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Winter/Spring 2022 Ministry Guide

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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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"Who Dat?"

Walk the streets of New Orleans on a Sunday in the fall and if you ask a local, "Who dat?" you might be surprised to hear a cheer come out. "Who dat say they gonna beat dem saints?" The New Orleans Saints football team fans chant that refrain throughout the Superdome on Sundays as they root for their favorite team. What's most interesting, though, is that if you ask locals, "What is a 'Who Dat'?" they are quick to reply, "A Saints fan." The chant is a [question](#) and an [identity](#).

For the first 4 months of 2022, Fellowship Church will be asking the [question](#), "Who is this man?" It's an authentic question as we seek to dig deeper into the man Jesus Christ of Nazareth. As we venture through the Gospel of John, we will closely examine the stories of Jesus with curiosity about exactly who this man Jesus is, was, and will be. I hope though, on a more personal level, we will also be able to more fully realize our [identity](#) as Christ followers.

Amidst all of the uncertainty the past two years have brought us, our mission has remained as central and important as ever. Fellowship Church exists to [love God and others as an accepting community, centered in Christ, focused on developing faithful followers of Jesus](#). The world needs more people that embody that mission. Putting our focus and attention on Jesus in the Gospel of John will help us to embody the love, grace, unity, and humility we claim in that mission.

In the following pages of this Ministry Guide, you will encounter some practical ways that you can join us in living that mission out. We hope you might take the next step in getting curious about "Who Dat Fellowship Church is." In doing so, we trust you will encounter and find your identity in Jesus Christ, the one in whom we find our center.

**Grace and peace to you,
Nate Schipper, Pastor of Congregational Engagement**

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 | info@fellowshipreformed.org | 616.399.9280

If you would like to learn more about Fellowship, connect with others, and potentially become a member, we invite you to join us for our Discover Fellowship Cafe. Contact the church office if you're interested.

WINTER CLASS Wednesdays | February 2, 9, & 16 | 6:30pm-7:30pm

SPRING CLASS Sunday | May 1 | 11:30am-2pm

Coffee, Books, & Fellowship | [Diana Stephens | dianastep@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:lauriebos@gmail.com)

| [Barb Dobberteen | barb.dobberteen@gmail.com](mailto:barb.dobberteen@gmail.com)

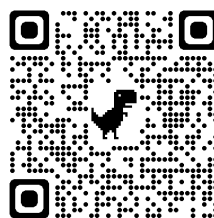
Since the kids are away, it's your time to play! Join us for gatherings throughout the year as we form connections (or reconnections) with friends in this same stage of life.

Fellowship Groups

info@fellowshipreformed.org | 616.399.9280

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 code below to sign-up, or create your own group. You can also check out the Fellowship Groups heading on the Community Night page in this Ministry Guide to see how you can join a short-term group on Wednesday nights!

JOIN



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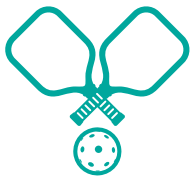
More Ways to Belong

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

This group gathers @ 4pm each Monday to play pickleball in the Gym. All skill levels welcome!

Prime Timers | Angie Riksen | [616.886.0365](tel:616.886.0365)

The PrimeTimers meet in the East Room 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](tel:616.392.6648)

The Wonderful Widows meet in the East Room the 2nd Wednesday of each month @ 10am for fellowship, food, and fun!

Young Adults | Bryce VanderStelt | bstelt@fellowshipreformed.org

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



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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.

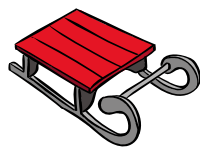
Child Check-In

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 winter/spring are February 13, April 10, and April 17. Nursery and Children & Worship is still offered for children through 1st grade on these Sundays. Last day of Sunday School is May 22.

Upcoming Family Activities



SLEDDING IN THE BOWL

Dates are snow-dependent!
Keep an eye on your email!



EASTER CANDY SCRAMBLE

Saturday, April 16
@ 11am!



VBS 2022

June 13 - June 16!

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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 Cochrane | 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 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 community, 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. This summer we will travel to Pennsylvania to the New Wilmington Mission Conference, July 16-22.

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.

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. This summer we will travel to West Virginia and participate in relief work, June 18-25.



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

January 26 - Trivia Night (HSM fundraiser)
March 2 - Ash Wednesday Service
March 23 - PET Cart Project
April 24 - Walk for Water (weather-dependent)

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

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

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 2.0 | Ross Dieleman | rdieleman@fellowshipreformed.org

Continued experiments in Biblical faith and faithfulness, now targeting "Emotionally Healthy Spirituality." While still seeking fun & formation, the Lab 2.0 will address some often overlooked arenas of life that keep us stuck in ruts, like long term Christians who are still spiritual infants. We'll consider things like our broken autopilots, family systems, the Dark Night of the Soul, & Life as a Peacemaker. Come ready to laugh and also to dig deep.

Open Fellowship Group | Burt & Marlene Braunius | bbraunius@yahoo.com

Fellowship Groups are the Fellowship way of doing life together. They are a great place to belong, grow, and serve. This Wednesday night group is continually "open" for those who would like to try it out. Join the Community Night meal @ 5:45pm and the group from 6:30-7:30pm. Wednesday nights, January 12 - March 30.

(Community Nights Continued)

(Adult Ministry Continued)

**Colossian Way | Linda Milanowski-Westdorp | lmilowest@gmail.com
Glenn Lowe | glennlowe@gmail.com**

Earth's Origins, American Politics, Human Sexuality, Gender & Race - what if the hottest topics of our time were opportunities to grow? Is it true that "all things hold together in Christ?" Join this journey for a safe place to discuss controversial issues and the Way of Jesus. 5-6 week class beginning in February. Please contact Linda or Glenn if interested!

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.

 **Other Ways to Grow** 

John Bible Study | Carol Washburn | 616.745.6692
Conversations on the Gospel of John. Every Thursday morning on Zoom, 10am-11am.

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.



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!

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 | Angie Riksen | ariksen@icloud.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 | Cindy Birtles | birtlesc@evergreencommons.org

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

Prayer Chain | Pat Vorpapel | pvpapel@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.

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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 Elementary or Pine Creek Elementary on 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 (pending).

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 to support and expand our relationship with our Nicaragua mission partners.

Nicaragua Trip

CEPAD Anniversary Trip
February 23 - March 1 (pending)



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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

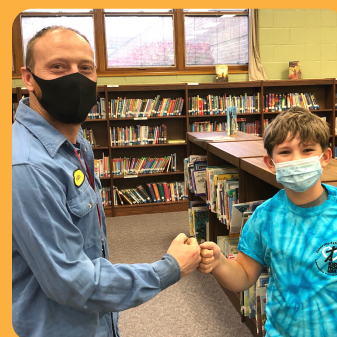
Do you have a special skill you would be willing to offer on an as-needed basis to serve members of our congregation? (i.e. plumbers, builders, drivers, cleaners, etc.) If so, join this team by contacting Pastor Nate!

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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