

# Decatur First Reformed Church

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## THE CONSISTORY

### Executive Committee

Amanda Brewster .....	Vice President
Bob Emmendorfer .....	Chair of Deacons
Bob Emmendorfer .....	Treasurer
Patti Rittenhouse .....	Assistant Treasurer
Bob Emmendorfer .....	Clerk
Betty Boze .....	Clerk of Elder Board



### Elders

Betty Boze  
Amanda Brewster  
Loraine Houseman

### Deacons

Rod Cramer  
Bob Emmendorfer  
Patti Rittenhouse

BUILDINGS and GROUNDS .....	Bob Emmendorfer (269) 929-4318
BULLETIN .....	Mark Houseman (269) 783-5321
CELEBRATE RECOVERY .....	Rose Emmendorfer (269) 436-0460
CHILDREN'S CHURCH .....	Carrie Baartman (269) 423-8557
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REFRESHMENTS .....	Maxine Buss (269) 423-7336
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YOUTH GROUP .....	Patti Rittenhouse (269) 539-0120

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 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.

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

**Praise & Worship**  
**August 12, 2018**  
**10:00 am**

PRELUDE

\* PRAISE and WORSHIP

\* PRAYER of PRAISE & LORD'S PRAYER

\* GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

HYMN *"Christ Has for Sin Atonement Made"* #86

SCRIPTURE Matthew 18:1-5

MESSAGE Pastor David Penning  
*"Becoming Childlike"*

OFFERING

\* HYMN *"More Like Jesus Would I Be"* #334

\* 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:**

**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>August 19</u>
Rod Cramer	<b>Greeters</b>	Tortorelli family
Loraine Houseman	<b>Refreshments</b>	Dorothy Nelson
Loraine Houseman	<b>Children's Church</b>	Steve Tortorelli
<u>August 26</u>		<u>September 2</u>
Rich & Maxine Buss	<b>Greeters</b>	Janet Moelaart
Jill Hemenway	<b>Refreshments</b>	Katie Nugteren Amanda Brewster
Amanda Brewster	<b>Children's Church</b>	Maxine Buss
<u>September 9</u>		<u>September 16</u>
Patti Rittenhouse	<b>Greeters</b>	Dennis & Tammy Pickens
Loraine Houseman	<b>Refreshments</b>	Dorothy Nelson
Loraine Houseman	<b>Children's Church</b>	Steve Tortorelli

<u>This Week</u>		
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Celebrate Recovery
Thursday	10:00 am	Bible Study at Prayer Room

<u>Future Events</u>		
August 19	10:00 am	Amy Kemp
August 26	10:00 am	Ross Tarantino
Sept. 2	10:00 am	Ross Tarantino
Sept. 9	10:00 am	Nate Bull

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

## **Announcements - August 12, 2018**

- † We are starting to collect items for Operation Christmas Child. Since there are great sales on school supplies are collecting those: pencils, pencil sharpeners, pens, crayons, coloring books, paper, notebooks, markers, colored pencils, erasers, calculators.
- † We are having a Bible Study 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.

## **Prayer Concerns**

- † Fred Prak has returned to Bronson Commons.

## **TITHES and OFFERINGS for August 5**

General: \$ 1,268  
Building: \$ 55  
Missions: \$ 5