

Decatur First Reformed Church

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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.



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

Announcements - January 20, 2019

- † Fred Prak fell and has been recovering at Bronson Commons, room 335, in Mattawan.
- † Carl & Elizabeth Wright of First Baptist Church are celebrating their 50th anniversary with a renewal of vows ceremony and reception at the church on February 2 at 11 am. Everyone is invited to attend. RSVP to Mari at (269) 674-8923.
- † Offering envelopes for 2019 are available in the fellowship room. If you want a set of envelopes or don't see your set please contact Patti or Rod.
- † 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. Total receipt value collect so far is \$30,956.



Dear members of the RCA,

The RCA is at a crossroads. As a denomination we are discerning God's will for our future. Any direction we take will involve great change. The Vision 2020 Team has been tasked by General Synod 2018 with prayerfully and effectively researching options for our future and presenting a preferred option to General Synod 2020. Our research must include (but not be limited to) the three scenarios suggested by General Synod 2018: staying together, significant reorganization, and grace-filled separation.

We invite you to help us in this important moment by praying for the Vision 2020 Team, that we would hear the voice of the Spirit and that we would have strength and courage in our work. We also ask you to help us with our discernment by sharing your thoughts about the future of the RCA in a brief survey and asking your congregation to do the same. Our goal is to hear voices from every corner of the denomination through this survey, and we truly hope yours is one of them.

We will be collecting responses to the survey, available at <https://www.tfaforms.com/4714458?raid=A000194> until January 31. Please consider taking a few minutes to offer your perspective on the future of the RCA before January 31. We also ask that you help us share this invitation with other RCA members, congregants, and colleagues. Each person brings important wisdom that we need to hear in order to get a complete picture of how the Spirit is speaking to the denomination.

Grace and peace to you in Jesus,

The Vision 2020 Team