you open the window of your heart to what He has to say about "true love". Why? *Because God truly loves you! And He wants you to discover, and experience, true love for the rest of your life! A love that is profound! A love that simply amazes you! A love that takes your breath away, makes you stammer, and, yes, even makes you break into a sweat; every day!*

So take a long look at 1 Cor. 13. Read it. Know its truth. Write it on your heart...so you'll know true love when it comes, and not be fooled by some plastic imitation of it. After all...don't you want to experience "true love"? Praising God for "true love",

- PK

Weekend Retreat - Fourteen gals, of all ages, went on a weekend retreat to the Stone House at Cran Hill Ranch Feb. 5-7! There were scrapbookers, sewers, knitters and crafters! During the weekend we completed 395 scrapbook pages, six table runners, one wall-hanging, one knitted scarf and sweater for an American Girl doll, 30 American Girl doll outfits, 11 cards, one bookmark, one box, one person learned how to use a Cricut, and countless laughs! It was an amazing weekend in so many ways! If there are any women who might be interested in going February 2011, please contact Ruth Ann Ayre (924-4950 or 924-3411) so we can keep you posted on the details. Plans are being made!

From Operation Christmas Child! We are deeply grateful to your congregation for their faithful prayers and enthusiastic participation in the project in 2009. Over 8.1 million shoe box gifts-the most ever-were collected this past holiday season, with the United States contributing 5.2 million of those gifts. Because of churches like yours, boys and girls around the world will now have the opportunity to hear the Good News of God's greatest gift, Jesus Christ!



Happy 90th Birthday!

You are invited to join Anita and her family for a celebration Saturday, March 6th at Side Street Cafe, 1 East Main, Fremont, from 2-5 p.m. Come and share a memory.

THANK YOU for the prayers and cards during and after my foot surgery. God Bless!
Peg May

American Decency Association will be hosting a weekly hour-long Friday matinee video series of **The Truth Project** by *Focus on the Family* beginning Friday, February 19 at 1:00 at ADA (203 E. Main, Fremont), continuing each Friday for 12 weeks. For more information call 924-4050.

AN AMAZING ADVENTURE

I would like to share with you a journey I have been on these past months. The year of 2009 brought many changes and challenges to my life. The health issues were many for awhile and on top of that I had a lot of emotional stress as well. I knew God was there for me and we would get through it. One Sunday I found a devotional booklet in our church mailbox. I thought it was something everyone got. I took it home, looked at it a few times throughout the months it covered. Three months later I found another in our mailbox and discovered that not everyone was getting them. This time I started reading it more often and soon found that I looked forward to that time of day when I could read it and the Bible. I have never found myself so into the God's word as I am now. I shared with RuthAnn one day that I didn't know where this booklet was coming from but that it was really doing things to me and my life. I was learning so much and finding God in a very real and extremely personal way. She is always there to listen to me and has gone through a lot this summer helping me deal with things. She told me that Frank had been putting them in my box. I am so glad that God nudged him into sharing these and that he listened to that nudging. Frank and RuthAnn are very precious to me and my family. Without them I know I wouldn't be where I am today. I have learned to talk with God throughout the day conversationally. It is so good to finally realize that everyone prays differently and that just because mine aren't as organized or use big words or that I don't have to shut my eyes and fold my hands for God to pay just as much attention to my prayers. I have been trying to get better and try new things with praying such as using my Christmas cards during my prayers. I love Christmas cards - they are pretty and remind us that Jesus is the reason we all have abundant life. When I took mine off the door at the end of the season this year I decided to keep them where I could see them. I try to pick one up every day or so - reread it and then I pray for the friends that sent it to us. I just keep going through the stack over and over. Sometimes I call them just to say hi. It has been a really a fun way to keep up with my friends. Some know that I have pulled their card that day when I call them and they may share something they would like me to pray about. I don't always call but I know that God will reach into their lives in the right way and time because I took the time to bring them to Him in prayer. I have been so blessed by God and my friends this past year. I would hope you all could be blessed as well in the coming year. God rocks - just give Him a chance!

Betty Warren - of the Prayer Ministry Team