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Reformed Church



## IMPACT REPORT | SUMMER 2024

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# P2 LOOKING AHEAD



Hey FRC!

I pray you will find time to rest and connect with our church community as fall activities get under way. I hope our ministry calendar and activities will serve you and your family: to strengthen your faith and sense of belonging in this crazy season of life.

Adam

## **October 9 / Community Meal at FRC**

Invite your friends and neighbors for a meal at FRC. From 5:15-6:45pm anyone can get supper for free. Zestos will be present to distribute free groceries, too!

## **October 12 / Youth Group pancake breakfast fundraiser**

Come on down to FRC on Saturday morning, October 12 for some breakfast! Students will serve pancakes and much more. Thank you for supporting our students!

## **October 13 / Guest preacher Missy Dokter will be joining us**

Missy currently serves as a chaplain for Hope Haven in Rock Valley. She is an excellent director of spiritual formation and committed disciple of Jesus. Let's welcome her!

## **November 10-24 / "Sent" Sermon Series**

Beginning on November 10, Pastor Adam will lead a series of sermons unpacking a theology of mission. Be sure to tune in and see how FRC is being called to great things!

# P3 LOOKING AHEAD

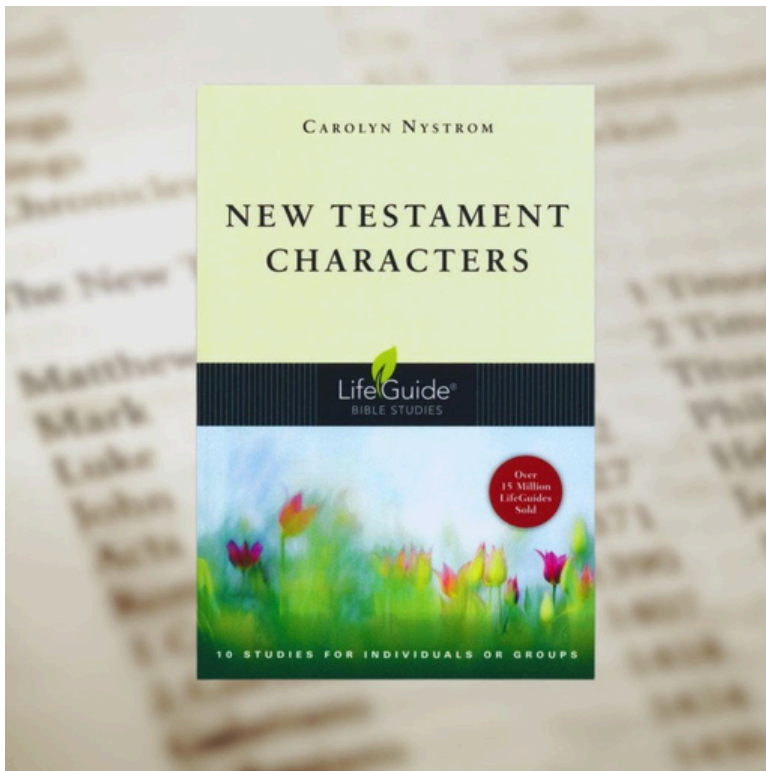


## UPCOMING SERMONS

October 6 - November 3

In this series of sermons we will look, verse by verse, at the teachings of Jesus. His way of life should shape our perspective in this tense season of elections in our country.

## FEATURED BIBLE STUDY: Aspen Heights



**2nd Monday of Every Month**

**Organized By: Ron Boote**

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Join Ron Boote (FRC Elder) at Aspen Heights senior living community in Hull for a Bible Study with the seniors living there.

The group will meet the 2nd Monday of the month at 10am. The study is currently working on “New Testament Characters.”

**\*For more information about Bible Studies at FRC, head to our website at [www.hullfrc.org](http://www.hullfrc.org). Click the tab, “groups” and explore how you and your family can get connected!**



The summer of 2024 brought unprecedented amounts of rain and flooding to the nearby Rock Valley community. Families in Hull were even effected. But that didn't stop us from stepping up to strengthen and serve our community.



# THE GREAT FLOOD 2024



Top: Rock Valley flood picture taken on June 22. Middle: Jeanne Visser and Arvin Boote work to shrink wrap donated clothes onto tables. Below: Bryan Zylstra helps load donations onto a trailer headed for Justice For All in Rock Valley.



**Volunteers from around the community gather at FRC to pack sandwiches for clean up crews in Rock Valley. Over 50 helped assemble 1,200+ buns with donated meat in under 50 minutes!**



**Left: Julie Van Schepen & Linda Landman hand out lunches in Rock Valley. Middle: Alex & Audra Ten Napel & April Ellens clean up the Rock Valley school gym. Right: JC DeKoster, Ty & Jakob Pottebaum, Audra Ten Napel & Andrew Ewalt help clean a house in Rock Valley.**



**EllaJean Kooiker, Jane Boote & Minerva Van Ginkel assist with donations at the Boyden-Hull High School.**



**WORKING TOGETHER**

**EMPOWERING ONE ANOTHER**

**MEETING NEEDS**

**MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

**Top: FRC members gather to pray and discuss how to meet various needs in the community following the flood in June of 2024. From this meeting, our congregation empowered like-minded leaders to create a bedding ministry; using the church basement as a warehouse storage for materials.**

**Together they were able to help flood victims obtain new beds and linens for families in need (see bottom photos).**



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# FRC STUDENT MINISTRIES



**This past July, our Junior Highers went to Power Connection! At the Work Camp we served at various ministries throughout the Twin Cities. During the main sessions we learned about the theme of “Darkness to Light.”**

**Our Junior high youth group is also now under a different name! Rather than being “Impact,” our Junior High youth group is now called “Refuge” taken from Psalm 46:1 – “God is our Refuge and strength, an ever present help in times of trouble”**

**The hope for this new name is that our young people will be able to rest in the love of God, and come to view our church as a place where they can belong, feel safe to be themselves, and be comfortable exploring and growing in their faith. Refuge.”**



Left: Thelma Ten Haken, Jeanette Bonestroo, Harlan Ten Haken. Right: Reagan & Glenn Bonestroo, Gaylon Jansma, Kevin Ten Haken, Les Vander Tuin. Back: Cal Klarenbeek

# Haiti<sup>24</sup> MEALS

For the third year in a row, members of our church and community came together for a fun food packing Sunday.

In three hours, we packed more than 103,000 lifesaving, nutritious meals for school children in Haiti.

These meals are shipped to our ministry partners JeanJean and Kristie Mompremier at UCI in Haiti.

Early on Sunday morning, September 8, seven mobile food packing stations are set up in the Fellowship Hall of the church and then hundreds of volunteers show up to fill bags with rice, beans, dried vegetables, minerals and vitamins.



Left: Freddy Bullock, Brian Zoet. Right: Arlan Bonestroo, Isaiah & Hayes Richter



Lexi & Jan Klarenbeek getting at it!





**\*Troy & Brevin Woelber seal the packages while Betty Bonestroo hand them another bag!**



**\*The Vollink family (left) and the Hurley family (right) are working hard to pack 103K+ meals!**



**People of all ages show up to help, including multi-generations of families.**

**Amid a deepening security crisis, hunger has reached unprecedented levels in Haiti, according to the United Nations World Food Programme...**

**NEARLY 5 MILLION PEOPLE**



**...almost half of the country's population - are now facing acute food insecurity and struggling to feed themselves.**

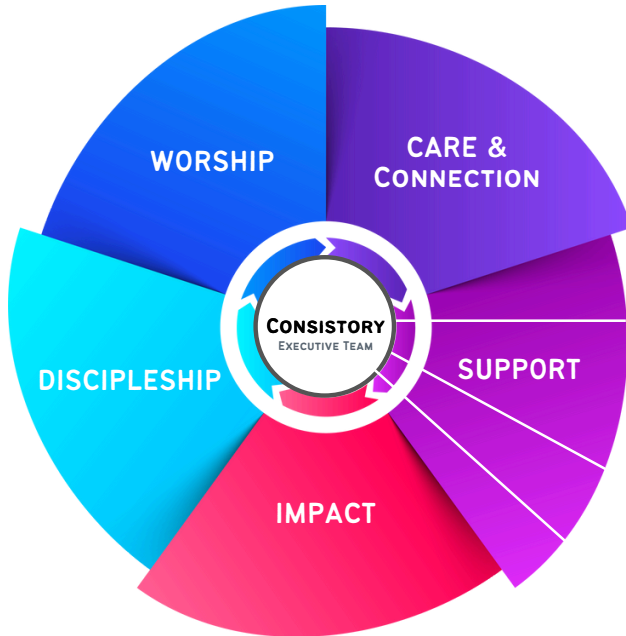


**Left: Seth & Betheny Webb, Jack Moeller, Harwin Te Slaa, Sophie Moeller. Right: Damon Webb-Perez, Cindy Moeller, Ian Webb-Perez, Ron Boote**

**As violence, soaring inflation and poor harvests collide, Haiti finds herself with the worst levels of food insecurity on record.**

**God has blessed FRC so we can help feed the hungry. Packing meals is one way we can help the neediest**

# FRC's Model For Ministry **EMPOWERMENT**



In the past 8 months FRC's leadership teams have been working diligently to clarify its philosophy for ministry.

**Empowerment  
is the name of  
the game.**

In this model, FRC's Consistory will govern the church by helping members align their particular gift sets with the 5 areas of ministry. These areas of ministry are like 5 unique flavors of a pie: and each ministry group or committee is like an individual slice of that pie.

This type of organizational clarity, we pray, will become the first step in not only communicating the ministry needs of our church, but also inviting our guests and members to explore how they can expand and develop those areas with their own creativity and faithfulness.

You can expect more updates on what ministry groups and committees are at FRC, and how you can create your own groups with the help of other like-minded, core leaders, in the weeks and months to come.