

# Decatur First Reformed Church

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## THE CONSISTORY

### Executive Committee

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Betty Boze . . . . . Clerk of Elder Board



### Elders

Betty Boze  
Amanda Brewster  
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Rod Cramer  
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First Reformed Church exists to reach the disconnected  
and grow the connected in Christ.

Our vision at Decatur First Reformed Church is a church on the GROW.

We will grow in our love for God and neighbor  
We will grow God's kingdom  
We will reach out with Christ's light and love  
In two years we will

- 1) grow through focus on our families and our friends
- 2) grow through community outreach
- 3) see each unchurched person of this community as a potential member of this church
- 4) be known as the church that serves

WE BELIEVE - the Bible to be the infallible Word of God and, therefore, the final authority for faith and practice. WE BELIEVE - in Jesus Christ as the only Son of God, and the Savior of those who accept Him by faith. WE BELIEVE - in the forgiveness of sins through the work of Christ on the cross. WE BELIEVE - in the fellowship of the Church of Christian growth through regular worship.

**Praise & Worship**  
**March 11, 2018**  
**10:00 am**

PRELUDE

\* PRAISE and WORSHIP

*In Christ Alone*

\* PRAYER of PRAISE & LORD'S PRAYER

\* GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

HYMN *"My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"* #287

SCRIPTURE Hebrews 11:1-3

MESSAGE Pastor Brian Fee  
*"Audacious Faith"*

OFFERING

HYMN *"O for a Faith That Will Not Shrink"* #316

\* BENEDICTION

\* CLOSING SONG

*He is Lord, He is Lord*  
*He is risen from the dead and He is Lord*  
*Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess*  
*That Jesus Christ is Lord. (repeat)*

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**Prayer Request:**

(Place it in the box on the bulletin table in the fellowship room)

**WELCOME TO EVERYONE ON THIS LORD'S DAY!**

We hope that you feel welcomed and encouraged by the Word of God to love and serve our Savior, Jesus Christ.

<u>Today</u>		<u>March 18</u>
Rod Cramer	<b>Greeters</b>	Janet Moelaart
Lorraine Houseman	<b>Refreshments</b>	Dorothy Nelson
Maxine Buss	<b>Children's Church</b>	Lorraine Houseman
<u>March 25</u>		<u>April 1</u>
Rich & Maxine Buss	<b>Greeters</b>	Patti Rittenhouse
Janet Moelaart	<b>Refreshments</b>	Jill Hemenway Katie Nugteren
Steve Tortorelli	<b>Children's Church</b>	Amanda Brewster
<u>April 8</u>		<u>April 15</u>
Tortorelli family	<b>Greeters</b>	Amanda Brewster
Amanda Brewster	<b>Refreshments</b>	Patti Rittenhouse
Sean Ryan	<b>Children's Church</b>	Maxine Buss

<u>This Week</u>		
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Celebrate Recovery
Thursday	6:30 pm	Planning committee meeting

<u>Future Events</u>		
March 18	10:00 am	Suzanne Hart
March 25	10:00 am	Nate Bull
April 1	10:00 am	Curry Pikkaart
April 8	10:00 am	Curry Pikkaart
April 15	10:00 am	Ian Edwards
May 6	10:00 am	Amy Kemp

## **Announcements - March 11, 2018**

- † There will be a planning committee meeting on Thursday at 6:30 pm. We will begin planning for VBS!
- † The movie "Tortured for Christ" will be shown at the Listiak Auditorium, (600 Elkenberg St., South Haven) at 7:00 pm on Monday, March 19. It is the dramatic testimony of Pastor Richard Wurmbrand who was captured by the secret police and held "Prisoner Number 1" for 14 years of unthinkable torture in a Communist prison. However, this did not break his faith. This is being sponsored by Hope Reformed Church. Tickets may be purchased on line at [TorturedforChrist.com](http://TorturedforChrist.com) and are \$9.00.
- † Lakeview Foundation Community Thrift Shop: Volunteers are being sought to help staff the Thrift Shop. Besides enjoying being with others, we unpack, sort, clean, price, tag and display items, cashier, pick up and deliver items that have all been donated from within our community. As part of the Bronson LakeView Foundation we support scholarships to students from Gobles, Bloomingdale, Paw Paw, Mattawan, Lawton, Lawrence, Hartford and Decatur. We also provide emergency aid for families in need (fire, domestic assault, etc.). Please contact Leanne at 657-4186 or visit [www.communitythriftshopmi.com](http://www.communitythriftshopmi.com) to learn more.
- † We are having a Bible Study on the book of Ruth at the Prayer Room on Thursdays 10:00 am. Please consider joining this group for a closer look at God's Word.
- † Do you shop at Family Fare? Save your receipts and deposit them in the white church on the table under the bulletin board in Social Room. This helps earn money for our church.

### **TITHES and OFFERINGS for March 4**

General: \$ 19,533

Building: \$ 5

Missions: \$ 5