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Fall 2021 Ministry Guide

Belong,
Grow,



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Our Mission...

is to love **GOD** and others
as an accepting community,
CENTERED IN CHRIST,
focused on developing faithful
FOLLOWERS OF JESUS.

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The Church is the People

Anybody know what the most frequently used word in the Bible is? It's "AND"! The word appears over 30k times! Granted, it is a a common English compound...AND it is very much what God seems to be all about. The creation story moves from day to day by saying "AND God said..." The New Testament is all about Jesus, who is God with us...another "AND" thing. In an increasingly polarized world which regularly forces us to chose between this or that, "AND" is a kind of third way, if you will.

This fall marks a unique year for Fellowship Church. We are nearing the end of a global pandemic (or is it the middle?). Much has changed in a short time, and yet, many things remain the same. Our mission is still "to love God and others as an accepting community, centered in Christ, focused on developing faithful followers of Jesus." We have an innovative model of shared pastoral leadership, through which we intend to maintain another kind of "AND": working together to be a church of worship, discipleship, and mission. And especially as we have a gap in our pastoral team right now, it's worthwhile to reiterate a critical detail about church life in general:

**The church is the people.
It is me and you and God and all of us together.**

Whatever this year brings to us, we are in it together AND we can't do it without you, Fellowship Church.

You may notice in the graphic for the fall worship series that there's a typewriter at the base. The idea is simply that the story is still being written and that God is the Great Author of it all. Hopefully this Ministry Guide is helpful to you in finding your place on the journey as we all continue to Belong, Grow, AND Serve together.

GOD BE PRAISED!

Ross Dieleman, Pastor of Congregational Formation

What Belong, Grow, & Serve Ideas Do You Have?!

There are so many ways that we can be the body of Christ in community with one another. If you have ideas that you don't see listed in this Ministry Guide, please share, and maybe even think about leading that group! Contact the church office.

Ways to Belong

Discover Fellowship Café | Nate Schipper | nschipper@fellowshipreformed.org

If you would like to learn more about Fellowship, connect with others, and potentially become a member... please join us Sept. 29, Oct. 6, and Oct. 13. Contact the church office if you're interested.

Coffee, Books, & Fellowship | Diana Stephens | dianastep@gmail.com

This women's group meets to drink coffee, enjoy a book study, and fellowship together. Meeting times and location TBD.

Craft Groups | info@fellowshipreformed.org | 616.399.9280

Fellowship offers a variety of craft groups (knitters, quilters, etc.) that meet for fun, fellowship, and service.

Empty Nesters | Laurie Bos | lauriebos@gmail.com

Barb Dobberteen | barb.dobberteen@gmail.com

Since the kids are away, it's your time to play! Join us for gatherings throughout the year as we form connections (or reconnections) with friends in this same stage of life.

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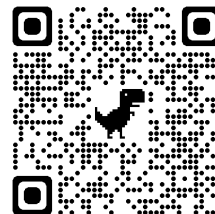
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Fellowship Groups are our way of doing life together. We gather regularly for the sake of belonging, growing, and serving together. This could look like a book study, gathering to do a project, enjoying a meal, discussing Sunday's sermon, or just having fun together. Our hope is that everyone is a part of a Fellowship Group. If you are not currently in a group, contact the church office, or use the QR codes below to sign-up, or create your own group and register.

JOIN



REGISTER



More Ways to Belong

Men's Wednesday Morning Breakfast | Jay Bruns | jaycbruns@yahoo.com

Breakfast and prayer every Wednesday morning @ 7am at Russ' North.

Men Seeking God | Duane Vandenbrink | duane.vandenbrink@gmail.com

Meets at Panera in Holland on Wednesdays @ 6:30am. We discuss the previous Sunday's message, and then check in with one another with praises and prayer requests. Come as often as your schedule allows.



Pickleball | Terry Pollard | tpollardeggs@gmail.com

Beginning Monday, October 11, a group will gather to play pickleball in the Gym.

Prime Timers | Angie Riksen | 616.886.0365

The PrimeTimers meet in the Atrium the 4th Wednesday of each month @ 9am for fellowship, food and fun. All people aged 65 and up are welcome!

Tuesday Morning Men's Breakfast | Jim Baar | jhbaar4@gmail.com

Meets every Tuesday @ 8am at Russ' North for prayer and fellowship.



Wonderful Widows | Sherry DeWitt | 616.392.6648

The Wonderful Widows meet in the Atrium the 1st Wednesday of each month @ 10am for fellowship, food, and fun!

Young Adults | Bryce VanderStelt | bstelt@fellowshippreformed.org

A group of 20-somethings that gather to belong, grow, and serve together.



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Community Nights

Join us on Wednesday nights for community activities including dinner, children & youth ministries, music rehearsals, and adult ministries.

Schedule

5:45pm: Dinner
6:15pm: Children & Youth Ministries
6:30pm: Adult Ministries
7:30pm: Activities conclude

Intergenerational Event Dates

September 29 - A Walk in the Woods
October 27 - Fall Fest
November 24 - Thanksgiving Eve Worship
December 15 - Trivia Night (HSM fundraiser)

Children's Ministry | Betsy Bruins | bbruins@fellowshipreformed.org

BLAST - Bible Learning And Sharing Together (4 years old - 5th grade)

New this year! We will use the "Simply Loved" curriculum, which has a VBS feel: Bible memory buddies, station rotations, memory verses, songs with motions, crafts and activities, games, small groups, and prayer.

Nursery | Emily Rosendahl | erosendahl@fellowshipreformed.org

For children whose parents are teaching, involved in music rehearsal, or taking a class; nursery is available for infants up to 4 years old.

Youth Ministry | Hannah Cochrane | hcochrane@fellowshipreformed.org

Elevate (6th - 8th grade)

The Elevate gathering on Wednesday nights is a mid-week night of fun and fellowship: games, Mystery Trips, service projects, movie nights, and so much more.

Adult Ministry | Ross Dieleman | rdieleman@fellowshipreformed.org

The Fellowship Lab | Ross Dieleman | rdieleman@fellowshipreformed.org

Experiments in faith and faithfulness. This is 50% "youth group for adults" and 50% "a school of Christian formation."

The Better Together Bible Study | Reghan Harms | reghan.harms@gmail.com

An interactive and conversational exploration of the text that will be preached the following Sunday.

Story Sharing Circle | Burt & Marlene Braunius | bbraunius@yahoo.com

An intentional place to share and hear life stories, informed by the biblical story.

Doubt & Deconstruction | Josh Vis | joshuamvis@gmail.com

Has your faith life changed lately? Do you have lingering doubts or tough questions that you don't know what to do with? You are not alone. Join this journey for an honest exploration of the Christian journey.

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Grief Share | Cathy Hamilton | chamilton@fellowshipreformed.org

A 13-week support group for anyone working through grief.

Fellowship Groups | Office | info@fellowshipreformed.org

We encourage your Fellowship Group to meet on Wednesday nights, as well! If you are not part of a Fellowship Group, contact the church office to join one!

John Bible Study | Carol Washburn | 616.745.6692

Conversations on the Gospel of John. The theme of the fall study is from John 15:1; Jesus shows his disciples the full extent of his love.

TWO OPTIONS TO PARTICIPATE:

- 1 Wednesday evenings, 6:30pm-7:30pm
- 2 Thursday mornings on Zoom, 10am-11am



Other Ways to Grow



Spiritual Fitness | Paulette Chaponniere | paulette.chaponniere@gmail.com

This group seeks to exercise our spiritual muscles by practicing the practices of the faith. They meet Sunday Mornings @ 10:15am in the adult classroom wing.

Women's Bible Study | Bonnie Bruursema | 616.399.4924

This group meets every 3rd Monday at 1:30pm at Fellowship in the East Room, September - May. They will be continuing their way through Joyce Meyer's book, "Battlefield of the Mind", to shape their discussions.

Mental Health Awareness Workshops

Emily Rosendahl | erosendahl@fellowshipreformed.org

Each week in October we will host an introduction to different topics related to mental health. These workshops will give a brief overview of the topic of the day and how our faith can be integrated into our mental health care. Come join us if you are struggling, you know someone who is struggling, or if you are just curious about mental health. We will meet at 10:30am each Sunday of October.

Schedule

- October 3 - Mental Health, Physical Health, and Boundaries
- October 10 - Depression
- October 17 - Anxiety
- October 24 - Medications
- October 31 - Social Media and Mental Health

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Children's Ministry

 Betsy Bruins | bbruins@fellowshipreformed.org

Sunday Morning Ministries

Infants | Emily Rosendahl | erosendahl@fellowshipreformed.org

Nursery is offered for infants through 3 years old during the 9am and 10:30am worship services. It is open 15 minutes before and 10 minutes after each service.

Children Age 3 (by September 1) - 5th Grade

Children begin worship in the Sanctuary with their families and are dismissed before the sermon. They will then line up in the Atrium and follow their teachers to their classroom.

CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Offered only @ 10:30am for kids 3-years-old through 1st grade. These kids worship in their own space called The Worship Center. They hear stories of God, sing songs, have work time to respond, listen to scripture, and have a feast to remind them of communion.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Offered @ 9am and 10:30am for kids 3-years-old through 5th grade. Kids go to their age-specific class and learn about God's story and how they fit into it. Our "Living the Word" curriculum follows the same scripture and theme that we do in the Sanctuary.

Child Check-In

Please check your child in at the Check-In Kiosk in the Atrium **before** the start of the service. Keep your parent pick-up tag to show your child's teacher. This is for infants - 5th grade.

All Together Sundays

A time for children in 2nd-8th grades to remain with their families for the entire worship service. There is no regular Sunday School on those Sundays. The dates for this are November 28, December 26, and January 2. Nursery and Children & Worship are still offered for children through 1st grade on these Sundays.

Fall Family Activities



PICNIC @ THE PARK

Saturday, September 25
11am-12pm @ Quincy Park.



FALL FEST

Wednesday, October 27
5:45pm-7:30pm @ church.



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, November 19
6:30pm-8pm @ church.

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Youth Ministry



Our Mission

Fellowship Youth Ministry is an accepting community of students and adults who are focused on helping each other belong in God's family, grow in their faith, and serve in the world with Christ.

Middle School (Elevate) | 6th - 8th Grades
 Hannah Cochran | hcochrane@fellowshipreformed.org



Sunday School

Offered the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month during the 10:30am worship service. Middle school students participate in separate boys and girls classes that engage them in lessons that are based on the same scripture used in the worship service. 2nd Sundays of the month, middle school students serve in the worship service.

Youth Group

Join us on Sunday afternoons from 4:30pm-6pm as we dig deeper into God's Word, build relationships, and have fun together. The hope is that students continue to build relationships with one another and their leaders, as well as grow in their knowledge of, and relationship with, the Lord.

Summer Trips and Retreats

Each year, middle school students have the opportunity to participate in weekend retreats and a summer experience that focus on belonging, growing, and serving.

High School | 9th - 12th Grades
 Bryce Vander Stelt | bvanderstelt@fellowshipreformed.org



HSM (High School Ministry)

On Sunday nights from 6:30pm-8pm, high school students and adult leaders gather together to take part in games, discussions, service, and prayer. Students will experience God's love and grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ through our time together.

Confirmation Class

High School students who are interested in being confirmed as members of the church will explore the foundations of our Christian faith together. Our goal is to help unify what they have already learned in Christian education, worship experiences, and with their family. This class is on Sunday mornings at 10:30am-11:30am in the fall.

Summer Serve

Each summer high school students are invited on a weeklong mission trip. This is a transformational experience where we encounter God through serving others. Keep your eyes open for an announcement this fall about our 2022 dates and location.

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Worship Arts Ministry

Jess Mix | jmix@fellowshipreformed.org



Audio & Video Tech Team | John Cochrane | jcochrane@fellowshipreformed.org

The A/V Team is open to anyone interested in leading worship through technology. This includes operating cameras & video switcher technology, sound board, online audio mixing, and media & lyric projection. No prior tech experience required, and training provided! Rehearsals (optional for camera & video switcher techs; required for audio & media projection techs) are on Wednesday evenings, 6:30pm-8:30pm, prior to your scheduled Sunday.

Handbell Choir | Christy Garcia | christal.d.garcia@gmail.com

Bell Choir is open to adults and teens who read music. Mentoring and training provided, as needed! Rehearsals are every Tuesday, 6pm-7pm. The Bell Choir plays in worship approximately monthly, from fall to spring.

Worship Band | Jess Mix | jmix@fellowshipreformed.org

Rotating teams of gifted musicians who lead the music in our worship services. Open to all types and skill levels of instrumentalists and singers. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings, 6:30pm-8:30pm, prior to your scheduled Sunday.

If you have skills and passions in the visual arts, Scripture reading (and enacting or memorization), sign language, dance, orchestra or brass ensembles, poetry, prayer writing, or any other areas that would enrich our time of gathered worship, please contact Jess!

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Care Ministry

Cathy Hamilton | chamilton@fellowshipreformed.org

Delivering Home Communion | Jan Dalman | jan.dalman38@gmail.com

Pairs of ordained elders (not necessarily serving currently) who take communion to homebound members of Fellowship.

Soup Ministry | Vonnie Elhart | vonnieelhart@yahoo.com

A team of people who make and freeze soup for volunteers to take to homebound people.

Card Team | Linda Beintema | beintemalg@hotmail.com

A group that sends cards to members with needs following surgery, hospitalization, and other life events.

Meal Ministry | Kristi Rosendahl | kristi.rosendahl@gmail.com

Sign up to make a meal for families within our congregation who are in need of a little help and love.

Dementia Caregiver Support Group | Alyssa Langejans | langejansa@evergreencommons.org

This group meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month from 3pm-4pm.

Prayer Chain | Pat Vorpapel | pvorpapel@charter.net

Members of the prayer chain agree with the confidentiality of all prayer requests, are notified as prayer requests arise, and pray informally at home.

Serve Locally

Karen Donker | kldonker@fellowshipreformed.org

Hand2Hand

H2H provides weekend supplemental food for families who struggle to buy adequate food on the weekends. You can be a part of this effort in three ways:



DONATE FOOD ITEMS

For the list of needed items, visit our website fellowshipreformed.org/missions.

HELP PACK BAGS

with food for students on Wednesdays.

ASSIST WITH DELIVERY

to Lakewood, Pine Creek Elementary, or Dunes Alternative High School on Wednesdays or Thursdays from 3:30pm–4:30pm.

Kids Hope USA

Kids Hope is a relational ministry in which people from Fellowship engage with students at Lakewood Elementary and Macatawa Bay Middle School. You can be a part of this ministry in two ways:

MENTOR

meet with a student one hour a week, from October to May.

PRAYER PARTNER

commit to praying for a mentor and student on a weekly basis.

Refugee Support Team | Nate Schipper | nschipper@fellowshipreformed.org

Come alongside of Fellowship as we help international families as they resettle in Holland. You can volunteer to serve on one of the support teams: Medical, Housing, Social, ESL, Education, Transportation.

Serve Broadly

Nate Schipper | nschipper@fellowshipreformed.org

Church Planting Trip | Nate Schipper | nschipper@fellowshipreformed.org

Learn and grow with our European church planting partners for 4 days in Dublin, Ireland, and visit our partner church in the Netherlands for 4 days. May 2022.

Encourage our Global Mission Partners | Nate Schipper | nschipper@fellowshipreformed.org

Be a part of the support network that encourages our global mission partners through emails, care packages, and providing hospitality when global partners visit.

Nicaragua Focus Team | Emily Rosendahl | erosendahl@fellowshipreformed.org

Bill Dobberteen | bill.dobberteen@gmail.com

This team continues and expands our relationship with our Nicaragua mission partners.

Nicaragua Update

Join us on Tuesday, November 16 @ 6:30pm to hear from our mission partners, Olivia and Phil Iekel, while they are visiting on home stay.



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Other Ways to Serve

Hospitality Team | Nate Schipper | nschipper@fellowshipreformed.org

Hospitality at Fellowship takes many forms. We are always looking for volunteers in the following areas: Welcome Center, coffee, parking lot, door greeters, ushers, set-up and tear down for events, etc.

Community Night Meal Team | Patty VanDenBrand | pvandenbrand@chartermi.net

Join the Meal Team as they prep, serve, and clean up from our church-wide meals each Wednesday evening during Community Nights.

Special Needs Missional Community | Martie Bultman | bultmanm@hope.edu

This community focuses on creating an inclusive environment at Fellowship where those with developmental disabilities and/or physical challenges, as well as their families and caregivers, will feel welcomed. Our passion is to love God together and to cultivate a worshipping community where people of all abilities are valued, accepted, and engaged.

Christian Aid Response Team | Nate Schipper | nschipper@fellowshipreformed.org

Do you have a special skill you would be willing to offer on an as-needed basis to serve members of our congregation? (i.e. plumbers, builders, drivers, cleaners, etc.) If so, join this team by contacting Pastor Nate!

Prison Penpals Missional Community | Lugene Vander Koi | lugenev@yahoo.com

Prison Penpals seek to be a positive light in the life of the prisoner, but often also receive. Participants receive background and communication information on an individual prisoner before correspondence begins.

Knitting and Crocheting Missional Community | Carol Leitch | leitchcarol@att.net

This community meets to create knitted and crocheted items for those in need and to teach new members the craft of knitting and crocheting. Meetings are Mondays @ 6:30pm at Fellowship, and Wednesdays @ 9:30am at Fellowship.



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