



“The First Edition”

of First Reformed Church
Sioux Falls, SD

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*“Connect with others,
Grow in faith, and
Be Transformed by the Holy Spirit”*

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Sunday’s

@ FRC

8:30 am

Traditional Service

10:30 am

Contemporary
Service

It’s February & We’re Thinking Summer Camp!

Registration is OPEN!

Pick up a brochure today!

Do you ever wonder what is so powerful about camp? Why do people choose to send their kids to camp? Camp **equips** and **teaches**. There are many reasons to why so many people come to experience summer at camp.

Here are a few: It starts with ‘coming’, instead of ‘staying’ in your usual surrounding. You come into something new and are invited into an experience that is bigger than oneself. It allows for questions to be asked and communities to be created. Most importantly, you will experience the presence of God as He proclaims truth over each individual’s life so they know they matter, are loved, and mean something in this world.

Inspiration Hills has many summer camp options for 1st – 12th grades. For more information, please check out the camp brochure or visit the camp website (www.inspirationhills.org/home.html).



First Reformed Church will contribute \$180.00 per camper. Please follow the guidelines below to receive a contribution - note that this is solely for families that are FRC members and also for regular attender families.

1. We will register all online this year. Registration OPENS on February 1st. Specialized camps fill up fast!! For example: Saddle Up/Girls Only/Take Me Fishing are ones that can fill up within the first few weeks of registration. Follow this link to learn more about the variety of camps that Inspiration Hills offers throughout summer of 2020 (the online registration link is on this page): <http://inspirationhills.org/summer-camp.html>
2. In order for the church to contribute for your camper's registration you must email your online registration receipt to office@firstreformedfsd.com
3. If you have a youth account and want to use fundraising dollars towards the cost of camp registration, you have to communicate with Tanner & Lisa in the office regarding your youth account balance. This communication needs to happen before you register so that correct payment can be made. The youth account does not cover the cost of snacks at the canteen.
4. A Bus Shuttle for Day Camp will be available during the week of June 22-26. Drop off and pick up will be in our church parking lot at FRC.

Inspiration Hills is a year round camp and retreat center located on over 350 acres in deep Northwest Iowa, a few miles southeast of Canton, South Dakota. They provide eight weeks of summer camp for well over 1,000 campers, provide a variety of events and host a wide variety of groups/events in their well-kept facilities.

Questions about camp? Contact Tanner at TannerM@firstreformedfsd.com

Camp is an amazing experience. Are you ready for the adventure? Register today!

To locate the calendar, please go to the home page of the church website





Movie Night at FRC
Featuring
"Overcomer"

Wednesday, February 12th
6:00 - 8:00 pm
Lower multipurpose room

High school basketball coach John Harrison and his team face an uncertain future when their town's largest manufacturing plant shuts down unexpectedly. As hundreds of people move away, John reluctantly agrees to coach cross-country, a sport he doesn't even like. His outlook soon changes when he meets Hannah Scott, an unlikely runner who pushes herself to the limit. Inspired by the words and prayers of a new friend, John starts to train Hannah for the biggest race of her young life.

Overcomer is filled with a powerful mix of faith, a twist of humor, and a ton of heart.

Also, on the night of the 12th

- Walking tacos/nachos will be served at **The Table** (5:15-6:00 pm - Note slight change in serving time)
- **Adventure Kids** will be meeting and having a "PJ movie and game" night
- **Youth Group** will be watching the movie "Overcomer"
- There will be **NO** adult **choir** practice
- **Parents of Adventure Kids** will be able to watch the entire movie because Courtney will have activities for your child(ren) from 5:55 pm until after the movie is done (around 8:00 pm)
- **Popcorn and water** will be provided during the movie



Worship Night

@ FRC
Friday, February 21st

5:45 - 6:30 pm: Meal served (food provided)
6:45 pm: Worship through song

Lower multipurpose room (use east entrance)

All ages welcome

Invite your friends and family!

"Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song." -Psalm 95:1-2



Wednesday, February 26th
6:15 pm - 7:00 pm
FRC sanctuary

Prior to the service, you are able to share a meal with us at The Table as pizza will be served from 5:30 - 6:15 pm.

The significance of marking the beginning of our Lent journey with ashes is that the ashes mark the beginning of the process of repentance. We will have the opportunity to be marked with ashes in a shape of a cross - a symbol of Jesus' victory over our sinfulness which is left in ashes.

February Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Jocelyn Lundgren
Kerri Wagenaar
Ana Meyer
- 4 McChyne Rall
Judy Rall
Marcia Baumgaard
- 5 Mari Beebe
Ed Van Dyke
- 7 Abigail Ontjes
Alyce Siebrands
- 8 Courtney VanGinkel
- 9 Kristin Boe
- 10 Jessica Bahmuller
Kasandra Lias
Lexia Groen
- 12 Arlyn Vander Wolde
Scott Perrenoud
- 13 Jim DeKrey
Mike Albers
Korrie Groen
Archer Bahmuller
- 14 Jackie Brown
Wendi Schalekamp
- 15 Asia Eberline
- 16 Janine Schneiderman
- 18 Helen Klein
- 20 Emma DeWitt
- 23 Andy Erickson
- 25 Grace Perrenoud
Verle VanLoh
Donna VanRoekel
- 26 Bernice Ymker
Ronn King
Elijah Edblom
- 28 Tyler Groen
Riley Chrisopulos

Anniversaries

- 20 Arlyn & Sue VanderWolde
- 21 Greg & Wilma Vinzant
- 24 Norman & Tina Buysman



If we missed your birthday, please, notify the office so we can update our records and include you next year.



Small Groups

Want to start out the new year right?
Want an opportunity to meet a few people, build relationships, and grow spiritually?

If you answered yes to either of the above questions, **we invite you to join one of FRC's small groups.**

Small group options:

- Sunday @ 11:30 am - Meets every other Sunday @ FRC - Group discussion leaders: Layne & Lisa Drenth
- Sunday afternoon - Meets at various homes - Young Adults group - Group discussion leader: Collin DeWitt
- 1st Sunday of the month @ 2:00 pm - Group discussion leader: Dick VanHolland
- Sunday @ 4:00 pm - Meets at residence in SW Sioux Falls - Group discussion leader: Jean Volkens
- Sunday evening @ 7:00 pm - Meets at Caribou on Minnesota Ave. - Women's group - Group discussion leader: Lori Wynja
- Tuesday morning @ 6:30 am - Meets at US Bank downtown - Group discussion leader: Carl Wynja

If you are interested in joining or learning more about one of these small groups, sign up online under the "Connect" and "Small Groups" tab of FRC's website.

You may also talk to Pastor Ken, or any staff member and they will assist you in learning more.

We would love to add more small groups options but are in need of small group leaders. If you want to learn more about what is involved with being a small group leader, contact Pastor Ken.

FRC Job Opportunities

FRC is seeking candidates for the following positions:

1. Wedding Coordinator - part time
2. Clerical Assistant - office work, graphics, website, social media - part time and flexible
3. Children's Ministry Director - nursery through grade 5, part time

Internal candidates are asked to express interest and seek additional information by February 9, 2020.

Please inquire by emailing Dave Van Nieuwenhuyzen at davevnconsistory@gmail.com for more information.



New Members Class

Monday evenings for 4 weeks
Beginning???

We are checking the interest of those who would like to become a part of a New Members Class. Would this class work better before Easter (in March) or after Easter (in May) for you? In this class, you learn more about what First Reformed Church is all about and also get acquainted with FRC's staff and leadership. And, just because you attend this class, this does not mean you have to make a commitment to becoming a member.

Contact Pastor Ken (ken@firstreformedfsd.com) or Lisa (office@firstreformedfsd.com) if you are interested in an upcoming New Members class.

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus!

This letter comes to you from the Classis of Dakota Discernment Team. We were established by the classis last year to help figure out possible paths into the future for our classis.

As you may know, our denomination is in great turmoil. Your local church may be doing well and our classis is doing well, but our denomination is deeply divided over same-sex issues. In the past decade especially some classis and churches in the denomination have turned from biblical truth and begun ordaining same-sex clergy and consistory members, as well as officiating for same-sex marriages. And unfortunately, our current RCA polity (which normally serves us so well) does not allow for any other classes or the General Synod to prevent these classes or churches from continuing in this.

The RCA set up a church-wide 2020 Vision Team to come up with a possible solution. So far there has been no information yet on what that proposal might be. It could range from:

- (1) keeping the status quo of turbulence, or
- (2) creating a structure in which conservative, moderate and liberal churches could each form their own synod with their own rules and yet remain one denomination, or
- (3) graciously separating from one another with it not yet known which group would keep the RCA name, and whether the other group would form a new denomination or just join with other currently existing denominations.

At recent meetings Dakota Classis has stated their near-unanimous belief that they would not go along with any solution which allowed for official denominational affirmation of same-sex behavior. We are thankful for the united spirit of our classis on these issues.

We do not yet know what the RCA's 2020 Vision Team will propose. But we wanted to do a little preparation work in case they end up proposing a bad plan that passes or a good plan that is rejected. So our group (the Classis of Dakota Discernment Team) has been asked to explore what options our classis might have if the denomination fails us at this point.

To that effect, we will be sending surveys to church leaders about their thoughts on such things as forming our own denomination (probably in conjunction with other classes looking for a new home), or joining another currently-existing denomination, etc. We are also attempting to do a little fact-finding about what changes would need to be made and how that might affect local church ministries and pastors. We are hoping that the denomination stays true to God's word and that we never have to follow through on any of these contingency plans. But we want to be prepared in case.

A letter with a lot more details about what we are working on is also being sent to your church, so if you have further questions on this, you can get more information from your church leadership. We plan to keep the churches informed as we learn more. Thank you for reading this letter, and please remember the denomination and our classis in your prayers as we approach a pivotal moment in the RCA.

In Christ,

The Classis of Dakota Discernment Team

Chet Carlson (Mitchell), Marc DeWaard (Chancellor), Charles Grey (Wishek, ND), Gary Hegsted (Lennox), David Landegent (Volga), Jared Lee (Bismarck), Cody Raak (Springfield), Seth Sundstrom (classis pastor), Brenda Van Beek (classis clerk), Duane Wolbrink (Harrison).

*FRC also has received a longer version of this letter that goes into more detail.
If you would like to see the longer version of this letter, contact Lisa in the church office.*



Children’s Sunday School

Digging Into the Heart of God

Digging Into the Heart of God brings a fresh approach to growing a lifelong relationship with God. As kids explore God’s character throughout the Bible, God transforms them from the inside out. Kids discover what it means to reflect God’s Heart in everyday life.

Sunday School is held each Sunday morning from 9:30 - 10:15 am

for ages Preschool (age 4) - 5th grade

SS meets in the lower level of the Education wing

Here is what the kids will be studying in February:

- God hears our prayers...so we trust his timing
- Jesus is amazing....so we believe in him
- Jesus is different...so we live differently



Ages K - 5th grade

Wednesday’s from 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Meets and ends in FRC’s sanctuary

In February, Adventure Kids will continue to dig deeper into the Bible and learn more about God’s promises.

On February 12th, Adventure Kids will have a PJ movie and game night where the kids can choose to watch a movie or play 9 Square.

Thank you to everyone who helps with Adventure Kids! We couldn’t do it without you.

Kids: Join us each week at Adventure Kids for: Bible lessons, crafts, games, and songs. And, don’t forget to invite your friends too!



Sunday Worship for Children

Sprouts in Worship

Ages 2 - Pre K

Held during the 10:30 am worship service

Children & Worship

Ages K - 5th grade

Held during both worship services

Children are dismissed during worship



Save the Date!

Vacation Bible School

First Reformed Church 4yrs-5th grade

June 7th - 11th 6pm-8pm

Winter Weather Reminders:

- Wear appropriate shoes.
Take advantage of the car port.
- Drive slow in parking lot.
- Use 57th Street entrance to avoid hills on Tomar Road entrances.
- Respect Limited Mobility parking signs, but park in these spots if you have limited mobility.
- Leave earlier from home to avoid rushing.
- Park further out if you able to so those who are not as stable on their feet can park closer.
- Be available to help people to and from their car.

WHERE TO LOOK FOR CHURCH CANCELLATIONS DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER:

- Church Website
- A message sent for those on the e-prayer line
- KNWC radio or website
- KELO website

Prayer Groups

Everyone is invited to join the prayer group which meets in FRC's Prayer Room

Every other Wednesday @ 5:30 pm
February 12th & February 26th
Men's Prayer Group

Contact Lyle Kroon to learn more about becoming a part of a prayer group



CENTER OF HOPE

Center of Hope Has Moved

New address is:
Empower Campus
(old School for the Deaf)
1905 E. 8th Street



Thank you for the prayers, numerous cards, and expressions of sympathy given to us with the passing of Gerrit VanHolland, Dick's brother, Kristine's uncle, and Bill's brother-in-law. They were very much appreciated.

*Dick & Ruth VanHolland
Travis & Kristine Dykstra
Bill & Mary Schoep*

Thank you for the cards and prayers after my knee replacement. It is such a blessing to belong to a loving and caring church.

Tim & Linda Rens

Thank you to everyone for the prayers, visits, cards, phone calls and offers of help. Your love and concern is greatly appreciated.

Bob Viet

I want to thank Ed & Becky VanDyke for coming to visit me at the hospital. We had a nice visit and got to know each other better. Also, Ed led in a prayer together, which I appreciated very much. Thank you both. God Bless you too.

Lorelei Hoff

To my church family: I can't express how much I love all of you. A BIG thank you to God and to everyone for all the prayers, cards, and support while I went through my treatment (radiation). PRAISE GOD I am cancer free!! I thank God for having such a GREAT church family.

*Love you all,
Jackie Brown*



FRC's Soup & Pie Supper

Friday, March 20th

The date for the Soup & Pie Supper has been set and in mid February we will start the volunteer sign ups.

Which means, once again many volunteers will be needed to make soup and barbeque , as well as pie and desserts. Individuals will also be needed to help prepare and serve at the Soup & Pie Supper.

Watch the bulletin and church website for more information on how you can be involved with this community event that so many people enjoy and look forward to each and every year.

Women's Monthly Bible Study Groups

All women are invited to join one of two monthly small group women Bible Studies

Esther Circle Bible Study

Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month

The Esther Circle meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm in the church fellowship hall. Or, in February on February 20th. The Esther Circle is continuing their study on James 1. Contact person for the Esther Circle is Jean Volkens.

Faith Circle Bible Study

Meets the 4th Thursday of the month

The Faith Circle meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm. In February, they will be meeting at Frying Pan (4204 W. 41st Street) on February 27th. This month, the Faith Circle is studying Lesson 8 of "Embracing God's Grace". Contact people for the Faith Circle are Donna Larsen or Chrystal Poppen.



Wednesday Evenings

Serving 5:30 - 6:15 pm
in the church fellowship hall

Free will donation

February Menu:

February 5th: Soup smorgasbord

February 12th: Walking tacos and nachos

February 19th: Breakfast for supper

February 26th: Pizza night

And, of course, we will have hotdogs, sides, and desserts served with every meal.

Opportunities to Serve at The Table

on Wednesday evenings

In February, March, & April

Looking for one or two people to help serve each of The Table meals on February 5th, 19th, & 26th

(Arrive at 5:00 - 5:15 pm / Serve 1, 2, or all 3 nights)

Contact Lisa Drenth or Jo Beal, if you can help

In March (March 4, 11, 18 & 25)

and April (April 1, 15, 22, & 29)

Looking for small groups, friends, or families to help serve one of the March and April The Table meals

If you served last fall, THANK YOU! We hope you will serve a meal again this year.

If you have never served at The Table but would like to learn more or serve one of the meals, contact Jo or Lisa. They will assist you in making the meal and answering any questions you may have.

Sign ups coming soon

Or, contact Jo or Lisa, if you know what date and menu item you would like to serve.

2019 Fund Recap From The Deacons

Thank you to the Congregation for your continued support in 2019. Listed below is the breakdown of General & Capital Improvement funds expenses for 2019.

2019 GENERAL FUND & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT EXPENSES

	YTD Expenses	2019 Budget
Personnel -	\$354,344.38	\$423,678.02
Profess Exp.-	\$ 3,726.71	\$ 5,500.00
General -	\$ 62,950.59	\$ 69,514.63
(Classis, Mission Support, Consistory)		
Upkeep -	\$ 60,270.09	\$ 66,200.00
Capital Imp.-	\$ 23,893.25	\$ 29,800.00
Connect -	\$ 5,740.00	\$ 6,950.00
Education -	\$ 6,900.30	\$ 9,650.00
Youth -	\$ 5,945.06	\$ 7,900.00
Worship -	\$ 5,974.49	\$ 8,100.00
Total Expenses	\$529,744.87	\$627,292.65

Monthly Special Offering

\$753.00 was donated by the Congregation for the December special offering to West Haven & Robin’s Nest. Our sincere thanks to all who donated.

2020 Special Offering Schedule

- February** - Curt VanEkeren (Casa de la Esperanza)
- March** - Inspiration Hills
- April** - Open
- May** - City Church
- June** - Union Gospel Mission
- July** - Center of Hope
- August** - Hope Haven
- September** - Feeding South Dakota
- October** - Diana Langerock
- November** - Steve & Britt M
- December** - West Haven/Robins Nest Orphanages

To donate, please use one of the “Special Offering” envelopes located at the entrances or in the pews.



Want to learn more about Inspiration Hills camp?

Pick up a brochure at the camp display in the fellowship hall. And, be sure and to take a look at the cover article of this newsletter, which explains the value of camp and how FRC helps with the cost of camp.

Notes From FRC Deacons

Weekly Averages through December 31, 2019

General & Capital Improvements Fund

2019 Budget: \$12,063.32
 Receipts: \$10,798.75
 Expenses: \$10,187.40

Building Debt Reduction

2019 Budget: \$ 799.62
 Receipts: \$ 859.50

(Includes those given at year end for reducing building loan balance)

Prayer Quilts

Do you know someone who is going through a difficult time and could use a prayer quilt but you aren’t sure who to talk to about this? Donna Larsen has volunteered to be FRC’s Prayer Quilt coordinator. So, please be sure and contact Donna if you would like to learn more about getting a Prayer Quilt hung for someone dear to you.

Also, if you are a quilter and want to become involved in making prayer quilts, the Prayers & Squares group will begin meeting again this spring.

Youth Group Meal

The youth group is looking for individuals or groups who can provide the youth meal on a Wednesday night.

To see which dates are available and also to sign up to provide a meal go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0845aaae22a3fd0-winterspring>



Youth Ministry Auction & Dinner
First Reformed Church Sioux Falls
Friday, April 24th
5:30-8:30PM

All donations sponsor youth group sponsored retreats, mission trips, camp at Inspiration Hills, and a variety of youth group outings and local service opportunities throughout the year.

For this ministry event we are in need of donations, which includes: silent auction items, live auction items, and desserts.

**Interesting in donating? Please contact Tanner at TannerM@firstreformedsfds.com
We appreciate your support! Donations are needed by April 20th.**



YOUTH SUNDAY
FEB 9TH | 8:30 & 10:30AM

FRC Youth Ministry

6th - 12th grade youth



Hy-Vee Card Sales
(Following the 8:30 service in the fellowship hall)

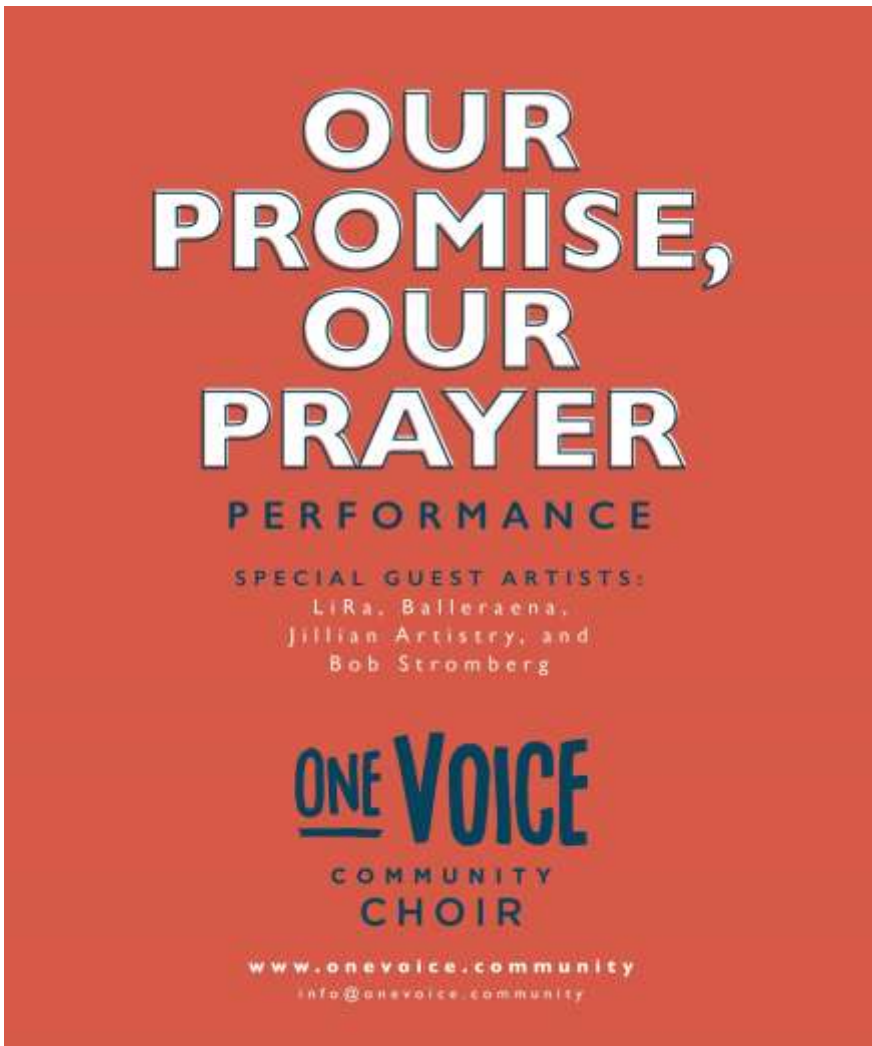
- Feb. 02: Huls
- Feb. 09: Klein
- Feb. 16: Kriens
- Feb. 23: Lias

FRC YOUTH - FEB 2020

- 2.2 Sunday School
- 2.5 Youth Sunday Practice 6:30-7:15PM | Band Practice 7:15-8:30PM
- 2.9 Youth Sunday
- 2.12 Pizza & Movie Night: Overcomer (6-8PM)
- 2.16 Sunday School
- 2.19 MS & HS Youth Group
- 2.21 Winter Retreat Lock-In
- 2.23 Sunday School
- 2.26 Pizza 5:30-6:15PM | Ash Wednesday Service 6:15-7PM | YG Games & Small Groups 7-8PM

Winter Retreat Lock-In
February 21st beginning at 5:30PM
Cost: \$15.00
RSVP by February 19th

Community Events



One Voice Community Choir

March 27th & 28th

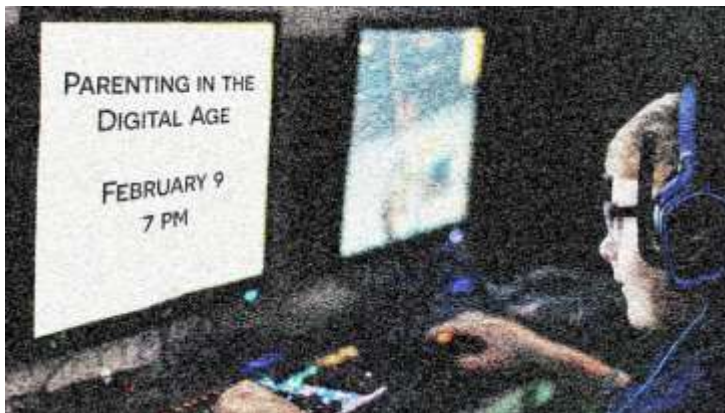
7:00 pm

Washington Pavilion

Original music, sung by members of our community from every part of town

For tickets, go to:

www.washingtonpavilion.org/event/presenting-our-promise-our-prayer



Parenting in the Digital Age

Sunday, February 9th

7:00 pm

Good News Reformed Church

Come learn from Maggie Blaylock, licensed CSAT Therapist on how to keep your kids and household safe on the internet. Maggie will discuss topics such as social media, pornography, and isolation/loneliness that comes from internet use.

To register and learn more, go to: <https://www.hisgoodnews.com/digital-parenting>

The Treasurer's Report is not available online for the general public. FRC members can see a copy of the report in the My FRC section of this website.



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Here is the link to get this set up for FRC to receive donations from your purchases:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/46-6036730>

Each week, both worship services can be viewed live or any day of the week that works with your schedule. All links can be found on FRC's website.



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