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You may recall we changed our Third Church News publication day from Wednesdays to Mondays, and now here we are publishing on a Tuesday! After some reflection it has become clear to us that Tuesdays are a much better day to publish this newsletter than Mondays. We thank you for your understanding and look forward to sending out the latest and greatest news and announcements through Third Church News on Tuesdays going forward.



Welcome Reghan Harms, our new Director of Children's Ministries!

We are thrilled to welcome Reghan Harms to the staff here at Third Reformed Church. Reghan comes to us from Aurelia, IA by way of Northwestern College. There she received a Bachelor of Arts with majors in Biblical and Theological Studies and Worship Arts. She is a student at Western Theological Seminary where she is pursuing her Master of Divinity degree. Reghan is passionate about helping kids grow in faith, drama, and serving Christ's church. Please join us in welcoming Reghan to the TRC staff!

Justice and Equity Team Update: Juneteenth and STEM Camp

Our relationship with I AM ACADEMY is providing all the benefits we could hope for. We hosted the Juneteenth 3 on 3 basketball tournament on Saturday, providing 20 teams of middle and high school students a fun-filled, healthy experience. The tourney went off without a hitch and received positive reviews from the teams, the coaches, and the spectators and volunteers. We hope for even more participants next year, especially more girls teams.



Our table at Kollen Park for the Juneteenth Freedom Festival on Saturday afternoon/evening provided an excellent location for observing the singing, dancing, speeches, and other programs. We brought information on our summer programs and our JET team to pass out to the attendees. It was a joy to participate and support the ACADEMY, and we were thankful for the many TRC members who attended.

Finally, a couple of things to note. First, the second film in our JET film series, Just Mercy, will be shown and discussed starting with pizza at 6:00 on Wednesday. Second, we are also involved in the STEM Camp on Tuesday and Thursday at Meadowlanes Townhomes. Some quotes from our volunteers this past week:

"Henry is amazing with all his energy and positivity. Despite the heat, it was a great experience. I thought our volunteers did a really good job."

"TRC did itself proud."

"I thought it all ran well."

"I thought the kids had a fun filled afternoon! It was great to see their smiles, cheers, and am looking forward to getting to know them better in the weeks ahead. Henry is awesome as he wears so many hats, and does so with goodness and grace! A special moment was when one boy admitted to me he was scared to climb the ladder on the water slide. I asked if I could ask some others to help him, he said 'yes', and immediately three kids were most willing to help him up the ladder. When he got to the top, he turned around, and had the biggest smile on his face!"

Volunteers are really enjoying the STEM Camp experience and we could use a few more helpers for future dates - Tuesdays and Thursdays all summer. Call Laura Baer or Dean Miedema for details.



Summer Series - Galatians: Growing Up Together

We will spend the summer in Paul's letter to the Galatian churches. The summer series comes with a study guide created just for Third, and it has something for you every week that we hope will help you get deep into this letter that Paul is writing to local churches that he cares about. See you on Sunday!

GALATIANS:
GROWING UP TOGETHER
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Third Church Family News

New Address

Jordi & Keren Fuentes
240 W. 9th St.
Holland, MI 49423

Happy Birthday

Elle Kuiper, July 9 - 94 years

Next Week Wednesday is our Summer LIFT Launch!

It will be fun. It will be EPIC. It will be a night where you don't have to cook supper or clean it up - what could be better than that?

We will play Minute-To-Win-It, and enjoy ice cream sundaes for dessert. Festivities start at 5:30 and go till 7:30. See you there!



Como Se Dice? / How Do You Say?

Reciprocal Conversational Language Sessions @
Summer LIFT!

Wednesdays, June 29-August 3, 2022

One of the most common suggestions staff has been getting lately is that TRC needs more opportunities for conversational language learning, for English, and/or Spanish! Another frequent comment we hear is, how could we get to know our Spanish-speaking neighbors and new congregants better? Well, we hear you!

This summer, on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30pm following our community dinners at Summer LIFT, we will run a pilot of Beginner's "Reciprocal" language classes. The Reciprocal model means that small groups (2-4 persons) of Spanish and English speakers will be presented with a common topic and teach each other the most useful phrases from their own language, with the help of a worksheet, small group activity, and facilitation of bilingual teacher/leaders. This model levels the playing field between teachers and students, and is a great means of getting acquainted!

The topics will be very practical:

- Greetings
- Telling Time
- Making Plans & Appointments
- Food & Parties!
- Words and Phrases for Worship & Church life

We look forward to exploring language learning together, as well as discovering new friendships along the way! If you are interested in participating, please email the church office, so that we can prepare well for the numbers of participants. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Janelle at janelle.lopezk@trcholland.org.

Announcements

Women's Ministries Year- End Tea Party

Ladies, you are invited to an English Tea on Saturday, June 25, at 2:00 p.m. here at church. You are also welcomed to participate in a plant exchange. You can bring extras from your garden or home and take something new (plants or bulbs). Please label what you bring.

Al Osman will be talking to us about dividing and pruning our plants to make them healthier and prettier.

Please reserve your spot with Ruth Sill, ruthesill@sbcglobal.net or 616-566-6394 or by calling the church office by Thursday, June 23.

SUMMER 2022

AT THIRD REFORMED CHURCH

JOIN US EVERY WEDNESDAY STARTING JUNE 29 THROUGH AUGUST 3 5:30-7:30 PM FOR **FOOD FUN & FELLOWSHIP!** PROGRAMS FOR K-5TH AND 6-8TH KIDS! BIBLE STUDIES OR JUST CONVERSATIONS FOR ADULTS.

Summer L.I.F.T.

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YOUTH EVENTS

July 21: Family Muskegon River Float
GRAB YOUR FAM & JOIN US FOR A RELAXING TUBE FLOAT DOWN THE MUSKEGON RIVER.

July 28-30: High School Fellowship Retreat
HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT TO BRUMELS' FARM! CAMPING, RAFTING, AND BONFIRES GALORE!

August 12-14: The Spirituality of Fly Fishing
EXPERIENCE THE BEAUTY, BENEFITS, AND SPIRITUALITY THAT IS INHERENT TO THE ART OF FLY FISHING. LESSONS ON HOW TO FLY FISH THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER ALL CULMINATING IN A FISHING TRIP UP NORTH.

FOR MORE INFO ON YOUTH EVENTS CONTACT HUNTER BRUMELS @ 616.834.1822 OR HUNTER.BRUMELS@TRCHOLLAND.ORG

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Juneteenth 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament



Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following:

- Pray for the summer activities at TRC, including the I AM Academy STEM camp this summer, and for volunteers who will help with Summer LIFT.

Pray for our new Director of Children's Ministry as she prepares to begin her work with us the first week of July.

- For those under Hospice care:
- Sue Pettinga
- Margaret Doorenbos
- P.J. Booi and Duane (caregiver)

Prayer Spotlight: The Inn or Assisted Living at Freedom Village - Martha Beld, Herb Dakin, A.E. Lacy, Mary Heideman.

Missionaries: Wayne & Miho Jansen (Japan), Rowland Jr. & Jane VanEs (Kenya), Victor Kanyi (Kenya).

People to remember: Dennis Gebben and Nancy (caregiver); Mary and Harry Boersen; Reno Lamania; Donna Prins; Bob Kuiper; Don Maatman; Lucille Schroeder; Larry Loss; Elvira Garcia from Buen Pastor dealing with lasting COVID problems; Pastor Angel and Pastor Janelle in their ministry with Spanish speaking families.