

The Carillon January, 2024

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There was no Executive Council meeting in December.
Pastor Luke was on vacation and sick so there is no Pastor's article this month.

Christmas Crafts

A very huge Thank You to all of you who have participated in this project for the Women's Fellowship Event. Thank you to all who came each week all year long. Not only did we enjoy everyone's company, but we all worked at making items for the Craft Sale. Thank you to those in the Wood Shop who assisted in creating the items that we wanted for the sale. I have very much appreciated having this expertise to lean on when we were working on projects and hit a bump in the road.

Thank you to all of those who came to help out the day of the Craft Sale. So many are needed to cover all of the areas: cash table, baggers, carryout, and room watchers. We could not have accomplished this event without all of you. You are all a very important part of the event.



We had a very successful sale with a profit of \$1,258 from the Plum Pudding sales and \$4,916.25 from the craft sales.

Now that the New Year is here, we will start all over working towards the first Saturday in December, Dec. 7, 2024. Please know that you are all appreciated and welcome to come to crafts on Thursdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Gail Cooper

Dates to Note:

January 1 - Monday - New Year's Day - church office closed
January 3 - Wednesday - Men's Luncheon 12:00 noon
January 4 - Thursday - No Crafts today
January 7 - Sunday - Worship with Communion 10:00 a.m.
January 7 - Sunday - Deacons Meeting 11:30 a.m.
January 11 - Thursday - Crafting resumes 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
January 15 - Monday - Trustees Meeting 6:30 p.m.
January 20 - Saturday - Memorial Service for Millie Sherman - 1:00 p.m.
January 22 - Monday - Executive Council - 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Crafters - Thursdays - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Woodshop Open - M/W/F - 10:00 a.m. - ?
Men's Coffee - M/W/F - 9:30 a.m. - ?

Our Church Family:

Health Concerns ~

Dave White was hospitalized with a case of RSV.
Pastor Luke has been down since Christmas with a bad case of bronchitis.

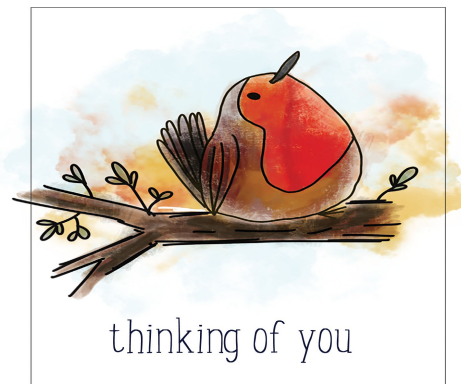
We continue to keep in prayer those who are battling cancer, flu, covid, grief and loneliness.

We remember our shut ins: Siria Pinnick, Bill Sherman, Yvonne Lee.

Yvonne Lee is adjusting to her new home but she misses her Fremont friends. She would love to hear from you - her address is 6500 Freetown Road, Apt 216, Columbia MD 21044 Phone: 410-531-7234

Thank you ~

I want to thank you for your generosity I received from the Christmas Purse gift this year. It is truly a blessing to me to be able to work here at the First Congregational Church. Lorene



Sympathy ~

We extend our sympathy to the Bill Sherman and family in the passing of Millie Sherman.



Millie (Millicent) Louise Sherman, age 87 of Newaygo and formerly of Grand Rapids, passed away at home surrounded by her family on Saturday morning, November 18, 2023. She was born on February 1, 1936 in Muskegon, Michigan. Millie had a love for ceramics & teaching ceramics, and she had been a Cub Scout Den Mother. She did a lot of volunteering for Love, Inc. of Newaygo County, and for TrueNorth Community Services. She was a member of First Congregational Church of Fremont, where she enjoyed contributing her gift of ceramics to charity events. Millie had a love she shared with her grandchildren, "Shop til you drop". She is survived by her husband of 68 years, Bill (Wilson) Sherman, who she married on November 26, 1955. She is also survived by 3 sons, 8 grandchildren, & 12 great-grandchildren: Bill (Brenda Lausman) Sherman, his children Adam Sherman, Josh (Kelsey) Sherman, Zach (Jessica) Sherman, & their children Isabelle, Zoey, Elias, & Brooks Sherman; Steven (Jeanne) Sherman, their children Jessica (Andrew) Ulrich, Jeffrey (Chassity) Sherman, Jaclyn (Chris) Peck, & their children Jett, Charlotte, & Eleanor Sherman, Anderson & Josselyn Ulrich, & James Peck; Scott (Danette) Sherman, their children Tessa (Nate) Meendering, Tylin (Taylin) Sherman, & their children Bailey Sherman & Emma Louise Meendering. Millie was preceded in death by her mother Violet & Hank. According to her wishes, cremation has taken place, and a celebration of Millie's life will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, January 20, 2024 at First Congregational Church of Fremont with Pastor Luke Schmalz officiating. Interment will be in Grandville Cemetery. Suggested Memorial: First Congregational Church of Fremont.



We extend our sympathy to Pat and Robin Dekleva and family in the passing of JoAnn Dekleva.



Jo Ann C. Dekleva, age 93 of Fremont, passed away Sunday, December 10, 2023 at the Newaygo Medical Care Facility in Fremont following a long decline in her health. Jo Ann was born on August 10, 1930 in Saginaw, Michigan to Gottfried and Bertha (Currott) Mehl and later married John Frank Dekleva on April 16, 1955 in Saginaw. John preceded her in death on July 27, 2000. Jo Ann grew up in Saginaw and after marriage, she and John moved to Illinois and soon moved to the Fremont area in 1962 from Northbrook, Illinois. Jo Ann started work at the Fremont Public School – Daisy Brook School as the Librarian

where she worked until her retirement in 1990. Jo Ann was a constant reader of books, had been a volunteer at the Fremont Public Library and also at Gerber Memorial Hospital for many years, enjoyed snow skiing and golfing throughout the summer months, was a dog lover but especially treasured the time she spent with her grandchildren.

Jo Ann is survived by her children and grandchildren, Patrick (Robin) Dekleva of Fremont and their daughter, Jennifer; Jody (Dan) Cain of Hudsonville and their children, Kaitlyn and Connor Cain; Mark Richard Dekleva (deceased September 19, 2013) and his children, Tyler and Garrison Dekleva; her brother, Richard Mehl of Arkansas. She was preceded in death by her brother, Robert Mehl.

Graveside services will be held in 2024 at the Maple Grove Cemetery where Jo Ann will be laid to rest with her husband. Services times and dates will be announced. Friends may consider memorial contributions to the Fremont Area District Library for memorial contributions in memory of Jo Ann.

January Birthdays

- 14 Nathan McKivitz
Terri Wahl
- 15 Lauren Stroschin
- 20 Ann Werner
- 21 Mat Emerick
- 22 Fran Stewart
- 29 Barbara Blass-Frisbey



January Anniversaries

- 29 Jack & Mary Butterick

