

**First Reformed Church  
DeMotte, Indiana  
Sunday Morning Worship  
July 3, 2011  
10:00 a.m.**

On Independence Day weekend, we thank God for the freedom to worship and hear Scripture proclaimed openly. We also pray for persecuted Christians around the world.

Prelude

Welcome

Reading

'America the Beautiful'

Craig Curtis

Prayer

Time of Praise

Congregational and Offering Prayer

Presenting our Gifts

The offering is for our members and regular attendees. If you are a visitor or a guest, please do not feel obligated to give.

Children, age three through third grade, may leave for Kids' Own Worship held downstairs in the east wing.

Please fill out the Fellowship Pads at this time and pass them down the row. When the pads get to the last person, please tear out the page and put in pad holder so page is visible.

Message      "Stretching Our Faith"

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 ~ page 22

Closing

Benediction

Postlude

*Join us downstairs after worship for refreshments, and so we can know each other better.*

*A "Toddler and Me room" is available at the back of the sanctuary for parents and their children.*

*A staffed nursery is located downstairs for newborns to three-year-olds.*

Personal sound systems are available for those who have a difficult time hearing. Ask an usher for details.

Song sheets are available at the Information Station or from the ushers if you are unable to see the monitors. Enlarged Song Sheets and Bulletins are located at the Information Station for those who would like to use them.

**Assisting Today**

Greeters: Calvin & Sue Klemp, Dennis & April Kortum, Mark & Kelly Kuiken

Ushers: Paul Hamstra, Kyle Cooper, Mark Van Der Molen, Mike Schurman

Nursery: Lisa & Lauren Hamstra, Abbey Sittema, Zachary Thomas

Kids' Own Worship: Nicole Van Schouwen, Britney Hoffman, Alyssa Hoffman, Hannah Swim, Jesse Hoffman, Lorin Scheeringa, Sawyer Allen, Kendall Schultz, Brent Van Soest, Emma Allen

Coffee Table: Joe & Kay Spurgeon; Cookie Helper: Phyllis Schaper

Prayer Room: Starla Van Soest, Jason De Young, Pat Seegers

**This Week at the Church**

**Tuesday**

8:30 a.m. – GED class meets in the Lounge.

7:00 – Administrative Team meets in the Consistory room.

**Wednesday**

10:00 a.m. – Playing at the Park! A great way to fellowship with other moms while the kids play at the park. We will meet at Spencer Park in the playground area. Questions: call Candiss Terborg 987-2387.

7:00 – Stephen Ministry Continuing Education Group 3 meets in the Lounge.

**Thursday**

8:30 a.m. – GED class meets in the Lounge.

**Friday**

8:30 a.m. – GED class meets in the Lounge.

**Sunday (July 10)**

8:00 a.m. – Caring Team training in the Lounge.

**News & Notes**

**We will be retaking** all pictures and updating all sheets in the Pictorial Directory this summer. To schedule a time to have your picture taken, please contact Lois De Young at 956-3457 or [kldey@jasperremc.coop](mailto:kldey@jasperremc.coop).

**Our church** is in need of three people who would enjoy filming and putting together short videos to be used in worship and other places. We are willing to train those who are interested. Please see John Huff or call the office at 987-5156 if you would like to be considered.

**Dr. Ursula Saqui, LMFT**, a Christian, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, in cooperation with Chicago Christian Counseling Center, maintains an office in First Reformed Church of DeMotte. For information, appointments and fees: call 800-361-6880, [www.chicagochristiancounseling.org](http://www.chicagochristiancounseling.org).

**Baptism? Professions of Faith?** The Caring elders will meet Tuesday, July 19, at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to have your child baptized or make profession of faith, please call the church office by Monday, July 11, to make an appointment to meet with the Caring elders on that night. Profession of Faith, joining the church, or membership transfer requires the completion of the "Connection Class".

**The Prayer Room** ~ Do you know about this service our church does? People meet in the Consistory room every Sunday to pray for the service and the needs of the church. Remembering that each of us prays in our own way, it can still be difficult to pray in front of someone else. But God really doesn't care how you pray. As long as you do it, He hears. We really need more people to pray. It is something most everyone can do. And we really need your help! If you are on the list already, you don't have to do a thing! But if you are not, please seriously consider this as something you can do. It is a couple times a year. Call Ellen Mullins at 987-3729 and remember we all like to be prayed for. Come help!

**Caring Helps Are Available**

Do you ever wish you could better understand someone who is going through a challenging time? Do you ever wish for a little help in expressing and showing the love and concern you have for someone who is going through a challenging time?

A new resource section has been placed in the library that will help you understand the challenges people experience and help you express the love and care you have for someone who is going through just such a challenging time.

There are materials on this shelf on such topics as God's care for us when we are going through challenging times, practical help for showing kindness and encouragement for hurting people, helps for enriching marriage, helping children cope with divorce, raising children, caring for aging parents, supporting those going through the death of a loved one, dealing with pornography, handling differences, how to help someone find the right kind of professional care, etc.

The following eight books are on the presentation shelves where you can see the full book cover as you enter the library:

Lord, Where Are You When Bad Things Happen? Kay Arthur  
Love and Respect: The Love She Desires, The Respect He Desperately Needs, Emerson Eggerichs  
Desperate Marriages: Moving Toward Hope and Healing In Your Relationship, Gary Chapman

The Five Love Languages, Gary Chapman  
How To Really Love Your Child, Ross Campbell  
Helping Your Kids Cope With Divorce; M. Gary Neuman  
A Grace Disguised: How the Soul Grows Through Loss; Jerry Sittser  
Facing Your Giants, Max Lucado

Take a few minutes to browse through and become familiar with some of the care giving materials on the presentation shelves and/or on the Caring Resource shelf so that when a friend or loved one goes through a challenging time, you will know exactly where to go for help.

## Sunday Evening Worship

### Remember in your daily prayers

#### **Our Church Family:**

We will not have a service this evening, but encourage everyone to join with American Reformed Church and the Christian Reformed Churches of DeMotte as we come together to celebrate Independence Day at American Reformed beginning at 6:00 p.m. We will gather to worship God as He gives us true freedom and we hope to see you there! There will be an offering received for Bethany Christian Services.

No one was known to be in the hospital at bulletin printing time.

Be in prayer for Pat Belstra, Bess Bult, Stacy DeHaan, Christine Goetz, Arlene Hamstra, Lorretta Hamstra, Millie Hamstra, Dennis Nannenga, Junior Toppen, and others who have health concerns.

#### **Thank you:**

Thank you for the prayers, cards, visits, food and encouragement for our family in the sudden passing of Connie's father, Marvin Vander Molen. It meant a lot to us.

The Fieldhouse Family

#### **Others to remember in prayer:**

Oak Grove: Arlene Hamstra, Judy Hamstra, Lorretta Hamstra, Marie Hamstra, Millie Hamstra

Bethshan: Becky Przybylski, Joey Swart

Corpus Christi Group Home: Abigail Mullins

Military: Jeremy Pilachowski, Keith Hoffman,

Afghanistan ~ Joshua Broertjes, Brian Schiesser, Steven Travers

Camp Manitoqua: Greg Boer, Stephanie Kingma, Micah Schaefer

#### **To Make a Prayer Chain Request:**

If you have a prayer request Monday thru Friday, contact the Church Office at 987-5156 or [frcod@netnitco.net](mailto:frcod@netnitco.net). After 4:30 p.m. or on weekends, contact Sally Hamstra (987-2297 or [bashfarm@netnitco.net](mailto:bashfarm@netnitco.net)) or Carol Eenigenburg (987-3311 or [eburg@netnitco.net](mailto:eburg@netnitco.net)).

#### **Coming Dates:**

July 17	Communion
July 19	Full Consistory meets
July 31	Outdoor Movie Night
August 6	Railcats Faith and Family Night
August 28	Summer Celebration

#### **Ministry Dollars** (Giving for week 43 as of June 26, 2011)

General Fund (for operating fund)	\$ 7,867.00
Average budgeted per Sunday	\$ 11,120.00
Year-to-date weekly average	\$ 11,055.71
Percent on Budget	99%
Other offerings	\$ 250.00

Connect with God  
Develop Christ-like Character  
Build the Kingdom

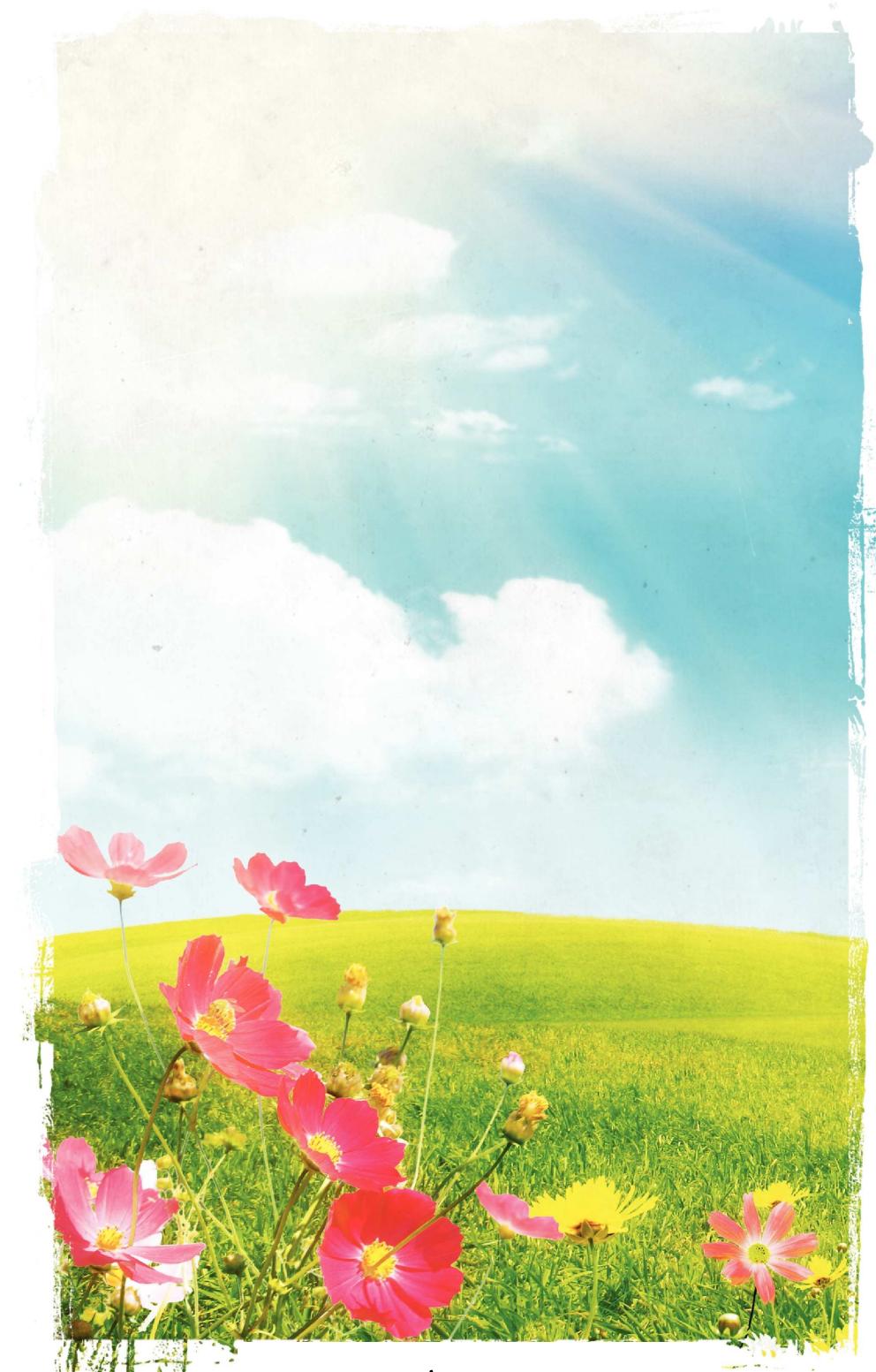
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