

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES (birth- 6th Grade)

Club 56: (5th & 6th grade ministry) resumes this Wednesday!
6:30 - 8:00pm in room 112 (lower level)

- Kid's Food Basket is rescheduled for January 17th!

Children's Worship and Sunday School resumes today.

Crew 34 resumes this Wednesday. 6:00 - 7:30pm in rm. 110.

YOUTH MINISTRIES (7th to 12th Grade)

Junior High:(7th & 8th grade) Resumes this Wednesday—Bro/Gal Night, 6:00 - 8:00pm Bring \$\$ for fast food dinner. Bros & Gals will be head out for fun, separate adventures. Please note the extended time.

Senior High:

- Sunday, January 7, Winter Jam 2018. Meet at church at 2:45pm & bring a few \$\$ for dinner.
- Sunday, January 14, Big Life! 6:00 - 8:00pm @ FirstCov. There will be food, fun, & convos about our faith. Be there!
- Adult Leadership meeting @ 4:30pm in rm. 224.
- Sunday, January 21, Life Groups in host homes from 6:00 - 8:00pm

SAVE THE DATES!

- Winter Retreat, February 16 - 18.
- CHIC, July 15 - 21.

JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH Saturday, January 28 **GLOW Night**. BIG GAMES. BLACKLIGHT. 5:00—8:00 pm. Cost is \$2.00 and includes dinner and all kinds of glow in the dark fun.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES (18 - 25+)

Stay Connected: Facebook (Firstcovgr Young Adults) & Instagram (Firstcovgr ya)!



CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

This is Amazing Grace - Phil Wickham
Cannons - Phil Wickham
You are the Light - Steve Fee
Rock of Ages (When the Day Seems Long) - Sandra McCracken
Holy Spirit - Katie Torwalt
We Will Feast in the House of Zion - Sandra McCracken

Worship Leader: Jeremy Hoekstra
Drums: Jose Rodriguez
Keys: Loyd Jenkins

Guitar: Dennis Pitz
Bass: Anthony Rodriguez
Vocals: Jessica Barger

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Open Gym Disciples are playing in a basketball league at New Hope Baptist Church, 130 Delaware St., Grand Rapids. Our first game is Monday, Jan. 8 at 6:15. Fans are welcome!

COMING IN EARLY 2018...Immerse...Beginnings...

2 years ago we did the **Community Bible Experience**. In 8 weeks we read the whole New Testament. In worship we considered what the pages of that book were saying to us. In small book clubs we asked simple, basic questions that helped us read and listen and react and learn together with fellow readers. Starting in the middle of January and going through the middle of March, we are going for a repeat. Community Bible Experience is **now called Immerse**. There will still be broad reading of the Bible, Sunday messages tied to what we are reading during the week, and the formation (or re-formation) of small book clubs to engage with others in hearing from God. This time, instead of the New Testament, we will read what Jewish folk call the **Torah – Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy** – or what's called, in Immerse lingo, **Beginnings**. Look for more info. Beginnings will be available for purchase today. Our "Beginning" Sunday will be January 14. Join us!

ADULT MINISTRIES

The Crossing Cultures class begins again on Sunday, Jan. 14 at 10:30 in room 107. We will start by taking an in-depth look at Islam & explore ways to reach out with Christ's love. New students are always welcome. Contact Pastor Dale @616-589-3925 with any questions.

JOY Ministries ~ Fika Time. Thursday, January 18th @ 2:00pm in Fellowship Hall. We will have the pleasure of hearing Rev. Richard Gleason speak. He was a Freedom Rider with Martin Luther King.

Men's Bible Study. The group meets at Mr. Burger on Lake Michigan Drive, Friday mornings @ 6:30am. Contact Mike Poggi with questions, 446-7161.

Interested in a night out with fellow First Cov ladies? Join a group of women from church attending the **Moxie Matter Tour** at Mars Hill, featuring author Jen Hatmaker, and recording artist Nicole Nordeman. Event is Thursday, February 1, 2017. General Admission tickets can be purchased at <https://www.itickets.com/events/390871.html>. Please let Sarah Sobel (616-283-6281 / sarahmsobel@gmail.com) know if you would like to join the group from First Cov for seating etc.

A night of discussion around Jen Hatmakers book, "**Of Mess and Moxie**" will also be held on Tuesday, January 23 at 6:30-8:00 p.m. at First Cov.

January 7, 2018

I WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN

- Prayer Ministry
- Nursery
- Greeting/Ushering
- Music/Worship
- Assisting w/ Funeral Lunches
- Youth Ministry
- Kids Hope USA
- Children's Ministry
- Hospitality Team

I WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ABOUT

- Baptism/Dedication
- Church Membership
- Joining a Small Group
- Becoming a Follower of Jesus
- Hosting a Refugee Family
- I want to host an "Immerse: Genesis - Deuteronomy" 8-week book club in my home.

COMMENTS/PRAAYER REQUESTS