



# Third Generation

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## Third Reformed Church Holland in the Spirit...

**Wear Red for Pentecost!!** Sunday, June 12 is Pentecost Sunday. The liturgical color for that Sunday is red, reminding us of the burning fire of the Holy Spirit. I would like to encourage the congregation to wear something red for Pentecost. Wouldn't that be a wonderful way for us to worship in a sea of red so that we might celebrate the giving of the Holy Spirit to the church? I must confess that I don't have many clothes with red, but I will have to see what I can do to symbolize my openness to the Holy Spirit.

*Come Holy Spirit, gentle dove  
With all Thy quickening powers;  
Kindle a flame of sacred love  
In these cold hearts of ours.*

**With the new web site:** We have a new web site at the church. Just use the old address on the World Wide Web at [trcholland.org](http://trcholland.org) and there is a new creation. Or you can go to Google and type in Third Reformed Church, Holland and then click on the Google search result and the web site will come up. The web site features the theme for this year and next, "To Know Christ and to Make Christ Known: with our heart, head, and hands." The web site features a standard logo for the church utilizing the arches from the sanctuary, but also a children and youth logo with the sanctuary arches and H<sup>3</sup>, which stands for heart, head, and hands. Our theme is based on Jesus' summary of the law, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind, and with all your strength. And you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

A big thank you to Scott Millen who saw the project through to completion; for Grace Olson who edited the written text; and a big thank you to Deb

DuMez who maintained the information for the old web site until the new web site was completed. Kristen, our church administrator, will be trained to keep the web site current.



**Balancing the Spirit with the Word:** John Calvin taught us that the Holy Spirit does not operate devoid of the Word, and that the Spirit never moves in an opposing direction from what God has revealed in His word. Last month we introduced the daily lectionary in the newsletter. We are continuing that practice this month. I have heard many good comments from people that it is helping them to experience the Sunday morning lectionary with a larger biblical context. I would like to encourage the congregation to try the daily lectionary as a way that God's Spirit can become fresh and alive.

**Sent as Disciples:** The Senior High Youth Group has been raising money through the book sale, the car wash, and the Tulip Time parking so that they can go to Philadelphia this summer. They have done quite well with the fund-raising. We don't call these mission trips because they might give a false impression that a week in Philadelphia could change the city as we parachute in. But they are service-learning opportunities that build relationships within the youth group, help young people discern calling, introduce theological reflection, and create cross cultural bridges with people in a large city.

Right here in Holland, our church will be again doing the Backyard Bash in July and Vacation Bible School in August. Is that discipleship or outreach? Well, it is both! Increasingly, we must see Third Reformed Church on the corner of 13<sup>th</sup> and Pine as a mission station in the midst of our community. I don't think that was much different than the first Pentecost in the midst of the people of Jerusalem.

Pastor Kent



## Lectionary Passages

### Worship Service Themes for June 10:00 a.m. Worship (Summer Schedule)

Sunday, June 5  
Reception of Confirmands as Communicant Members  
Celebration of the Lord's Supper  
"I Have Heard of Your Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ"  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
Pastor Kama Preaching

**Sunday, June 12**

**Pentecost Sunday**

**Wear Red for Pentecost!!!**

"When We Have Already Learned to Ask for No  
Dream or Ecstasy"  
Acts 2:1-21; I Corinthians 12:3b-13

**We Begin a New Series for the Summer on the  
Book of Genesis entitled, "Beginnings" This is  
the season to grow as disciples of Jesus. Per-  
haps around Holland there are plenty of wor-  
ship places to hear great preaching, but what  
we can offer at Third Reformed Church is a sus-  
tained effort in the early passages of scripture  
that can help us to grow as disciples of Jesus.  
Green is the color for ordinary time and the sea-  
son for growing.**

Sunday, June 19 Trinity Sunday  
"Creation"  
Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Matthew 28:16-20

Sunday, June 26  
"The Sacrifice of Isaac"  
Genesis 22:1-14; Romans 6:13-23  
Jonathan Ytterrock, Western Theological Seminary  
Student

Ascension of the Lord, Thursday,  
June 2  
Acts 1:1-11, Ephesians 1:15-23,  
Psalm 93

Preparation for the Seventh Sun-  
day of Easter, June 5  
Friday, June 3

II Kings, 2:1-12, Ephesians 2:1-7  
Daily Psalm 93

Saturday, June 4

II Kings 2:13-15, John 8:21-30

**Sunday, June 5**

**Acts 1:6-14, Psalm 68:1-10, 32-  
35, I Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11, John  
17:1-11**

Reflection on Sunday

Monday, June 6

Leviticus 9:1-11, 22-24, I Peter 4:1-  
6 Daily Psalm 99

Tuesday, June 7

Numbers 16:41-50, I Peter 4:7-11

Wednesday, June 8

I Kings 8:54-65, John 3:31-36

Preparation for Pentecost Sunday,  
June 12

Thursday, June 9

Exodus 19:1-9a, Acts 2:1-11,

Daily Psalm 33:12-22

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Friday, June 10

Exodus 19:16-25, Romans 8:14-17

Saturday, June 11

Exodus 20:1-21, Matthew 5:1-12

**Sunday, June 12**

**Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, I Corinthians 12:3b-13, John 20:19-23**

Reflection on Sunday

Monday, June 13

Joel 2:18-29, Romans 8:18-24

Daily Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Tuesday, June 14

Ezekiel 39:7-8, 21-29, Romans 8:26-27

Wednesday, June 15

Numbers 11:24-30, John 7:37-39

Preparation for Trinity Sunday, June 19

Thursday, June 16

Job 38:1-11, II Timothy 1:8-12a

Daily Psalm 8

Friday, June 17

Job 38:12-21, II Timothy 1:12b-14

Saturday, June 18

Job 38:22-38, John 14:15-17

**Sunday, June 19**

**Genesis 1:1-2:4a, Psalm 8, II Corinthians 13:11-13, Matthew 28:16-20**

Reflection on Sunday

Monday, June 20

Job 38:39-39:12, I Corinthians 12:1-3

Daily Psalm 29

Tuesday, June 21

Job 39:13-25, I Corinthians 12:4-13

Wednesday, June 22

Job 39:26-40:5, John 14:25-26

Preparation for the Second Sunday after Pentecost, June 26

Thursday, June 23

Micah 7:18-20, Galatians 5:2-6

Daily Psalm 13

Friday, June 24

II Chronicles 30:5-12, Galatians 5:7-12

Saturday, June 25

Genesis 26:23-25

**Sunday, June 26**

**Genesis 22:1-14, Psalm 13, Romans 6:12-13, Matthew 10:40-42**

Reflection on Sunday

# FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

by Morrie Peterson



	Receipts	Disbursements	Net	2010
Jan. 2011	\$69,225.17	\$74,983.46	(\$5,758.29)	\$80,731
Feb. 2011	\$65,727.87	\$70,918.99	(\$5,191.12)	\$82,990
Mar. 2011	\$81,722	\$98,952	(\$17,230)	\$65,871
June 2011	\$75,340.60	\$80,020.96	(4,680.36)	\$104,085
YTD	\$292,340.86	\$324,875.86	(\$32,860.04)	\$333,677
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2011 YTD giving is less than TYD 2010 by **(\$41,662)**

Also, in terms of the 2011 annual budget of \$1,110,000, we should have receipts for the first three months of:

(\$92,500 x 4) = \$370,000

Actual receipts = 292,016

YTD budget deficit = **(\$70,984)**

The painting of our steeple has been completed. The bid for the project was \$18,000, but Great Lakes Painting's bill was \$16,579, which helped the budget by \$1,421. The painters equipment did some damage to our sidewalks on the north side of the church. They are paying for the repairs, but there were other areas where the cement was pushed up by tree roots causing a possibility of tripping someone. The cost of repairs to the church was bid at \$2,575 and is completed. We will also have the church parking lot resealed at a cost of \$3,000. Through April our giving is behind expenses by \$32,860, we are short of budget by almost \$71,000, and our giving is \$41,662 less than last year. We need to jumpstart our giving for the rest of the year to make budget. We are currently operating on our reserves.

Monday, June 27

Genesis 22:15-18, I Thessalonians 4:9-12

Daily Psalm 47

Tuesday, June 28

I Kings 18:26-39, I John 4:1-6

Wednesday, June 29

Isaiah 11:20-24

Preparation for Third Sunday of Pentecost, July 3

Thursday, June 30

Genesis 25:19-27, Romans 7:1-6

Daily Psalm 45:10-17

As we roll into summer, it's time for the annual change in Deacons and their roles. While we're welcoming five new or returning Deacons (Anna Beird, Steve De Young, Jason Divozzo, Karen Palmateer and John Ruiter), we're also thanking five Deacons for their past three years of service (Jon Bechtel, Jim Hensley, Andy Mulder, Jim Vander Meer and Scott Wolterink). In the coming weeks, we'll be revising our ministry teams to fully use the skills and callings of our Deacons.

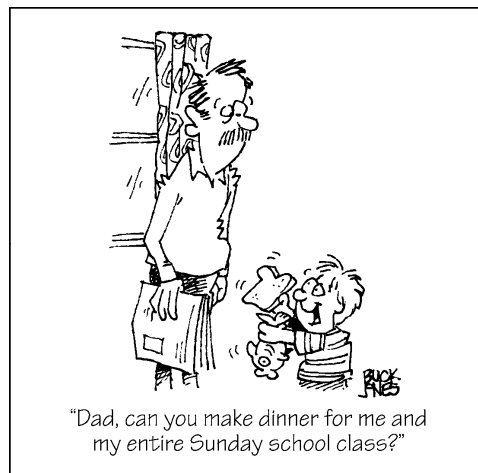
This past year, we've been doing a lot of work to look at the functions and processes of areas managed by the Deacons. Specifically, we've been working heavily on the transition of financial management from Harv Buter to Morrie Peterson. Along with this transition, we've been working to make it easier to understand how the church budget and finances are structured and used. In the coming months, we'll be implementing several changes as a result of this work. Under Cindy Hiskes' leadership, we've also been carefully considering our processes and policies that fall under the area of Outreach. We're carefully looking at how our historical processes and legacies lie and considering ways to maximize our impact. Again, we'll be implementing some changes in the coming months as a result of the work that has happened. Please keep watching and praying for us as we make these transitions and changes.

THANK YOU! The youth groups would like to thank the congregation for their support over the last 3 months in all of our fundraising efforts. We have raised nearly 4000 dollars between the Book Sale, Carwash Coupons, Tulip Time Parking, and the Easter Brunch. Thanks be to God.

We still have carwash coupons available. If you would like to buy a quality wash for \$6.00 please see Nate at church or email him at: [nate@trcholland.org](mailto:nate@trcholland.org)

This month, on Sunday the twelfth nineteen students will embark on a trip to Philadelphia, PA for a service-learning trip with Center for Student Mission. We will stay in the inner city and partner with existing organizations in carrying out their ministry to those living under poverty and injustice. God's presence, we believe, will be with us and we trust that the Spirit will work on our hearts as much as those we serve. Thank you for helping to make this trip possible.

Middle School youth group is having a picnic at the Millens June 22. Come from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for a barbeque, fun games, and a chance to see your youth group friends again. This event is for ALL current 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders (or those in or about to be in MS youth group).





# Living Green

7 Simple Things You Can Do to Help Protect the Earth!

1. Put on a sweater. Remember, when you turn up the heat in wintertime, your furnace is probably burning fossil fuels. A sweater or a nice warm robe will keep you even warmer and will help conserve resources and reduce climate change.
2. Put one foot in front of another. One hundred years ago, 99.9% of people got by without cars. They took the train; they lived near their workplaces...and they walked. Using fuel-efficient cars is important, but we can save even more fuel by simply driving less.
3. Go for seconds. Recycling doesn't mean only separating your cans and bottles. It can mean using things a second (or a third) time. That nice padded envelope you got in the mail, for example? Instead of throwing it away, scratch out the address, tear off the stamps and use it again.
4. Watch your waste. Items you may be throwing away can contaminate the soil and water for thousands or millions of years. Your community probably has special disposal procedures for things like used oil and batteries. Ink cartridges can probably be recycled where you bought them. And many of the new super-efficient light bulbs contain mercury, so proper disposal is crucial. Check with the store where you buy them.
5. Paper nor plastic. Bring your bags with you! By taking reusable bags to the grocery store, you can cut down on the 350 bags the average American uses each year and reduce needless deaths of marine life caused by plastic bags that end up in streams, rivers and oceans.
6. BYOB. Last year Americans went through 50 billion plastic water bottles. Fill up a reusable water bottle at home and bring it with you. Don't like the taste of your tap water? Buy a

filter! (Remember, much of the bottled water sold today is filtered tap water anyway...)

7. Get in touch with your roots. Plant a tree! Good for the soil, good for the birds, good for reducing climate change—and good for the air you're breathing!

## What Does God Expect of Us?

This is the central question of *The Hole in Our Gospel* which was the focus of the 2011 Lenten group studies. The theme of the book is that, as Christian individuals, often we have a relationship with Jesus where he died for my sins, but this does not translate to loving my neighbors. Our groups were challenged by the book's contention, "If your personal faith in Christ has no positive outward expression, then your faith—and mine—has a hole in it." One May 1, our Lenten groups met to brainstorm TRC's Call-to Action to fill that hole. A summary of the groups' ideas is on page 8. A Call to Action Team is being formed to plot the next steps. If you are interested in learning more or in joining the team, please contact one of the following current members of the team: Kim DeJongh, [kimwithclassic@gmail.com](mailto:kimwithclassic@gmail.com); Matt DeJongh, 494-9771 or [dejongh@hope.edu](mailto:dejongh@hope.edu); Jane Dykstra, 393-2000; Marcia Forsman, 741-9315 or [marcia.forsman@gmail.com](mailto:marcia.forsman@gmail.com); Joyce Fry, [joycefry@trcholland.org](mailto:joycefry@trcholland.org); Kent Fry, 298-2320 or [kent.fry@trcholland.org](mailto:kent.fry@trcholland.org); Etta Hesselink, [emihess@comcast.net](mailto:emihess@comcast.net); Marj Hoekstra, 399-3931 or [marjh@macatawa.org](mailto:marjh@macatawa.org); Martin Keller, [kellerm@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kellerm@sbcglobal.net); George Magee, [magee-joji@hotmail.com](mailto:magee-joji@hotmail.com); Beverley Rannow, [brit@egl.net](mailto:brit@egl.net); Joel Schoon Tanis, [joeltanis@yahoo.com](mailto:joeltanis@yahoo.com); Abby Warmuth, [abbygoblue@yahoo.com](mailto:abbygoblue@yahoo.com); Ella Weymon, [weymonew@sbcglobal.net](mailto:weymonew@sbcglobal.net).



# Library Corner

By: Chris Walvoord

This month I'd like to highlight a couple of new books about people, one book for children, the other for adults. *A Bird or Two* by Bijou Le Tord tells the story of Henri Matisse on a child's level. Le Tord, who also did the book's illustrations, was introduced to Matisse by her father when she was a child. Le Tord's family lived in southern France at the time and she says, "For me, Matisse was as familiar and as close as a member of our family, and his work is forever tied to my memories of childhood. I have kept within me those images of France—its light, its colors, its great beauty. They have inspired me to create this book as a celebration of Henri Matisse and his magnificent work."

Our second book concerns another person in history. The extent of my knowledge was that Jane Addams founded Hull House in Chicago which had something to do with poor people. In case your knowledge doesn't go much further than that, you might like to read a new biography of Addams which was written on the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her birth by Louise W. Knight and called simply *Jane Addams*. As cofounder of Hull House her eyes were opened to the nation's social, economic, and political problems, and her conscience and sense of purpose were galvanized. She went on to become a pivotal figure in the women's suffrage movement and the campaign to end child labor, as well as an outspoken civil rights advocate. She was the first American woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize in 1931.

Both of the above people were good at questioning the status quo in their respective fields. And this is as it should be according to David Dark. He explores this in his book *The Sacredness of Questioning Everything*. He sees the freedom to question as an indispensable and sacred practice that is absolutely vital to the health of our communities and of our faith. He says it is by the way of questions that we resist the conformity that deadens and come alive to visions that redeem.



## Introducing our Summer WTS Intern Sandra Nikkel

Sandra grew up in Latin America and is of Hispanic descent. She became a Christian in her second year of Law School in Latin America, but left law to pursue Bible training at Reformed Bible College (Now Kuyper College). She graduated with a Bachelors in Religious Education and a minor in New Testament Greek. After her 3 teenagers were all in high school, she returned to complete her Masters in Divinity at Western Theological Seminary. Sandra is in the process of ordination in the Reformed Church of America, and last summer worked as a Chaplain at Holland Hospital. She has shared preaching, counseling, and teaching responsibilities in many different churches, but her ministry focuses on discipleship and prayer. Sandra has created CAPS (Christian Actively Praying Scripture) with this focus, which is a 10-week prayer manual for churches to train and strengthen their leaders in prayer.



## Young Hearts Luncheon

The young Hearts will meet on Thursday, June 23 at noon. Come join us for a delicious lunch and an interesting program. Elaine and Elliot Tanis who have done several biking trips through the Netherlands will present the program "Biking Blissfully in the Netherlands." Come and enjoy their experience through pictures and commentary. Please make your reservations by calling the church office at 392-1459 by Monday, June 20. Transportation is available on request.



# Children's Ministries



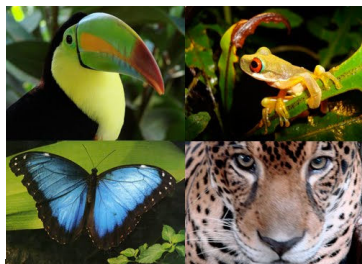
## "Parable Quest"

This summer, the children of Third Reformed Church are invited on an "Amazon rainforest expedition" where they will hear Jesus' parables and discover what it means to follow Jesus on a life-changing adventure!

Our "**Parable Quest**" program will take place each Sunday morning during our 10:00 A.M. worship service. As "Rainforest Explorers" the children aged 4 through the 3rd Grades, will be hearing many of Jesus' parables, which will help them build a growing relationship with Jesus and help them discover how God's Word can make a difference in their lives every day!

"Rainforest Guides" (Adults and Teens) are needed to lead "**Parable Quest**" each week. Lesson plans will be provided. If you would like to join the adventure one week this summer, please sign up in the Gathering Place or contact Joyce Fry ([joycefry@trcholland.org](mailto:joycefry@trcholland.org); 392-1459). Thanks so much!

# RAINFOREST ADVENTURE



## Our 2010-2011 Children's Educational Ministries Staff



A BIG THANK YOU to the following individuals who have served our children so faithfully this year.

Nursery: Susie VanderKolk  
Andy & Jane Zoerman

Little Lambs: Nancy Gebben

### Sunday School:

Preschool: Lynne Caskey; Janet Rund;  
Stacey VanDyke; Jane Vandermeer  
K & 1st: Jenny & Jonathan Hoffman;  
Carol Segrist  
2nd : P.J. Booi  
3rd & 4th: Becky Husbands; Amy Lunn  
5th: Melissa Bieri; Stephanie Skaff;  
Jane Snyder

Children's Music: Mary VanVoorst

### Children and Worship:

Leaders: Ellen Awad; Amanda Dykhouse  
Marcia Floding; Nancy Gebben;  
Nyla Hensley; Kim Mendels and  
Sarah Unzicker  
Helpers: Josey & Eliza Beird; Elliot Husbands;  
Allie & Nick DeJongh; Grace Olson;  
Jordan Walters; Anna Wolterink  
Young Disciples: Michelle and Scott Millen

### TASC Elementary Program:

Leaders: Deb DuMez; Katherine Hunsberger;  
Grace Olson; April Sugimoto; Kent & Joyce Fry  
Helpers: Anna Beird; Marcia Floding;  
Jim Hensley; Jay Mosterd; Margaret Doorenbos  
TASC Music: Matt DeJongh

## **PandaMania Vacation Bible School Is Coming!**

**Monday August 1 – Thursday, August 4, 2011; 6:00-8:15 p.m.**

**Don't miss the fun and excitement as we "travel" to China, see the "Giant Pandas", and discover that God is "wild about you"!**



**Adult and teen help is still needed! Please see the table in the Gathering Place or contact Joyce Fry to find ways in which you can serve.**

# Third Reformed Church Call to Action

## May 1, 2011

*What can our congregation do to fill the Hole in our Gospel?*

### As Individuals:

Remember “the least of these”, sponsor a child (2), sponsor a child in Sierra Leone, tithe, be open to God’s promptings to give, donate tax return (2), contribute more time and resources, reevaluate our resources (2), limit consumption, consider lifestyle changes, get involved, take action, reflect on daily decisions, go to Sierra Leone to train teachers.

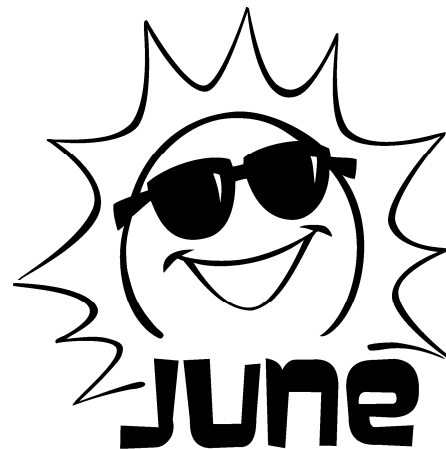
### As a Church (Local-Holland):

Inform congregation better of local needs, educate congregation about percentage of budget going to missions, use 50% of church funds for missions, get congregational input for disbursement of funds, establish a missions team, recognize what is already being done in congregation as a means of challenging others, support those already acting (such as Beverley Rannow), take a member survey of talent/tithe organizations, create a list of possible ways to get involved by interest, hold a Ministry Fair, hold a tithe challenge (2), organize a shop-free week (2), support local agencies, be aware of businesses members own and support them, use homes/hospitality to build community relationships, have one-on-one interaction with kids (like Kids Hope), use the Big House to foster children, form an adult service relief group, use TRC basement for day care, provide school clothes for low-income families, establish a networking system for local unemployed, build relationships further with Buen Pastor, use food as outreach (such as offering Groundswell Farm a home for pick-up weekly, extending playgroup co-op ordering into a co-op for neighborhood, providing health food at a reasonable price, giving cooking classes on preparing whole foods).

### As a Church (Beyond Holland/Global):

Better inform congregation of global needs, educate congregation on current mission work, be intentional about percentage of budget going to missions, use 50% of church funds for missions, get congregational input for disbursement of funds, establish a Mission Team, continue to remind members of world needs, better communicate volunteer and vocational mission opportunities, undertake a major

and bold mission project, adopt a World Vision Sister Community (2), act through Christian Reformed World Relief, work with existing organizations such as “Justice for Our Neighbors” or Sierra Leone amputees, support Aqua Clara, support micro-loans (e.g. Kiva.org or World Vision) (2), support a holistic project in India with RCA missionary Linn Gann, support relief efforts (Japan, Haiti), partner with churches in struggling areas (offer prayer gifts, correspondence) such as Flint, Detroit, Newark, Third World, Churo, Kenya (Victor K from Hope College), support collaborative efforts, work through sister church in Japan to help with crisis, send work groups to help rebuild the South, more mission teams, two domestic mission trips annually, one international mission trip annually, encourage youth to use Youth Mission Scholarship Fund, pick up new mission shares, form a group to raise funds for water, donate a well (\$13,700), buy “Equal Trade” coffee.



### Mark Your Calendar

June 12—Children’s Day Picnic  
July 1 & 4—Office Closed  
July 17—Third Sunday Pizza Lunch  
July 28—Backyard Bash  
August 1-4—Vacation Bible School



# Congratulations Graduates!

**Anne Baker**, granddaughter of Marge Brinks, will graduate from Forest Hills Northern High School. She plans to attend Grand Valley State University to study Special Education.

**Jonathan Beagley** will graduate from Michigan State University with a B.A. from the Residential College in the Arts and Humanities and a B.A. in French. He will leave for France in September to teach English in the Bordeaux region.

**Clay Boersma** has graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in Cultural Anthropology and Linguistics. He plans to work and then attend graduate school.

**Kellen Boersma** will graduate from West Ottawa High School. He plans to attend Western Michigan University to study music.

**Justis Cook** will graduate from Holland High School. He plans to attend American University in Washington D.C. this fall. He will be studying music composition.

**Nick De Jongh** will graduate from Holland High School. He plans to attend Hope College in the fall.

**Alex Faga** will graduate from Holland High School. He is currently working for Enviro-Clean and plans to attend Grand Rapids Community College in the fall.

**Colby Haan** has graduated from Holland Christian High School. He plans to attend Oakland University where he will swim for the varsity swim team and study mechanical engineering.

**Anne Elizabeth Japinga**, granddaughter of Norm and Shirley Japinga, graduated from Holland High School. She will attend Hope College in the fall.

**Jaclyn Maatman** will graduate from Black River High School. She plans to attend Grand Rapids Community College to study writing.

**Rachel Claire Syens**, granddaughter of Norm and Shirley Japinga, graduated from Hope College. She has not decided where she will attend graduate school.

**Deb Van Duinen** has graduated from Michigan State University with her Ph.D. in teacher education, curriculum and instruction. She will be working at Hope College in the Education Department in the Fall.

**Kelby Witteveen** has graduated from Northern Arizona University with a B.S. in Resort/Hotel Management. She is an employee in Guest Services at Hyatt-Phoenix, AZ.

## Buen Pastor Volunteer Opportunities

¡Bienvenido! Buen Pastor Ministries will be starting a new season of Head Start classes and day care for the migrant children visiting our community. Third Reformed Church has hosted this ministry for twenty years and it continues to be a blessing to the children and their families. This summer we will have two opportunities to serve. Last year we had some 30 people from our congregation who came each week to read to the children. We are hoping we can offer the same service this summer, beginning July 11 and ending the week of August 22.

The second opportunity we will have is to provide Welcome Baskets. Many of the families come to Holland with very little and are unable to work until the crops are ready to harvest. Food pantries and other government help is not readily available. Buen Pastor is seeking "Welcome Baskets" to give to families to help them until they are able to begin work.

Please consider welcoming these families with a basket and/or taking the time to read to a child. Listed are suggested items that are needed most: rice, dried beans, flour, sugar, salt, baby food, canned goods: fruit, vegetables, tomato paste, dry cereal, crackers, paper towels, toilet paper, toothpaste/brushes, deodorant, shampoo, bar soap, dish soap, washcloths.

# Women's Ministries

As we come to the close of another year of circle meetings and WMTR programs I want to thank especially all of the officers who have been so helpful and worked so hard to make this a year of interesting programs and growth in our organization. Over 90 women have participated in the monthly circle meetings. In a time when so many churches don't have an active women's group this is really impressive and attests to the fellowship, support, and enriching Bible studies we share.

Our programs have been varied and interesting. We look forward to our closing general meeting which will be held on June 6 at 7:30 p.m. We will conclude the year with a program about the book of Revelation led by Debby Topliff. Her art work was the focus of our first meeting in September when The Rev. Dennis DeWitt spoke to us. Now Debby will be telling of her own faith journey and how she came to paint her murals of Bible stories. We will also have a short business meeting and installation of new officers. The new officers are: President Kit Janssen Leggett; Vice President Margaret Doorenbos, Secretary Sue Ten Hoeve, Assistant Secretary Kim De Jongh, Treasurer Barbara Brink, Assistant Treasurer Eleanor Van Dyke, Spiritual Life Lucille Schroeder, Assistant Spiritual Life Joyce Magee, Program Mary Van Voorst and Ruth Sill, Assistant Program Etta Hesselink, Organization Cathy Vander Meer, Assistant Jane Snyder.

The next Breakfast with Babies will be on Saturday, June 11. We will be providing casseroles this time and there will soon be sign up opportunities in the Gathering Place for volunteers. It makes a busy, but rewarding Saturday morning for all who help.

One of our stated purposes is to support mission efforts of the Reformed Church and local ministries. Thanks to the birthday cake sales and the monthly offerings we were able to contribute over six thousand dollars to these very worthwhile causes. For the RCA we support a mission share and also contributed to training nurses in Egypt, projects in Haiti, Buen Pastor and Sister Share. Locally we gave to the Boys and Girls Club, Center for Women in Transition, Community Action House, Good Samaritan Center, Midtown Counseling Services, Children's



Dear Friends at Third Church,

We found a lovely Easter Lily just outside our door. It reminded us of our Lord's statement that Solomon's in all his glory was not arrayed as the lilies of the field.

Thank you to all the members of Miriam Circle for the lovely Easter card and its sentiments. Also those people who sent cards and letters. God bless each one.

In Christian love,  
Corky & Gerry Tillema

Dear Friends at Third Reformed Church,

Thank you for the beautiful lily which was generously contributed in memory of family and friends on Easter Sunday, and then given to many of us as an "Easter blessing." It was greatly appreciated!

Lynne Ihrman

Dear Third Church Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful prayer shawl to help us celebrate Sam's birth. It is just perfect for snuggling during late night feedings and is a warm reminder of your love every time we use it. Thank you also for the Bible verses for little ones from the Women's Ministries. Sam and Annie Lou will both enjoy listening to them!

Warmly,  
Amy, Chris, Annie Lou & Sam  
Vander Meer/Howell

Advocacy Center and Wedgwood Acres.

It has been my joy and a blessing to serve as the president this year and I pray as women of TRC we will continue to support WMTR and grow not only in numbers but in our outreach and service to our members and community.

Gratefully,  
Sarah Unzicker, President

# Our Church Family

## Anniversaries

Tom & Sue Ten Hoeve  
June 7—54 years

Jerry & Barb Bakker  
June 8—54 years

Bob & Elle Kuiper  
June 9—63 years

Duane & P.J. Booij  
June 10—61 years

Ken & Arloa Koning  
June 14—60 years

Bill & Charlotte Garlough  
June 15—64 years

Gordon & Martha Beld  
June 17—61 years

Jim & Eleanor Hoffman  
June 17—61 years

Harvey & Margaret Doorenbos  
June 21—55 years

Elton & Elaine Bruins  
June 24—57 years

Don & Arlene Frego  
June 24—62 years

Frank & Sue Pettinga  
June 24—63 years

Bill & Betty Arendshorst  
June 25—68 years

Ray & Marilyn Helder  
June 30—67 years

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Eugene, OR 97402

Chris Tenpas  
9102 Misty Ct.  
Indianapolis, IN 46260

Annie & Jonathan Ytterock  
327 College Ave. #7

## New Members

Craig & Vicky Anderson  
807 Claremont Ct.  
335-332 (parish 4)

Vince Boraas & Kristina Boersma  
and daughter Grace  
23 E. 14th St.  
394-0759 (parish 10)

Barry & Carolyn Elz  
and daughter Eva  
179 Oakwood, 49424  
848-7223 (parish 20)

Jason & Kelley Pasatta  
and daughters Mae & Madeline  
191 W. 11th St.  
773-284-9098 (parish 9)

Bruce & Nicole Stewart  
and children James, Andrew & Anna  
324 Sand Castle Dr., 49424  
298-8590 (parish 21)

## *Sympathy to*

Joe MacDoniels in the death of his wife Rosie on May 24.  
friends and family of Dorothy Sheets who died on April 26.  
Etta & John Hesselink in the death of their brother-in-law, Rev. Henry Poppen, on May 7 in Iowa.  
Bill & Charlotte Garlough in the death of Bill's brother, Charles Garlough, on May 10 in Messena, New York.  
family and friends of Marilyn Brown who died on May 17.

## Marriage

Annie Clark &  
Jonathan Ytterock  
May 20



Pray for:

Darrell Franken  
Arlene Frego  
Libby Boven  
Mike Van Doornik  
Cindy Hiskes  
Ruth Sill  
Edith Havinga  
Walt Seidelman  
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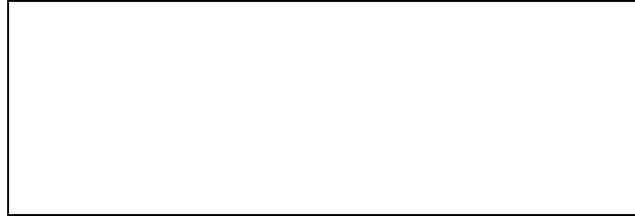
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Put these words of mine in  
your heart and soul ....  
Teach them to your children ....

Deuteronomy 11:18-19, NRSV