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Winter/Spring 2023 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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Belong, Grow, Serve

When our family started attending Fellowship 17 years ago, there were welcome packets in the pews. Yes, that's right, we had pews and we were in the space that is now called the Youth Center and East Room. I remember those packets having the following on the cover:

Everybody Belongs

Everybody Grows

Everybody Serves

Come be a part of Everybody!

At the time, I struggled with thinking it didn't read well grammatically, AND, it was a compelling invitation. These days, we have a simpler version that is symbolized in the 3 colored dots with our logo:

● **Belong** ● **Grow** ● **Serve**

At Fellowship, our desire is that everybody, every body, every person, would find a flourishing life in following Christ through belonging, growing and serving. In this Ministry Guide, you will find many opportunities to do these things. Although these pages are categorized by belong, grow, and serve, most every opportunity has elements of all three! For me, my first big step at Fellowship was to join a men's group that met every week. It was a place to connect with others (**belong**), learn more about following Christ through book and Bible readings (**grow**), and to inspire me to **serve** others. What might it look like for you to take a courageous step and try out a new opportunity that you might find in this Ministry Guide?

Come be a part of everybody!

Steve Braunius

Minister of Operations & Ministry Implementation

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.

**We invite you to join us for worship
(in person or online) on Sundays
@ 9am and 10:30am!**

Ways to Belong

Baptism | Ross Dieleman | rdieleman@fellowshipreformed.org

If you are interesting in being baptized or having your child baptized, please email Pastor Ross.

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.

Communion | Ross Dieleman | rdieleman@fellowshipreformed.org

We typically celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of the month, in both worship services. If you have questions or would like to know more, please email Pastor Ross.

Discover Fellowship Class | 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 Sunday | January 29 | 11:45am-2:30pm

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.

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



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 as well as @ 10:30am each Thursday 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!

February is

American Heart Month

NFL player Damar Hamlin's cardiac arrest during a recent football game stunned the nation. But did you know that Heart Disease has been the leading cause of death since 1950?! And nearly 90% of all outside-of-the-hospital cardiac arrests are fatal. **If you witness a cardiac arrest, the single most effective thing you can do is start CPR.**

In honor of American Heart Month, Fellowship will be offering a **Heart Savers CPR class on Saturday February 18, from 9-11:30am.** This class is for anyone who would like to learn the basics of performing CPR. No prior experience required. A \$10 donation to help cover costs is suggested. For more information or to register, please call the office at 616.399.9280 or email Pat Vorpapel at vpvorpapel@fellowshippreformed.org.



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 12, April 2, and April 9. Nursery and Children & Worship is still offered for children through 1st grade on these Sundays. Last day of Sunday School is May 21.

Upcoming Family Activities



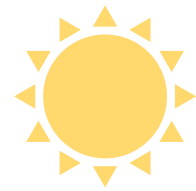
SKATING PARTY @ ROLL XSCAPE

Sunday, March 26 @ 4pm



EASTER CANDY SCRAMBLE

Saturday, April 8 @ 10:30am!



VBS 2023

Monday, June 12 - Thursday, June 15!

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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 2nd and 4th 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. 1st Sundays of the month, middle school students are invited to serve in the worship service.

Youth Group

Join us on Wednesday nights from 5:45-7:30pm as we enjoy a meal, dig deeper into God's Word, build community, and have fun together. The goal is for students to grow in their relationship with the Lord, with one another, and with their leaders.

Summer Trips and Retreats

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

8TH GRADE RETREAT

April 28-30

Before they enter high school, our 8th graders are invited to participate in this weekend retreat where we will reflect on how we have grown in faith, celebrate the culmination of their Elevate years, and have fun together.

YOUTH SERVE WEEK

June 25-July 1

We will travel to the suburbs of Chicago to participate in a week of serving the community alongside Christ Community Church. With lots of fun and games and team building throughout.

MISSION CONFERENCE

July 21-26

We will return to western PA for the New Wilmington Mission Conference where our students have the opportunity to learn from missionaries from around the world.

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



HSM (High School Ministry)

On Sunday nights from 6-8pm, 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.

Summer Trips and Retreats

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

WINTER RETREAT

January 20-22

Gull Lake Ministries: Our theme for this weekend will be "Echoes: Learning to hear God's voice". Along with our sessions we will also enjoy various activities like Pickleball, basketball, gaga ball, and time to hang out and connect with each other.

SUMMER SERVE

July 21-27

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 Estes Park, CO for Rocky Mountain High.

Community Nights

Join us on Wednesday nights for dinner followed by children & youth ministries, music rehearsals, and adult ministries. Please use the **QR code** below to sign-up to participate!

Schedule

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

Intergenerational Event
February 22 - Ash Wednesday

QR Code



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

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

We will be doing a combination of large group lessons and small group activities including crafts, playing in the gym, and prayer time. Kids head to the gym with Ms. Betsy at 6:15pm.

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)

Join us as we dig deeper into God's Word, build community, and have fun together! The goal is for students to grow in their relationship with the Lord, with one another, and with their leaders.

Adult Ministry | Tierra Marshall | tmarshall@fellowshipreformed.org

GrowthRings | Tierra Marshall | tmarshall@fellowshipreformed.org

GrowthRings is a simple spiritual benchmarking tool designed to equip and empower families and ministry leaders to carry out faith formation. These GrowthRings of faith are broken down into recognizable seasons of growth and development, designed to be lived out between children, youth, families, and the church community. This six-week class is for parents, grandparents, children/youth leaders, and all others who wish to learn concrete ideas on how you can pass on your faith to the next generation. January 11 - February 15.

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. January 12 - March 22.

(Community Nights Continued)

(Adult Ministry Continued)

Questions and Conversations

Carol Washburn, Paul & Tina Reynen | carolwashburn@sbcglobal.net

Join us as we engage the Scripture text each week! We will focus on the same passage the pastor will preach on the following Sunday. A conversation guide will be given in each week's bulletin and a more in-depth guide will be available at the Welcome Center. We will discuss questions you will want to talk about, such as, "Why does Jesus respond to temptation with the words of the Lord? What do these responses reveal about Jesus?" You can feel free to add your own questions to the conversation, too. January 11 (and 12) - March 22 (and 23).

OPTION 1 Wednesdays at Community Nights | 6:30-7:30pm

OPTION 2 Thursdays in the Atrium | 1:30-2:30pm

Dealing Faithfully With Dementia | Suzanne McDonald | suzanne.mcdonald@westernsem.edu

The thought of having to deal with dementia bewilders and frightens many of us. Dementia challenges our usual ways of thinking about how God relates to us and how we relate to God, and tests the faith, hope, and love of all of us. Together we will explore how a neglected day in the Easter Season - Holy Saturday - can become a scriptural 'space' for the experience of dementia. We will also reflect on scriptural approaches to the image of God and our identity in Christ in relation to people with dementia. Along the way, we will consider some good care practices and ways to give encouragement to those with dementia, and those who love and care for them. This two-week class on Wednesday nights will be March 15 & 22.



Other Ways to Grow



Young Adults Fellowship Group | Petra Gonzalez | 616.834.3161 and Michelle Bocks | 616.610.1594

This group is invested in doing life together and connecting over the integration of our calling, career, and daily life. This winter, we are studying the book "Every Good Endeavor" by Timothy Keller and will start meeting together on January 15 @ 12pm. If you are interested in joining, reach out to Petra or Michelle.



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. They are currently discussing the spiritual discipline of discipling.

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.



Audio & Video Tech Team | Joel Bosma | jbosma@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.

Choir & Instrument Ensembles | Jess Mix | jmix@fellowshipreformed.org

Every couple of months, we offer opportunities to lead in worship by singing with the vocal choir and/or playing in orchestral instrument ensembles that lead music with the band. If you sing or play a stringed, brass, or woodwind instrument, etc. please let Jess know, and she'll add you to the list of people who help with this!

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.

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.

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

Care Ministry

Pat Vorpapel | pvpapel@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 | vonnieselhart@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@fellowshipreformed.org

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

Fellowship Angels | Jayne Phillips | jlynnp1151@aol.com

Members of this group make and deliver "blessing bags" to folks going through hard times.

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.

Community Action House Food Club | Shayne Wuerfel | swuerfel@charter.net

Join the team of people who help make the "grocery store" at the CAH Food Club run by helping stock shelves, sort food, or run the cash register! On the second Tuesday of every month from 5-7:15pm and the third Monday of every month from 8:45am-12pm.

ReFresh Meal Service | Linda Dalman | dalman.linda@gmail.com

Join the team of folks that serves a hot meal to some of the people who are experiencing homelessness in the Holland community. This takes place at First United Methodist Church in downtown Holland on the third Wednesday of each month, from 6-8pm. Upcoming dates are January 18, February 15, March 15, April 19.

Serve Broadly

Nate Schipper | nschipper@fellowshipreformed.org

Borderlands Trip

The RCA and our global partner, Angel Lopez, will host two trips to Juarez, Mexico to see first hand the ministry that is happening amongst people at the border. These trips will be an opportunity to experience a national issue and consider how to faithfully respond. It will surely challenge, confront, and cause you to question how to think about immigration - no matter what "side" you think you are on!

FEBRUARY 16-20

Sign up by January 13 using the following website: www.sforce.co/3Um4DUr

NOVEMBER 8-11

Contact pastor Nate or Doug Hayden

Church Planting Trip

Learn and grow with our church planting partners in Northern Ireland and Appledorn, Netherlands and witness the work God is doing in post-Christian Europe. On this trip, we will learn of the history of the church, the good work being done, and encourage our partners in their efforts. To learn more about this trip visit the following website:

www.europartnership.org/churchplantingweek2023

MAY 15-23

Contact pastor Nate to sign up



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.

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

We are always looking for volunteers to help in various ways. Serve on Wednesday nights or Sunday morning nursery, be an assistant or substitute Sunday School teacher, volunteer as a Children and Worship leader, or help with special events.

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!

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 and Wednesdays @ 9:30am. There are also other craft groups that meet at various times throughout the week.

