

In Memoriam



Helen Crisp

Sonshine Callers

Helen was the newest member of our shut-in family. She was born in Michigan's upper peninsula town of Pickford, the younger of the two children of Ford and Margaret Bawks. Her father was a farmer and her mother a teacher. She met Jim Crisp while in high school, and they were married in 1949.

Jim went on to college for his degree and got his first teaching job in Brimley near St. Ignace. He had known Max Hamilton, a former Fremont Superintendent, who was from the upper peninsula and through him received a teaching job in Fremont where he remained until his retirement.

Four children were born to them and all of them received good educations and were involved in successful careers. Marcy, the oldest, works with medical records in a hospital; Jim Jr. is a government appointed agency director; Rick is an accountant and Brian is a professor at the University of Washington in St. Louis, MO. Jim and Helen were also blessed with seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Helen's pride and joy.

Helen, for a time, worked in food preparation at the Fremont Middle School, but her main interest was always her family and her aim was to raise them to be good citizens and persons with the values our Lord exemplified. Her lively sense of humor kept the home a happy place. She and Jim enjoyed several retirement years in Florida and Arizona. Jim passed away in 2004 and Helen remained in Fremont in their home in Country View Estates, meanwhile paying many visits to the children elsewhere. She became an avid reader and our church librarian says that Helen was by far the fastest reader in the church, usually taking out three or four books at a time and having them back in a week. She also enjoyed crafts and social times with her good neighbor. Sundays found her at worship, sitting in "window's row" at First Reformed.

Helen suffered much back pain during the last months of her life but surgery wasn't possible until known blood clots were dissolved. This seemed to have been accomplished recently, but she was called home on July 16 with the cause of death not sure. This sparkly lady will be greatly missed! Pray for her family.
by Vivian TenBrink

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



Sunday Mornings

Come to the *Prayer Room* at 9:15 before worship to pray for 15 minutes. Prayer is critical to the fruitfulness of ministry.

The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close.

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

-a communication of the FRC family
August 1, 2010



- Mon. - 6:45 P.M. Ministry Teams meet for devotions
7:00 P.M. Team Meetings
- Wed. - 6:15 P.M. Prayer Meeting in Fireside Room (Pete Sikkenga)
6:30 P.M. Praise Team 2 Practice

Looking Ahead....

- August 8 - Celebration of Communion
- August 10 - Consistory meets
- August 12 - Prime Timers will leave church at 11:00 am and go to Pere Marquette Park for an afternoon of food, fun and fellowship. All food will be provided. Cost is \$3.50 per person. Please sign-up on sheet at the *Information Center* in the Gathering Center.
- August 14 - **All-Church Work Bee** - Some things that need to be done are: Paint Main Street house, re-roof storage building at back of parking lot, install fence around AC unit, replace some soffit. If you can help, please sign up at the *Information Center*. We know that it is at the end of Fair Week, but we need your help to take care of the buildings and grounds that God has given us.
- August 15 - Celebration of Baptism - Jaxson Escalante
Mission presentation by the Snellers
- August 22 - Guest Pastor
- August 29 - Special Prayer Service for fall ministry



Happy Anniversary

- August 5 - Sam and Eran Dickinson
Ken and Renae Wallace
- August 6 - Chad and Becky Walcott



- August 3 - Dawn DeKryger
- August 4 - Brooke Manchip
Esther Smith
- August 5 - Linda Wagenmaker
- August 6 - Amanda Knuver
- August 7 - Judy Somers
- August 8 - Angela Smalligan
Lynda Tuuk

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COMMEMORATION

Opportunities for Growth bring good challenges

Tonight, our Executive MT meets. At the start of the year, we added a new responsibility to the team. Here it is; to dream. Yep! To dream! I believe it's important...vital, in fact, to our future health. We need to dream and envision about responding to God's call to Connect, Grow, Serve (How does we want us fulfill our purpose? What might that look like?). Tonight, each team member will be asked the following questions; "Do you dare to dream?", and "How big is your God?" I wonder; *How would you answer those questions?* They're good questions to ask, because they're biblical! God wants us to dream about how big He is, and envision what He can do. He wants us to dream about how He'll grab the heart of a friend, or change the life of a family member. He wants us to envision the impact He can make on this community through us, as we simply strive to be faithful to our purpose. So...we're dreaming. We're envisioning what God will have us do. We're making plans; not blindly, not aimlessly, not recklessly...but with a belief that God will do great things. Every "dream" and potential opportunity brings challenges in proportion to the size of the dream/opportunity. Big dreams create the biggest challenge of all (I believe); the exercising of great faith! If you've been engaged in serving God for any length of time, you have been in a ministry situation like this; someone proposes a great idea, a big dream, only to have someone else instantly squash it. They respond to the idea/dream by saying something like this, "Well...that sounds nice....but there's no way we can do that. We have no volunteers; we can't staff our current ministries as it is. We have no money; we're already behind in budget. We can't do it." It only takes a couple of those kinds of meetings and comments, before people with vision and dreams, either clam up or pack up. And no one else dares to. People who share those thoughts are right about one thing though, and it is this; "We can't do it." Praise God, He doesn't expect us to! He just wants us to believe He can! To have faith! Check out God's definition of faith: **"Faith is being sure of what you hope for, and certain of what you do not see" - Heb. 11:1.**

Failing to dream, failing to hope, failing to envision what can be and believing God can bring it to be...is failing to have faith. To do "only what we can do" locks God in a box. And being a church, ministry, is all about what He can do. Faith isn't just about dreaming, and casting vision. It requires action; it requires a visible demonstration that you believe God can and will pour out His blessings as you strive to live a life that is filled with purpose and meaning, and do so...as a body of Jesus. It requires you, it requires the body of Jesus, taking steps to allow God to unleash His goodness and grace. Malachi 3:10 says it well:

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, says the Lord Almighty, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven, and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it." - God.

Who knows what dreams and visions we'll be led to pursue, what opportunities God will lead us to seize. Who knows what God will lay on your heart, and how big your God is. Who knows? Not me...but I do know they will be awesome! For now, will you join us in dreaming? Will you join us in praying? And as steps of faith start to be taken...will you walk with us? May we seize the opportunity to see God pour out His rich blessing, changing and transforming lives...so much so...we will not have room enough for it

Serving a bigger God than I know, -PK



Did You
KNOW....

Grant Community Church 115 W. State, Grant, MI will be having their annual Chicken BBQ this Saturday, Aug. 7 from 4:00 - 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$8.00 adults and \$4.00 children ten and under. Eat In or Take Outs are available!

Fremont's Community Garage/Yard Sale! Thursday, Aug. 19 to Saturday, Aug. 21. If you want to participate, the deadline to get your name on the list is Monday, Aug. 9th. Bring \$1.00 to the *Fremont City Office*, give them your name, address and phone number and you're on the list. Any questions, call 924-2101. See brochure at the *Information Center* for more details.

Habitat For Humanity Annual Golf "Birdie Blitz" is at Village Green Golf Course, Newaygo, Sat., Aug. 28. Golf Outing - 4 person scramble with registration at 8:30 a.m., shot-gun starts at 9:00 a.m. \$55.00 per person; includes cart, lunch, prizes and there will also be a silent auction and raffle. Call 924-0350 to register or for more information.

NCCS Food Pantry Needs Volunteers - Volunteers must be available once a week from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm or 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm. Volunteers also must commit to this weekly schedule for at least six months. Call 231-924-0641 to volunteer. More information on bulletin board in Gathering Center.

Back to School Clothing Swap Saturday, August 21, 10:00am - 2:00 pm at the NCCS Building. See all details at the *Information Center* Bulletin Board.

Our Harvest Table is located downstairs in the hallway leading to the Youth Room. You are invited to bring your extra produce to share. Everyone is welcome to help themselves to the items on this table.

Check the bulletin board in
the **Gathering Center** for
all community events!



Thank You so much for the cards
and prayers for my recent surgery.
Jean Riemersma

**Sometimes the answer to PRAYER is NOT
that it changes life, but that it changes you.**
Prayer Team: Rod Borgman, Cal Burns,
Angela Smalligan and Judy Vissia.

FRC Employment Opportunity

The Executive Ministry Team is looking for two passionate, qualified individuals to fill the role of a part-time (approx. 20 hrs. weekly) Administrative Assistant. Both positions require a solid witness, confidentiality, and integrity. Other qualifications will include; administrative and organizational skills, personal management skills and general office skills. Familiarity with Microsoft Word, Microsoft Publisher, Power Church and office equipment will be a plus. Resumes and letters of interest can be sent to the church office (to the attention of the Executive Ministry Team) and will be received until August 16th.